ST NICHOLAS CHURCH SUTTON

19 FEBRUARY 2023
THE 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: 19 February, 10.30am, Sunday next before Lent – Holy Communion
Next week: 26 February, 10.30am, The First Sunday of Lent – Holy Communion – the Revd Charles Cotton

Thursday 23 February 10am Holy Communion with imposition of ashes (then Private Prayer to 12.30pm)

ONLINE (Zoom Service) Morning Prayer, Wednesday 22 February, 8.30am (Daniel 9.3-6, 17-19)

Lectionary Readings (Year A)
Today: Exodus 24.12-end, 2 Peter 1.16-end, Matthew 17.1-9 (1st reading, p.77, Gospel, p.79)
Next week: Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7, Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4.1-11

Hymns for Sunday 19 February: 519 Thy kingdom come, O God; 82 Christ whose glory fills the skies; 220 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds; 56 Be thou my Vision

ASH WEDNESDAY, 8PM 22 FEBRUARY 2023

There will be a service of **Holy Communion at 8pm with imposition of ashes at St Nicholas** led by the Revd Frances Arnold.
The service is preceded by a **Frugal Supper** (bread, cheese, fruit) **in church, 6.45 for 7pm** (sign up by 16 February)
We welcome friends from the LEP - Trinity and Sutton Baptist congregations.
There is no charge, but there will be a box available for donations (suggested donation £3). The money (after expenses) will go to the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Appeal.

Prayer List

Judith, Lefteris, Pramila, Pam Affleck, Willemina Robson, Michelle, Tony Nworisa, Dominic, Diane Young
Departed – Gold Adekoya, Michael Kelly, Dorothea, Geoff Rendall, Eddie Moss

Our dear friends Geoff Rendall and Eddie Moss have died this week. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.
Bless those who mourn, eternal God, with the comfort of your love.

Charity of the Month

for February is **Sutton Women's Centre**

Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call 2023
This year's theme is "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" (Psalm 137.4), to reflect upon as we focus on mental health and well-being.
This year's Lent Call features projects that help with:
access to medical care - here in Southwark Diocese and in our link diocese of Jerusalem
access to food – foodbanks in Southwark diocese and nutritional gardens in our link dioceses in Zimbabwe
projects to facilitate well-being by developing strategies to cope with the stress and mental illness caused by our modern world
Please remember these projects in your prayers and consider whether you can give practical help in similar situations in the Diocese or whether you can give to support them financially.
You can find details of all the projects and information on how to donate, at https://southwark.anglican.org/lentcall. Also on the noticeboard in the church porch.

SPRING TERM PROVISION FOR JAM/SPECTRUM	JAM/Spectrum will meet in Church (Lady Chapel/seating area near the font) at 11.45am (after the 10.30am service) on the following occasions: **JAM,** 12 March **Spectrum,** 5 February (Confirmation follow-up), 26 March Please speak with Revd Frances if your child wishes to join JAM/Spectrum.
FEBRUARY EDITION OF *THE BRIDGE*	Here is the February edition of *The Bridge* and as always it is packed full of stories and features from across the Diocese. Read and download from: *southwark.anglican.org/thebridge*
LENT 2023 IN *CHURCHES UNITING IN CENTRAL SUTTON (CUCS)*	**CUCS Lent groups** will meet again face to face this year! We hope many of you will join a friendly group with people from our three churches, Trinity, St Nicholas and Sutton Baptist Church, for readings, prayer and discussion. We will be using a study guide called *"The Kingdom of God is Justice and Peace"* produced by the charity "*Embrace the Middle East*". The groups will meet weekly for five weeks **starting the week beginning February 27th**: Tuesdays at 2.30pm in the Parlour at Trinity; Tuesdays at 7.30pm on Zoom; Wednesdays at 7.00pm at Sutton Baptist Church; Fridays at 10.30am at Trinity, in the church itself. For more details see the leaflets in your church or speak to your church CUCS representative.
MAP CONVERSATION WITH CANON JAY COLWILL, DIRECTOR OF MISSION & EVANGELISM, 12 NOON TO 2PM ON SUNDAY 5 MARCH 2023	Canon Jay Colwill will be our preacher **on Sunday 5 March** and will then explore with us: who we are as a Church & Parish; our strengths & the challenges that face us. This will help us make plans for the way forward that God is calling us to. **This is an important meeting for the congregation and all are encouraged to attend, especially children and families.** **A SANDWICH LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE SIGN THE SHEET AT THE BACK OF CHURCH BY WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH FOR LUNCH.** *As we prepare for our conversation with Jay,* Let us pray… that we may see what God is already doing in every encounter, every journey and every day… for wisdom, grace, energy and guidance, as we worship, hear the Good News and share God's love in the world. God of Mission Who alone brings growth to your Church, Send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to our planning, Wisdom to our actions, And power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, In spiritual commitment to you, And in service to our local community, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Leading your Church into Growth prayer)*
SUNDAY 21 MAY 2023 APCM AT 12 NOON	The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will take place in Church after the 10.30am service (which is the United Christian Aid service at Trinity Church) on Sunday 21 May. Please note the date in your diary.
FRIDAY, 28 APRIL 2023, SUPPER TALK AT 7PM	A date for the diary: Friday, 28 April - Supper Talk at 7pm when Eamonn Mullally will present 'Recollections of a London Tour Guide'. Tickets, at £10 each, will be available in mid March.
MOTHERS' UNION AGM AND BRING & BUY SALE, SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2023	St Nicholas MU will be holding a **Bring and Buy Sale** after the 10.30am service on Sunday, 19 February 2023. Please bring anything that will sell, plus some cash to buy something! This will be followed by our **AGM** which we will hold at Bar & Block on St Nicholas Way. All welcome to attend. Look forward to seeing you there! St Nicholas Mothers' Union
FRIENDS OF ST NICHOLAS CHURCHYARD: LITTER PICKING IN LENT 2023	Come and join us as we spring clean the Churchyard. We'll do 30 minutes or so of social litter picking. All equipment provided. Old or young, everyone is welcome! Sunday Meeting Dates: Noon in the Tower of St Nicholas Church. 26 February-----NOT MEETING 5th March-----12 March, 19 March, 26 March, 2 April 2023