

St Nicholas Church Sutton

21 January 2024

Worship

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

This week: Sunday 21 January - WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

9am - said service of Holy Communion at St Nicholas – Revd Charles Cotton

10.30 am - United Morning Service **at Trinity Church** – (Preacher - Dr Jonathan Hustler, General Secretary of the Methodist Conference)

6.30 pm - Sutton and Cheam will be coming together at Sutton Christian Centre in Tate Road.

Next week: Sunday 28 January - 10.30 Holy Communion - Revd Nicholas Peacock, Rector of Cheam Team

Thursday 25TH January - 10am Holy Communion – Revd Charles Cotton (followed by Private Prayer to 12.30pm)

Readings: Sunday 21st January – Genesis 14.17-20; Revelation 19.6-10; John 2.1-11
Sunday 28th January – Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Revelation 12.1-5a; Mark 1.21-28

RETURN OF THE COLLECTION

We have re-introduced the collection during the offertory hymn. This will enable our offerings once more to be blessed. This means, of course, that there will not be the offertory plate at the back of church.

Church of England worship - *Daily Prayer app and podcast*

This is the app to help you follow Morning, Evening and Night Prayer wherever you are. It includes Bible readings (NRSV translation) and psalms.
https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/daily-prayer-app-and-podcast

Prayer List

Frances Arnold, John Stannett

To include someone on the prayer list please ask their permission first. Then send the request to: **PCCSecretary.StNicholas@suttonteamministry.org** by Wednesday. Please note that Clergy/Staff will not be able to answer questions about people on the prayer list. Names will remain on the list for a month.

Prayers are answered! But the need continues. SUTTONfx requests your prayers.

We have made progress towards opening a warm space and community social lounge in a local community hall in St Nicholas Parish. This will be a 3-hour session once a week that will be a safe place for people to meet for conversation and company. This would form part of the national 'Chatty Cafe Scheme'. https://thechattycafescheme.co.uk/ **We have secured the funding to enable this to happen in early 2024**. But we need your help as prayer supporters and volunteers. Please contact Jeff Richards to learn how you can help and be part of the Chatty Crew. jeff@suttonfx.com

Charity of the Month for January is Sutton Community Works

NOTICES AND WHAT'S ON

Visit of Robin Hood Children to St Nicholas Church

Last Tuesday morning, Jeff Richards welcomed three year 1 classes (Hedgehogs, Rabbits and Foxes) from Robin Hood Infant School to tour the church and learn a little about what Christians believe and how we worship. Each of the 3 classes of 30 children and their teachers were led by Jeff around the church. He explained Baptism, the different parts of the building, how we worship and the importance of Holy Communion. It was wonderful being able to welcome each of these 90 children with their teachers and classroom assistants.

Thanks to Ginny for helping facilitate the activity.

Sunday 21st January	**Notice of the AGM for Friends of St Nicholas Churchyard** You are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of St Nicholas Churchyard, to be held on: Date: Sunday, 21st January 2024, Time: 12:30 pm, Venue: The Robin Hood Pub, West Street, Sutton, SM1 1SH All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting, as it provides an opportunity to review the past year's activities, discuss plans for the churchyard, and contribute to the overall direction of the Friends.
Wednesday 14th February	There will be an **Ashing Service at St Nicholas at 8pm** on Ash Wednesday. The service will be led by The Venerable Moira Astin, Archdeacon of Reigate. This will be preceded by a **Frugal Supper in St Nicholas Church at 7pm**. A donation of £3 is suggested: surplus money will be given to the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Appeal. Please let Richard (richjwest@btinternet.com 020 8644 7834), or Ginny know by Sunday, 11 February if you intend to come to the Frugal Supper.
Saturday 2nd March	 **For more details please contact Jeff Richards**