

St Nicholas Church Sutton

15 AUGUST 2021

11TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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 - Sunday 15 August, The Blessed Virgin Mary: 10.30am Holy Communion – The Ven. Moira Astin, Archdeacon of Reigate. Preacher - Jeff Richards, Licensed Lay Minister and SUTTONfx project leader

Next week: Sunday 22 August Trinity 12: 10.30am Holy Communion - Revd Beverly Fraser

Thursday 19 August, 10.00am Morning Worship for Trinitytide – The Revd Martin Hayward (followed by private prayer until 12.30pm)

Lectionary Readings (Year B)

Today: Isaiah 61.10-end, Galatians 4.4-7, Luke 1.46-55

Next week: Sunday 22 August Trinity 12: Joshua 24,1-2*a,* 14-18, Ephesians 6.10-20, John 6.56-69

Hymns

You will be pleased to know that we will begin singing again from today – albeit from behind face coverings, and only when we have a musician.Hymns will be introduced gradually, starting with the final hymn. (Hymn tunes may be played at other points in the service, but we'll only be singing at the end). You will find a hymnbook already in your place with the service sheet and the hymn number will be displayed onthe hymn board.

Online

Please note: there will be no Zoom service or worship material provided for the remaining Sundays in August.

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 August 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.

I will be on leave from 3 August to 1 September. The churchwardens can be contacted in my absence.
John Kerr 020 8642 3682 Geoff Rendall 0785 660 4522

Revd Frances

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 balanceevery 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 andlong 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*

The Mothers' Union tries to support the local **WOMEN'S REFUGE**; they have been constantly full during the pandemic; you have probably read about the increase in cases of domestic violence. It is so sad that so many small children are caught up in that. Our refuge is about to move 5 families out into other accommodation and they desperately need household items, i.e., pots and pans, cutlery and anything for the kitchen, bedding and towels etc. Things do not need to be new but must be clean and in good condition. The refuge is also asking specifically for boys' baby clothes for a 10 month old and boys clothing for a 10 year old, again, in good condition please.

If anybody can help, please bring donations to church, or leave with Liz Cann at 32 Angel Hill Drive, Sutton SM1 3BX (07754 507484).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

RIDE & STRIDE, 11 SEPTEMBER, 9AM TO 6PM Each year, cyclists, walkers and other travellers visit chapels and churches across most English counties to raise funds towards the essential maintenance and enhancement of our Christian buildings. You don't have to be super fit. You can cycle or walk round the local churches in Sutton. Why not get a group together? (Half of the sum you collect will be returned to St Nicholas). The Trust looks more favourably to grant applicants who have taken part in Ride & Stride days, and we will be looking for grants in the near future.

If you feel this would require too much effort, I am planning to open the church to welcome those from other churches who are taking part and would welcome your company. For further details and sponsorship forms please contact Geoff Rendall 07854604522.

This year's **BLACK HISTORY MONTH SERVICE**, celebrating ***Science, the Arts and Business***, will be held at Southwark Cathedralon **SATURDAY, 2 OCTOBER AT 11AM**, followed by workshops in the afternoon. The Bishop of Woolwich, the Rt Revd Dr Karowei Dorgu, will preside at the Eucharist. The preacher will be the Revd Les Isaac OBE, Founder of Ascension Trust and Street Pastors and Ecumenical Canon toSouthwark Cathedral. More details to follow in the coming weeks.