

St Nicholas Church Sutton

25 JULY 2021, James the Apostle

8th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to all who gather here today. Please ask one of the welcomers if you would like any assistance.

Worship

Please check the website and mailings for the most up to date information about our services.

In church

Today: 10.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 1 August, Trinity 9 10.30am Holy Communion
Thursday 29 July, Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Jesus 10.00am Holy Communion
(followed by private prayer until 12.30pm)

Lectionary Readings (Year B)
Today: Acts 11.27-12.2, 2 Corinthians 4.7-15, Matthew 20.20-28
Next week: Exodus 16.2-4, 9-15, Ephesians 4.1-16, John 6.24-35

Online

Sunday 1 August, Trinity 9: 5pm (Zoom) (invitation, service sheet and readings by email)

Worship material provided (by email and available in church, on the website (upcoming events) or by request)

Bible readings for Morning and Evening Prayer and *A Way of Daily Prayer* -

Worship material for **Sunday 1 August, Trinity 9**

Church of England worship
You can find national online resources including weekly streamed services and daily audio at
https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online
as well as additional worship provision on the BBC, e.g. Radio 4 Sunday morning worship at 8.10am
(or later using BBC Sounds), the service on BBC1 later in the morning
and Radio 3 Choral Evensong on Wednesdays at 3.30pm

For those feeling lonely, the **Daily Hope helpline** is on hand to offer support
We have a new FREE telephone line
for you to ring to hear comforting hymns, daily prayers and reflections
0800 804 8044
https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/dailyhope-phone-line

Prayer List – Stan, the David family, Mark, Eddie Moss, Pam, Mary Hall, Lesley, John
Departed – Rita Smith

To include someone on the prayer list please ask their permission first. Then send the request to:
PCCSecretary.StNicholas@suttonteamministry.org by Wednesday.
Please note that Clergy/SPAs/Staff will not be able to answer questions about people on the prayer list.

Charity of the Month for July is **Grace House**

Staying in touch

Stay in touch about ways that we can care for you and pray for you. I'd be glad to hear from you.

In particular can I make a plea to those who find themselves in pressing need (or who know of others of our number in difficulties)? Please don't feel that you have nowhere to turn. I really want you to contact me or the churchwardens in the first instance. When you do, we will either be able to help you ourselves or point you in the right direction for access to food or emotional support for people who are struggling during the pandemic.

My contact details are: rector.stnicholassutton@gmail.com 020 8642 3499

Revd Frances

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH is a National Church resource which sets out to inspire people to think more deeply both about what it means to be human and to live in love and faith with one another.
Within the Deanery we will be running two courses for LLF in September and October, which will enable all participants to reflect on the tough questions and the divisions among Christians about what it means to be holy in a society in which understandings and practices of gender, sexuality and marriage continue to change.
LL&F material can be found on the CofE website at https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith

St Nicholas Mothers' Union SUNFLOWER GROWING COMPETITION 2021 (enabled by Sutton New Town Community Festival) A reminder that the final day for submitting your photograph is Saturday, 31 July. The photograph should show your tallest sunflower against a tape measure to prove its height.
This can be sent any day up to and including 31 July. It can be sent via email or WhatsApp message, (or even a printed photograph) to me at this email address or via WhatsApp on 07702 543765.



The winner will be presented with a prize at church on Sunday, 1 August.
We look forward to seeing your entries! The St Nicholas Mothers' Union Committee

POST COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS
As of Monday 19 July all legal Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted. But although it is up to us to make our own decisions and choices, the bishops are advising that people move forward cautiously. We also need to seek to balance every spectrum of views as we reach our 'new normal.'

> *Bishop Sarah, who chairs the Church of England's Recovery Group, said in a statement: "this is a difficult point in the course of the pandemic. Despite vaccination rates, cases are up, hospital admissions are up and long covid remains an ongoing concern. Therefore our approach needs to be cautious and careful.*
> *"Taking personal responsibility means responsibility for our neighbour, not just for ourselves, and taking precautions to protect those more vulnerable than we consider ourselves to be."*

We must continue to protect each other at St Nicholas. For this reason, when you come to church, you will be asked to use a face covering while indoors and keep a safe distance from others. Hand sanitisers are available at various points in the church. QR codes are ready for you to scan. We are continuing to offer people the chance to check in as the government advises that this will continue to form one of the main ways of identifying people who may have been exposed to coronavirus. But checking in for test and trace is now voluntary.
I appreciate that these precautions and restrictions may be frustrating for some, but just a few more weeks of patience will perhaps secure a more sustainable return to normal practices. *Revd Frances*

Upcoming events Meeting of the PCC Monday 2 August, 8pm (Zoom)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

RIDE & STRIDE, 11 SEPTEMBER, 9AM TO 6PM Further information to follow.

STRAWBERRY TEA AT TRINITY, 1 AUGUST
Our friends at Trinity Church have asked us to advertise this event - all are welcome:
Come and enjoy a Strawberry Cream Tea at Trinity on **Sunday 1 August** from **3 - 5pm** in aid of Christian Aid. Suggested donation £5.

www.stnicholas.suttonteam.org.uk
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