St Nicholas Church Sutton

20 MARCH 2022
THIRD SUNDAY OF 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, Third Sunday of Lent – Holy Communion
Next week: 27 March, 10.30am, **Mothering Sunday**, 4th Sunday of Lent, All Age - Holy Communion
Thursday 24 March 10am Holy Communion (followed by Private Prayer until 12.30pm)

ONLINE

Today: Sunday 20 March, 5pm Zoom service (details can be emailed to you on request)

Lectionary Readings (Year C)
Today: Isaiah 55.1-9, 1 Corinthians 10.1-13, Luke 13.1-9
Next week: Exodus 2.1-10, Colossians 3.12-17, John 19.25*b*-27

Hymns for Sunday 20 March: *HON 175 (opening), HON 437 (gradual), HON 220 (offertory), HON 127 (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, Judith, Georgina, Pat Wilson
Departed – Peter Harding Dixon Collins, Ronald (Ronnie) Woolford, Ken

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 March is **Bishop's Lent Appeal**

NOTICES AND WHAT'S ON

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS The most recent guidance from the Church of England recognises that face coverings are no longer mandatory, but may be recommended in enclosed or crowded places.
The PCC have agreed that **face coverings** and **social distancing markers** are not required in the main part of the church, but that the north and south side pews are to be reserved as areas for those who feel more comfortable retaining them. We are grateful for your help as we introduce this as from Sunday 27 March.

SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE We are receiving advice about how best to support the people of Ukraine and will stay in touch through the notices and also by email.

LENT
Bishop Christopher has recorded a Lent message, which can be viewed at:
https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/events/lent-call
Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call 2022
This year's theme is home and homelessness.
There is a series of Lenten Reflections.
The website link is: southwark.anglican.org/lentcall
Throughout Lent the diocese will be sharing stories from people running the projects being supported by the Lent Call, as well as blogs from Zimbabwe and Jerusalem. Watch out for the Lent Call videos on social – please like and share using the hashtag #LentCall2022 and let us know what you are doing too.
You can find details of all the projects we are supporting, and information on how to donate,
at https://southwark.anglican.org/lentcall

The **CUCS Lent Study** this year is using a wonderful anthology of poetry compiled by Janet Morley, with a reflection on each day's poem.
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

MOTHERS' UNION Invitation The Mothers' Union invite you to stay for refreshments and cake after the 10.30am service TODAY Sunday, 20 March. There will be an opportunity to find out what the MU is planning for 2022.

NOTICES FROM THE CHURCHES
TRINITY CHURCH SUTTON (URC/METHODIST) INVITE YOU TO A LENT LECTURE on Tuesday 29 March at 7.30pm.
The Problem of Painting Christ Dr Chloe Reddaway
The challenge of painting Christ is a uniquely complex one and Chloe Reddaway explores some of the extra-ordinary artistic responses with which painters have met this challenge.
Tickets £5 available online: trinitychurchsutton.org.uk and can also be bought on the door.

DIARY DATES
Sunday 15 May 2022, after 10.30am service, **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** in church

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.

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