

St Nicholas Church Sutton

11 February 2024

Worship

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

This week: Sunday 11 February - 10.30 Holy Communion – Revd Charles Cotton
Next week: Sunday 18 February - 10.30 Holy Communion – Revd Charles Cotton

Thursday 15 February - 10am Holy Communion – Revd Anne Doerr, Assistant Priest, St John's, Belmont (followed by Private Prayer to 12.30pm)

Readings: Sunday 11 February – Sunday next before Lent – 2 Kings 2.1-12; 2 Corinthians 4.3-6; Mark 9. 2-9
Sunday 18 February – 1st Sunday of Lent – Genesis 9.8-17; 1 Peter 3.18-end; Mark 1.9-15

Sunday 11 February - Hymns: 541 What a friend we have in Jesus; 63 Blest are the pure in heart; 69 Breathe on me, breath of God; 467 Tell out my soul

ASH WEDNESDAY - Wednesday 14 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.

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

INVITATION TO JOIN A LENT STUDY GROUP
This year there will be four Lent Study Groups running for 5 weeks starting the week beginning Monday February 19th. This is a chance to reflect and discuss with friends from the other churches in central Sutton. Speak to Clive Orton or fill in a form available at the back of church.
Monday morning group Trinity Minor Hall 10.30am Feb 19/26 March 4/11/18
Tuesday afternoon group Trinity Minor Hall 3.00pm Feb 20/27 March 5/12/19
Tuesday evening group ZOOM 7.30pm Feb 20/27 March 5/12/19
Thursday evening group Sutton Baptist Church 7.30pm Feb 22/29 March 7/14/21
This year we will be following the material produced for 2024 by the Methodist Church called **"Exploring Spiritual Practices".** It is a free resource, can be downloaded and printed and we will make sure those unable to do this themselves will have a hard copy printed for them.

Prayer List

Frances Arnold, John Stannett, King Charles

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.

Charity of the Month for February is Sutton Community Works

NOTICES AND WHAT'S ON

Chatty Café
The Chatty Cafe, a warm space and community social lounge, is going to open on Tuesdays from 30th January between 11 am and 2 pm. The venue is the Thomas Wall Community Hall by the Robin Hood Pub in Robin Hood Lane. This will be a 3-hour session every Tuesday that will be a safe place for people to meet for conversation and company. Come along and join us and bring a friend. We've tea, coffee, fruit and pastries to enjoy, board games to play and magazines to read. Please contact Jeff Richards or Megan Richards to learn more. Come and join the Chatty Crew jeff@suttonfx.com

Alleyway Renewal Project
The current mural in the alleyway is showing signs of ageing and this project will revitalize this space. Team Imagineers have the funding and permission to renew the Alley Way Mural. They are the artists who created the COVID memorial panels in the Dr George Rice Community Garden. The renewed mural project is set to commence in May, and we want members of the congregation to get involved in this significant initiative to enhance the churchyard environment. To register as an individual or as a group please email Hana at teamimagineers@gmail.com
Speak to Jeff Richards to learn more about the project.

Racial Justice Sunday (11th February 2024)
Today 11th February is Racial Justice Sunday. This is an opportunity for churches and congregations to focus prayer, worship and action on racial justice. **The Friends of St Nicholas Churchyard** have published a booklet called "**Monuments with links to slavery and colonialism**". This 40-page booklet has a foreword by The Rt Revd Dr Rosemarie Mallett, Bishop of Croydon. This first exploration of the monuments of St Nicholas Church has revealed how the rising prosperity of Sutton in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries and local philanthropy is woven together with the dark legacy of slavery. The Friends of St Nicholas Churchyard hopes that this booklet will serve as a valuable resource, and encourage further research, reflection, and a commitment to addressing historical imbalances. Copies of the booklet are available, suggested minimum donation of £5, from the Friends of St Nicholas Churchyard (churchyardfriends@gmail.com) Speak with Jeff Richards for more details.

Sunday 18 February	**St Nicholas Mothers' Union** will be meeting at Bar and Block on Sunday, 18 February after the 10.30 am service. This will be an opportunity to hear about the progress of the Care Leavers Kits project, what the MU will be up to this year, as well as a general catch up. **Everyone welcome**.
Saturday 24 February Noon to 3pm	**Community Garden working party and tidy-up -** Can you help us prepare the community garden for the Day of Reflection? There is lots to do from litterpicking to weeding and chopping down vegetation and bagging. So, whether you want a gentle activity or a more vigorous one - everyone can help. Meet at the Community Garden by St Nicholas Churchyard. Please speak to Jeff Richards for more details. jeff@suttonfx.com
Friday 1 March 10.30	 **World Day of Prayer 2024- Salvation Army, 45 Benhill Avenue, SM1 4DD** Please note that buses 154 and S4 stop immediately outside the venue.
Saturday 2 March	**For more details please contact Jeff Richards** 
Sunday 3 March Noon	 **Day of Reflection -** To remember those who died during the COVID-19 pandemic. Service of Reflection. Noon 3rd March 2024 in the Dr George Rice Community Garden (Gibson Rd by St Nicholas Church).