St Nicholas Church Sutton

27 MARCH 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MOTHERING SUNDAY

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, **Mothering Sunday**, 4th Sunday of Lent, All Age - Holy Communion
Next week: 3 April, 10.30am, 5th Sunday of Lent, *Passiontide* – Holy Communion
Thursday 31 March 10am Holy Communion (followed by Private Prayer until 12.30pm)

ONLINE

Today: Sunday 27 March, 5pm Zoom service (details can be emailed to you on request)

Lectionary Readings (Year C)
Today: Exodus 2.1-10, Colossians 3.12-17, John 19.25*b*-27
Next week: Isaiah 43.16-21, Philippians 3.4*b*-14, John 12.1-8

Hymns for Sunday 27 March: *HON 313 (opening), HON 269 (gradual), HON 137 (offertory), HON 405 (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, Glynis Osborne
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**

Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call 2022 The website link is: southwark.anglican.org/lentcall
You can find details of all the projects being supported and information on how to donate, at https://southwark.anglican.org/lentcall

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 St Nicholas 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 from Sunday 27 March.

SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE The UK Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) appeal supports a number of charities and agencies which are not only able to work in the countries surrounding Ukraine but have access to those still in Ukraine.
The UK government has pledged to match public donations to the DEC up to £20 million.
On Sunday 3 April, we at St Nicholas, will be supporting the DEC appeal with a 'bucket' collection after our morning service.
Cash or cheques payable to St Nicholas PCC would be very welcome.
Should you wish to donate by bank transfer, the bank details are as follows:
- Metro Bank
- sort code: 23:05:80
- account no: 18151887
- account name: St Nicholas PCC

Please add the reference "Ukraine" to your transfer.

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.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2022 We are trying to revive Christian Aid Week for 2022.
There will not be a door-to-door collection, instead there will be a series of mini-events in and around Trinity Church from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 21 May, and a letter hand-delivered to as many local addresses as possible, inviting people to come to the day of events, and explaining how they can donate (e.g. online or by post).
We need help for both aspects: (a) If you can offer a short (about 10 minutes) performance, or perhaps a display of art or flowers, let Clive Orton or Ginny Haizelden know, and they can pass on your details, (b) If you can help by delivering letters, please tell Clive Orton or Ginny Haizelden, expressing a preference for certain roads if you have one.
This is your opportunity to make a significant contribution to this year's effort.

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
Tickets £5 available online: trinitychurchsutton.org.uk and can also be bought on the door.

SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK AND EASTER The full list of services, including LEP and Team services will be available next week.
Services taking place at St Nicholas are:
Palm Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday 8pm Holy Communion at St Nicholas
Good Friday 1pm Service of Reflection at St Nicholas
Easter Day 10.30am Holy Communion
We have not been able to bring back all the regular services: there is no 9am Communion service on Palm Sunday and no Easter Sunrise service this year.
We hope you will be able to join us at the other services.

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

SUTTONfx is leading on the creation of the Dr George Rice Community Garden in Gibson Road (the overgrown green space opposite the Civic Centre car park). Jeff Richards is looking for some help with the Carshalton College students at the site of the Community Gibson Road on Wednesdays 1.30 - 2.40pm from next week (30th March 2022). Help is needed to guide the students, keep them focussed on their tasks and encourage them.
If this is something that you can help with, then please let Jeff Richards know as soon as possible.
Phone: 0772 570 4573 Email: jeff@suttonfx.com
You can learn more about the Dr George Rice Community Garden here:
https://www.suttonfx.com/current-projects/community-garden-gibson-road