ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, SUTTON

30 April 2023

4TH 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: 30 April, 10.30am, Fourth Sunday of Easter – Holy Communion, baptism of Grace Skelton-Stroud

Next week: 7 May, 10.30am, Fifth Sunday of Easter – Holy Communion *with prayers for the King, the Royal Family, our nation and the world*

Thursday 4 May *English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era,* 10am Holy Communion (then Private Prayer to 12.30pm)

ONLINE (Zoom Service) Morning Prayer – Wednesday 3 May, 8.30am (Deut. 10.12-end, Eph.5.1-14)

Lectionary Readings (Year A)

Today: Acts 2.42-end, 1 Peter 2.19-end, John 10.1-10 (1st reading, p.176, Gospel, p.177)

Next week: Acts 7.55-end, 1 Peter 2.2-10, John 14.1-14

Hymns for Sunday 30 April: 21 All things bright and beautiful (om. v.4) , 490 The Lord's my Shepherd, 405 One more step along the world I go, 134 For all the saints (om. vv. 3,5 & 6), 27 Amazing Grace (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 – Anna Matthews (priest), Ajantha, Enid, Amal Bany

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury,
for all who will play a part in the Coronation,
and for all who will work to support it and our celebrations with their care and service,
that they may be given the strength
to carry out the duties entrusted to them. Amen.

Charity of the Month for March & April is **Bishop's Lent Appeal**

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
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 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/ REFRESHMENTS	We are pleased to be reviving 'Welcome Teas' for those who started worshipping at St Nicholas in the past five years (from 2018). The next 'Welcome Tea' is today, **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) *Revd Frances*
FINANCE COMMITTEE, 2.30PM MONDAY 1 MAY **PCC, 7PM THURSDAY 4 MAY**	There will be a meeting of the Finance Committee at 2.30pm on Monday 1 May in Church. There will be a meeting of the PCC at 7pm on Thursday 4 May at The Rectory.
SUNDAY 21 MAY 2023 APCM AT 12.15PM – SANDWICH LUNCH AT 11.30AM	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. 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.
PARISH MEETING & APCM	The Parish Meeting and APCM (2023) will be held on Sunday 21 May at 12.15pm. This is your opportunity to vote for PCC members. The Annual Report & Accounts, Agenda, minutes from last year's meeting and Annual Reports will be available in due course. Election of Churchwardens will take place at the Meeting of Parishioners and election of PCC Members will take place at the APCM.
SUPPER TALK THANKS	Thank you to Richard West and Emma Cann, Liz Cann, Chris Cann and Keith Cann for the wonderful Supper Talk on Friday. It was good to see Eammon Mullally again and to share a meal and fellowship.
SUNDAY, 7 MAY 2023, MOTHERS' UNION CORONATION PICNIC LUNCH	St Nicholas MU invite you to a Coronation picnic on Sunday, 7th May 2023, in Church after the 10.30am 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. *Nicki Richards*