ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, SUTTON

23 April 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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: 23 April, 10.30am, Third Sunday of Easter – Holy Communion, baptism of Lydia Martin
Next week: 30 April, 10.30am, Fourth Sunday of Easter – Holy Communion, baptism of Grace Skelton-Stroud

Thursday 27 April 10am Holy Communion (then Private Prayer to 12.30pm)

ONLINE (Zoom Service) Morning Prayer – Wednesday 26 April, 8.30am (Deut. 6, Eph. 2.1-10)

Lectionary Readings (Year A)
Today: Acts 2.14*a*, 36-41, 1 Peter 1.17-23, Luke 24.13-35 (1st reading, p.173, Gospel, p.174)
Next week: Acts 2.42-end, 1 Peter 2.19-end, John 10.1-10

Hymns for Sunday 23 April: 337 Morning has broken, 313 Lord of all hopefulness, 228 I danced in the morning, 39 As the deer pants for the water, 328 Make me a channel of your peace (during communion), 153 Give me joy in my heart

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, Anne, John Stannett

Departed – Eddie Moss, Anna Matthews (priest), Ajantha, Enid

Charity of the Month for March & April 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.

JAM, SPECTRUM	**Sunday 23 April** Lydia Martin baptism, **Sunday 30 April** Grace Skelton-Stroud baptism **Sunday 7 May** JAM meet **Sunday 14 May** JAM & Spectrum meet together
APRIL EDITION OF *THE BRIDGE*	Here is the April 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*
WELCOME TEAS	We are pleased to be reviving 'Welcome Teas' for those who started worshipping at St Nicholas in the past five years (from 2018). Further information to follow but, in the meantime, please note the following dates: **Thursday April 27th** after the 10am service (c11am) **Sunday April 30th** after the 10.30am service (c12 noon) It has been a long time since we held a 'Welcome Tea/Refreshments' and it will be lovely to give you a proper welcome. *Revd Frances*
MAP CONVERSATION FEEDBACK	There are copies of the following notes at the back of church: 1. *Congregation MAP Conversation, 5 March 2023* (common themes that emerged from the Mission Action Planning session with Canon Jay Colwill on Sunday 5 March) 2. *Conversations with the wider community* (Part 1, February 2023) Thank you for staying on last week for the feedback. *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 *Sutton Baptist*) on Sunday 21 May. Please note the date in your diary. There will be a communion service at St Nicholas at 9am. **A SANDWICH LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED AT 11.30AM, BEFORE THE MEETING.** **PLEASE SIGN THE SHEET AT THE BACK OF CHURCH BY WEDNESDAY 17 MAY FOR LUNCH.**
REVISION OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2023	The revision will begin on Sunday 23 April and continue **until Saturday 6 May 2023** If you are not already on the roll, then this is your opportunity to be included. Please collect an application form from the back of church and place the completed form in the maroon box as you exit by the south porch. Please contact Andrew Gordon, Electoral Roll Officer, andrew.gordon.sutton@gmail.com if you have any questions. Being on the electoral roll gives you a vote at the APCM as well as allowing you to be a sidesperson.
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.
SUNDAY, 7 MAY 2023, MOTHERS' UNION CORONATION PICNIC LUNCH	St Nicholas MU invite you to a Coronation picnic on Sunday, 7th May 2023, in the Rectory garden. This will be after the 10.30 am service. Please bring your own picnic lunch; you are welcome to bring food to share, but please be mindful of allergies, intolerances and dietary preferences. There will be tea and coffee. Tables and chairs will be provided. In the event of wet weather, we will picnic in the Church. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, so that we know how many chairs to provide! *Nicki Richards*