St Nicholas Church Sutton

17 March 2024

Worship

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

This week: Sunday 17 March – 5th Sunday of Lent – 10.30 Holy Communion - Revd Phil Brooks, Vicar, Christ Church, Sutton

Next week: Sunday 24 March – Palm Sunday – 10.30 Holy Communion - Revd Charles Cotton

Sunday 24 March – Palm Sunday – 6.30 at Trinity - St Luke Passion Palm Sunday Choral Service with the Trinity Festival Choir

Thursday 21 March - 10am Holy Communion – Revd Charles Cotton, (followed by Private Prayer to 12.30pm)

Readings: Sunday 17 March – 5th Sunday of Lent – Jeremiah 31.31-34; Hebrews 5.5-10; John 12.20-33

Sunday 24 March – Palm Sunday - Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2,19-24

Sunday 17 March - Hymns: 426 Praise to the holiest in the height; 269 Jesus, good above all other; 103 Crown him with many crowns; 499 there is a green hill far away.

Advance Notice: On **Maundy Thursday, 28th March**, the church will be open for private prayer in the morning from 10-12 but there will be no service at 10am.
However, there will be **a service at 8pm**, led by The Venerable Moira Astin, at which we will be joined by Trinity Church and Sutton Baptist 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.

Charity of the Month for March/April is The Bishop's Lent Appeal

The Bishop's Lent Call for 2024 is raising funds for projects that focus on peace with justice in the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, and resilience and well-being across our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe.

More information at: Lent Call - The Diocese of Southwark (anglican.org)

NOTICES AND WHAT'S ON

FROM THE ARCHDEACON OF REIGATE

Revd Frances Arnold has resigned from her post as Rector of St. Nicholas, Sutton and will be moving on 22nd April 2024. Her responsibilities will continue to be covered by others.

FROM THE REVEREND FRANCES ARNOLD

It was with a variety of emotions that I offered my resignation to the Bishop of Southwark, and my duties will cease from 22nd April 2024. I shall miss you and thank you for your love and support; you will remain in my heart and prayers.

Message from Liz Cann - A huge thank you to all the lovely ladies who supported the Mothers Union last Saturday to make up the daffodil bouquets and flower arrangements in church - Val, Tricia, Jean, Arja, Gill, Helen, Doreen & Lydia and thank you to everyone who very kindly donated flowers for the displays and bouquets and cakes to support our MU charity, AFIA. We raised £60.00! Thank you very, very much to everyone who donated to our "Away From It All" scheme which supports families who are experiencing stressful times and would otherwise not have the opportunity of a holiday.

The March edition of *The Bridge* is live. Read and download *The Bridge* from: *southwark.anglican.org/thebridge*

Sunday 17 March Meet 12.00 at Trinity	Join an outing to visit the **National Portrait Gallery** in London. This is home to the most extensive collection of portraits in the world from the 8th Century to the present day, and reopened last year after a redesign. We hope to catch a highlights tour, We will meet at the back of Trinity Church at 1200 after the service and eat our packed lunches in the halls before leaving around 1230 for London by train. We will visit a café for tea before returning. Please bring your packed lunch! There are no entrance charges. Please contact John or Deborah Wroe (020 8642 9064 or john.p.wroe@gmail.com) for more information.
Tuesday 19th March	**Palm Cross making at the Chatty Cafe** Come to the Chatty Cafe on Tuesday 19th March between 11 am and 2 pm and learn how to make a palm cross. It will be fiddly fun but you'll take away your palm cross to bring to church for blessing on Palm Sunday.
Saturday 23rd March 2-4pm	**Alleyway Renewal Project Workshop** Congregation members are welcome to come to the workshop in the Dr George Rice Community Garden between 2 - 4 pm on 23rd March. 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 Community Garden. The renewed mural project is set to commence in May, and we want members of the congregation of all ages to get involved in this significant initiative to enhance the churchyard environment. Speak to Jeff Richards to learn more about the project.
Saturday 30th March 11-2	 **Easter Egg Hunt** The Mothers' Union is hosting a free Easter Egg Hunt in the Churchyard on Saturday 30th March 2024 between 11 am and 2 pm. Please pick up a leaflet at the back of the church and invite a friend.
Saturday 30th March 11-2	**Where's my name?** The Friends of St Nicholas is running a free fun art activity for children of all ages on Saturday 30th March 2024 between 11 am and 2 pm. Explore the monuments of St Nicholas and create a community artwork with chalk rubbing. Please pick up a leaflet at the back of the church and invite a friend.