St Nicholas Church Sutton

29 MAY 2022

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER *SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY*

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: 29 May, 10.30am Seventh Sunday of Easter *Sunday after Ascension Day* – Holy Communion with baptism – Osita Jorden Okafor
29 May, 5pm United Evening Worship (BCP) St Nicholas
The service will include prayers for the Platinum Jubilee and will be followed by refreshments

Next week: 5 June, 10.30am Pentecost *Whit Sunday,* All Age – Holy Communion
5 June, 5pm United Evening Worship at Trinity URC/Methodist

ONLINE

There will not be a Zoom service today, Sunday 29 May.
Please use the Easter worship booklet to follow the service in your own home.

Lectionary Readings (Year C)
Today: Acts 16.16-34, Revelation 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-end, John 17.20-end
Next week: Acts 2.1-21, Romans 8.14-17, John 14.8-17 [25-27]

Hymns for Sunday 29 May: *HON 21 (opening), HON 317 (gradual), HON 405 (procession), HON 235 (offertory), HON 153 (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, Roger, Lefteris,

Departed –
Audrey Farrar

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 May and June is **Christian Aid**

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS 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.

LOCAL ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP Churches Uniting in Central Sutton
St Nicholas Parish Church, Sutton Baptist Church, Trinity Church, Sutton (United Reformed/Methodist)
UNITED EVENING WORSHIP at St Nicholas at 5pm TODAY, Sunday 22 May (please note the earlier start time).
It is a great joy to be hosting United Evening Services again.
Please join us as we worship together again.
Thank you to those who have volunteered to be on the rota.

NOTICES AND WHAT'S ON

Annual Accounts and Annual Reports (2021) were presented and adopted at the APCM on 15 May and copies are available on the table by the south porch.

THY KINGDOM COME Nine days of prayer from Ascension to Pentecost, 26 May to 5 June 2022
The following resources will be available in church:
All God's People – Prayer for the Day booklet
Everyday Faith – Hidden Church (booklet – prayer for the persecuted church)
Everyday Faith – pocket prayers
Prayer for your workplace
Resources available online: https://www.thykingdomcome.global/prayer-resources and
https://southwark.anglican.org/mission-ministry/mission/mission-evangelism/thy-kingdom-come/

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2022 Thank you to those who delivered letters to local addresses and to Clive Orton and Ginny Haizelden for organising.

NEWS from Revd Leah Philbrick former Curate at St Nicholas
The following message has been received from Leah:
I wanted to let you know that having had a year in New Hampshire with family which has been a treasured time of reconnecting with family - as well as a time of sabbatical, seeking discernment for the next chapter. I am now looking forward to taking the next step in the exploration of the religious life. In just a few days I will join the community at Mucknell Abbey in Worcestershire as an alongsider for the next six months. In this time of living 'alongside' the community I will be joining in their rhythm of prayer and work and experiencing life in a religious community in all its 'ordinariness'. One of my prayers is that in this time I will have a sense as to whether I continue on this journey into the religious life or if perhaps through this time God might be leading me on to something else. All is in God's hands and that feels a good place to be.