# St Nicholas Church Sutton

## 27 FEBRUARY 2022
## SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

**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, Sunday next before Lent – Holy Communion
**Next week:** 6 March, 10.30am, First Sunday of Lent - Holy Communion
**Thursday 3 March**, 10am Holy Communion
(followed by Private Prayer until 12.30pm)

ONLINE
Today: Sunday 27 February 5pm Zoom service

**Lectionary Readings** (Year C)
**Today**: Exodus 34.29-end, 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2, Luke 9.28-36 [37-43*a*]
**Next week**: Deuteronomy 26.1-11, Romans 10.8*b*-13, Luke 4.1-13

Hymns for Sunday 27 February: *HON 82 (opening), HON 53 (gradual), HON 531 (final)*

**Church of England worship**

***Daily Prayer app and podcast***

This is the app to help you follow Morning, Evening and Night Prayer wherever you are. It includes Bible readings (NRSV translation) and psalms.
https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/daily-prayer-app-and-podcast

**Prayer List** –the David family, Eddie Moss, Claudia, Judith, John, Angela, Georgina, Cynthia Ames, Pat Wilson
**Departed** – Peter Harding Dixon Collins

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.
Names will remain on the list for a month.

## 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.

*Revd Frances*

**Charity of the Month** for February is **Sutton Women's Centre**

## NOTICES AND WHAT'S ON

**LENT WORSHIP**

**Ash Wednesday, 2 March** 10am Holy Communion
7.30pm Trinity (Methodist/URC) United Service

There are also evening communion services at St Barnabas at 7.30pm and at Christ Church at 8pm

**EASTER EXPERIENCE** After a two-year break due to covid restrictions, a group from various local Churches is performing Easter Experience, telling the story of Jesus' life from Palm Sunday to The Resurrection.
We shall be performing this to groups of Primary School children from local schools from 7-11 March. This will take place twice daily, so many pupils will have the opportunity of seeing this wonderful story.
There will be other productions within the London Borough of Sutton, which means that between 20-30 schools will have this Experience.
We shall have our Dress Rehearsal on 6 March at 6pm in Sutton Baptist Church, to which you are all invited.
Please do come…we think you'll recognise the wonderful actor playing the part of Jesus.

**Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call 2022**

This year's theme is home and homelessness.
Information about Lent Call materials to follow, including Lenten Reflection booklet in March.
The website link is: southwark.anglican.org/lentcall

The **CUCS Lent Study** this year will use a wonderful anthology of poetry compiled by Janet Morley, with a reflection on each day's poem. The Zoom meetings will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday March 8/15/22, Wednesday 30 March then Tuesday April 5/12/19. Let your Church representative know if you would like to be involved in the Zoom group (even if you cannot make each session) and let Olwen (or your church rep) know if you would like her to order you a copy of the book:
***The Heart's Time – a poem a day for Lent and Easter*** **by Janet Morley**, published by SPCK.
Olwen Edwards, Trinity 07805 848983 olwenmedwards@gmail.com Clive Orton, St Nicholas

**JAM/Spectrum helper recruitment** we are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join the rota to help with our children and young people's work.
JAM (Jesus And Me) is the Sunday School (age 3 to 10/12 years); Spectrum is for older children (age 10/12 to 16 years). They meet during the principal Sunday morning service (10.30am).
If you wish to find out more, please ask Revd Frances, Nicki Richards, Geoff Rendall or Tricia Squires for a role description.
Contact the Parish Administrator, Ginny Haizelden, for an application pack (stating whether interested in JAM or Spectrum post):
Parish Office, St Nicholas Community Hall, Robin Hood Lane
administrator@suttonteamministry.org
020 8643 8271
Deadline for applications is 12 noon on Thursday 3 March.

**PROPOSED PASTORAL SCHEME AFFECTING THE BENEFICE OF SUTTON**

You may recall previous discussions about the formal dissolution of the Sutton Team. The proposals have now been issued. We have been asked to advise you that:
"A Notice giving the objects of proposed pastoral reorganisation affecting this parish has or will be displayed near the main door and on the Church of England website. The Notice includes the last date by which representations regarding the proposed reorganisation may be made to the Church Commissioners."
Please see www.churchofengland.org/consultation for further information about the procedure.
This draft Scheme provides for: (i) the dissolution of the benefice of Sutton and the termination of the team ministry established for its area; (ii) the creation of three new benefices of: (a) Sutton, St Nicholas; (b) Sutton, Christ Church; and (c) Sutton St Barnabas together with the appointment of their first incumbents, the parsonage houses of the new benefices and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefices in the diocese of Southwark.