ST NICHOLAS CHURCH SUTTON

26 MARCH 2023

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, PASSIONTIDE

Please don't forget that the clocks go forward an hour on Saturday night

Worship

Please check the website and mailings for the most up to date information about our services.

IN CHURCH

Today: 26 March, 10.30am, The Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passiontide – Holy Communion

Next week: 2 April, 10.30am, Palm Sunday – Holy Communion with dramatic reading of Passion Gospel
6.30pm, Requiem: A Thanksgiving for Life:
Palm Sunday Choral Service, at Trinity Church

Thursday 30 March 10am Holy Communion
(then Private Prayer to 12.30pm)

ONLINE (Zoom Service) Morning Prayer – Wednesday 29 March, 8.30am
(Jeremiah 22.20-23.8, John 12.1-11)

Lectionary Readings (Year A)
Today: Ezekiel 37.1-14, Romans 8.6-11, John 11.1-45 (1st reading, p.105)
Next week: Matthew 21.1-11 (Palms); Isaiah 50.4-9*a*; Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 26.14-27.66
(dramatic reading of Passion Gospel)

Hymns for Sunday 26 March: 501 There's a wideness in God's mercy, 549 When I survey the wondrous cross, 159 Glory be to Jesus, 494 The Spirit lives to set us free (Walk in the light)

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)*

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. Amen.

Prayer List

Judith, Lefteris, Pramila, Pam Affleck, Willemina Robson, Michelle, Tony Nworisa, Dominic, Diane Young
Departed – Michael Kelly, Geoff Rendall, Eddie Moss, Anna Matthews (priest), Ajantha

Charity of the Month 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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Maundy Thursday

8pm Holy Communion at St Nicholas

Good Friday

10am – 11am Walk of Witness (Churches Together in Sutton & Cheam) – leaving from ASDA in Sutton High Street

10.30am Service at Trinity

1pm Service of Reflection at St Nicholas

2pm Good Friday Liturgy at Christ Church

2pm Meditative Service at St Barnabas

Easter Day

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

6.30pm Evensong at St Barnabas

SPRING TERM PROVISION FOR SPECTRUM	Spectrum will meet in Church (Lady Chapel/seating area near the font) at 11.45am (after the 10.30am service) TODAY. This is to rehearse the Passion Gospel which we will read during the 10.30am Palm Sunday service on 2 April. It will be a bit like a radio play. We will all have scripts to read from, so there will be no need to memorise lines.
LENT 2023 IN *CHURCHES UNITING IN CENTRAL SUTTON (CUCS)*	**CUCS Lent groups** (Trinity, St Nicholas and Sutton Baptist Church) meet weekly in Lent. 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. Joint meeting on Tuesday 4 April at 7.30pm. For more details speak to your church CUCS representative, Clive Orton.
REQUIEM: A THANKSGIVING FOR LIFE PALM SUNDAY CHORAL SERVICE, 2 APRIL, 6.30PM, TRINITY CHURCH	**Requiem: A Thanksgiving for Life with music by Mendelssohn, Stanford and Philip Ledger** Palm Sunday Choral Service, 2 April, 6.30pm, at Trinity Church with the Trinity Festival Choir Organist, Ian LeGrice Conductor, Stephen Haylett **All welcome – free admission**
MAP CONVERSATION ON SUNDAY 5 MARCH - FOLLOW UP	**Thank you** for coming to the Mission Action Planning session with Canon Jay Colwill. Let's continue the Vision conversation, building on the ideas and energy from last Sunday. I'll find a time to give feedback about the common themes that have emerged. In the meantime, I'd like to encourage you all to share ideas with me or with members of the PCC and let me know if you've been involved in this kind of thing before. It's good to pool resources. *Revd Frances*
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.
SUTTON SOUP, THURSDAY 20 APRIL AT 7:30PM	Sutton Soup - It's the sociable way of raising money for local good causes. You come along and pay £5 for a meal of homemade soup and bread. You get to hear four pitches from local people who need funding for a project that benefits the Sutton community. You get to vote for the one you like best. The winner of the vote gets to keep ALL the money we take on the door on the night. That means your £5! By coming together that £5 turns into hundreds of pounds for the winner.
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. NOT MEETING 5th March-----12 March, 19 March, 26 March, 2 April 2023
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, priced £10 each, are now available from Richard West. Please advise any dietary requirements when booking.