ST NICHOLAS CHURCH SUTTON

26 FEBRUARY 2023
THE FIRST 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: 26 February, 10.30am, The First Sunday of Lent – Holy Communion – the Revd Charles Cotton
Next week: 5 March, 10.30am, The Second Sunday of Lent – Holy Communion –
Preacher: The Revd Canon Jay Colwill, Director of Mission and Evangelism
for the Diocese of Southwark

Thursday 2 March 10am Holy Communion – the Revd Charles Cotton
(then Private Prayer to 12.30pm)

ONLINE (Zoom Service) Morning Prayer, Wednesday –
Please note: there will not be an online service this week.

Lectionary Readings (Year A)
Today: Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7, Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4.1-11 (1st reading, p.87, Gospel, p.88)
Next week: Genesis 12.1-4*a,* Romans 4.1-5, 13-17, John 3.1-17

Hymns for Sunday 26 February: 145 Forty days and forty nights; 442 Seek ye first;
372 O Jesus I have promised; 383 O love, how deep, how broad, how high

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)*

Prayer List

Judith, Lefteris, Pravin, Pramila, Ajantha, Pam Affleck, Willemina Robson, Michelle, Tony Nworisa, Dominic, Diane Young

Departed – Gold Adekoya, Michael Kelly, Dorothea, Geoff Rendall, Eddie Moss

Charity of the Month

for February is **Sutton Women's Centre**, for March is **Bishop's Lent Appeal**

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.

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, Clive Orton.
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, FRIDAY 3 MARCH 2023	Just to confirm that nothing has been put in place to hold a World Day of Prayer service in Sutton this year, so here are details of other services that may be accessible for people wanting to attend. 10.30am Epsom Methodist Church 10.45am St Lawrence Morden (on 93, 80 and 154 bus routes with stop outside church) 1.30pm Holy Trinity Wallington or Croydon Minster. 7.30pm Ruskin Road Methodist Carshalton. Details can be found on the World Day of Prayer website, as can the booklet with the service in. The theme is *I Have Heard about your Faith,* compiled by the women of Taiwan.
EASTER EXPERIENCE AT SUTTON BAPTIST CHURCH, 6PM ON SUNDAY 5 MARCH	At 6.00pm on Sunday 5 March, there will be a dress rehearsal of Easter Experience at Sutton Baptist Church. This will give us an opportunity to make sure all goes well before the week to come. During the following week we shall be performing the play showing the life of Christ to ten primary schools in Sutton. We always hope for a good, sympathetic audience of fellow Church members to set us on our way the evening before. *Jean Chappell*
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.
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.
MOTHER'S UNION BRING & BUY SALE	The MU Bring and Buy Sale raised £135.70 last Sunday. This will go to the MU Away From It All project - https://www.mothersunion.org/projects/away-from-it-all A big thank you to the congregation for the generosity.
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