

St Nicholas Church Sutton

5 May 2024

Worship

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

This week: Sunday 5 May – 6th Sunday of Easter - 10.30 – Holy Communion led by Revd Charles Cotton
Next week: Sunday 12 May – 9am – Holy Communion (said) led by Revd Francesca Mitchell, Cheam Team
10.30am – United Morning Service at Sutton Baptist Church for Christian Aid Week

Readings: Sunday 5 May – 6th Sunday of Easter - Acts 10:44-48; John 15:9-17
Sunday, 12 May – Ezekiel 36:24–28; Acts 1:15–17, 21–end; John 17:6–19

Hymns - Sunday 5 May: 128 Fight the good fight; 172 God is working his purpose out; 318 Lord thy word abideth; 500 There is a Redeemer

Thursday 9 May Ascension Day – 10.00 am - Holy Communion, led by Revd Martin Hayward (followed by Private Prayer to 12.30pm)
7.30pm – Holy Communion at St Barnabas Church (by kind invitation of Revd David Billin)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Sunday, 19 May Pentecost
10.30am – Holy Communion led by The Venerable Moira Astin, Archdeacon of Reigate followed by refreshments, and
12.15pm – Annual Church Parochial Meetings, chaired by The Venerable Moira Astin

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, Georgie B
Departed – Gladys Walter

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.

MESSAGE FROM REVD. FRANCES

Dear sisters and brothers, it was a pleasure to preside at the service on 21 April and to see friends from St Nicholas, the former Team & the LEP and from the town. Thank you to all involved in the organisation of the service, assisting and providing refreshments. It was a lovely gathering.
I was delighted to receive an Air Fryer (how did you know?). Thank you too for the very generous cheque and your good wishes.
I shall miss you. You will remain in my heart and prayers.
God bless you. Revd Frances

Funeral of Gladys Walter - The funeral of Gladys Walter will take place at 10.30am at St Nicholas Church on Friday, 24 May.
(The service will be followed by the Committal at North East Surrey Crematorium for family members only.)

Charity of the Month for May/June is Christian Aid

NOTICES AND WHAT'S ON

ELECTORAL ROLL

The updated Electoral Roll can be viewed on the Notice Board by the West Porch of the church until Sunday, 12 May.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

- Sunday, 19 May at 12.15pm in the Church - Chaired by The Venerable Moira Astin
- Nominations are invited for the following:
  - Church Wardens
  - Deanery Synod representative
  - Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Please consider very carefully if you would like to be more involved in the life of St Nicholas Church, especially as we go through the process of determining who will be our next Rector. Plus, please remember that John Kerr and Richard West only agreed to return as Church Wardens until the APCM, in order to guide St Nicholas through the period when Frances was on sick leave.

If you have any queries, please speak with one of the current members of the PCC. Ask Ginny for a nomination form, which should be completed and returned by Sunday, 12 May.

Visit to Sutton High School - Jeff Richards took part in a class on Tuesday morning at Sutton High School for Girls, Cheam Road. Jeff was invited along with Rev Tracey Marlow (St Helier Centre of Mission), Rev Pam Searle (Sutton Baptist Church) and Iqbal Nasim (Sutton Central Mosque) to be part of a panel called "Grill a Faith". The students asked questions that ranged from the personal experience of faith, the authority of scripture, gender bias in religion and teachings around human sexuality and marriage. Thanks to Sophie Stella for hosting and Simon Ellingham (Sutton Schoolswork) for arranging.

Chatty Café - Every Tuesday (11 am to 2 pm)

The Chatty Cafe is open every Tuesday between 11 am and 2 pm. The venue is the Thomas Wall Community Hall by the Robin Hood Pub on Robin Hood Lane. This 3-hour session is 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 friendly people to meet. Please contact Jeff Richards or Megan Richards to learn more. Come and join the Chatty Crew!

Saturday 11th May 2 pm Manor Park	 **Pet Blessing Service** - in Manor Park, Sutton, SM1 4BF Share the love with your furry (or feathered or scaled!) friend! Join us for a special pet blessing service. If you can't bring your pet, then bring a photo. This is an opportunity to give thanks for the joy and companionship animals bring to our lives. A collection will be taken to support Paws2Rescue in its mission to help animals in need.
Saturday 11th May 5.30 pm St Barnabas	**BURGERS* & BINGO, St Barnabas Church Halls** £10 Adult, £5 under 10's – *vegetarian option available. Bingo boards £1 each, buy 2 boards get 3rd board FREE. Fabulous prizes! If anyone would like a place please email Dorothy Hannam at dryhoot@yahoo.co.uk
Saturday 18 May 7pm Trinity Hall	**QUIZ NIGHT & TWO COURSE SUPPER FOR CHRISTIAN AID** ➢ Tickets £10 each (or £15 if you can afford a little more). ➢ Children 11 and under go free ➢ Teams of up to 6 (make a team or join with others on the night) ➢ Supper will be Bangers & Mash followed by Cheesecake. Please tell us if you require a vegetarian option or have any allergies ➢ Raffle on the night (cash only please) ➢ Tickets available from David Jones, Ruth MacLaren or Jane Oliver at Trinity
Sunday 19th May	**CUCS Outing - Bluebell Walk -** Enjoy a country walk - hoping the bluebells will still be out, they seem early this year. Strong shoes or wellies recommended! There will be a choice of a long or short walk. Following morning service, drive, or get a lift, to 69 Buckland Road, Lower Kingswood, KT20 7DN with your packed lunch. After the walk Liz Wood will be providing tea and cakes in return for a donation for Christian Aid Week. If you would like to come, please contact John or Deborah Wroe and say if you could offer, or need, a lift. Tel: 020 8642 9064 or john.p.wroe@gmail.com
Saturday 15th June 2024 7pm Christ Church Purley	 Croydon Zimbabwe Link Fundraising Quiz Night at 7pm on Saturday 15th June 2024 at Christ Church Purley. Tickets will cost £15 per person (cash or card on the door) which includes Fish or pie (cheese and onion Pasty / steak or chicken pie) and chips, but please do bring your own drinks and nibbles. There will also be a raffle! If you'd like to attend, please contact janevorster@hotmail.com to book your team (up to 10 people per team) or to book your place (join with others). At the same time, please also confirm your meal selection (pre-order required for catering purposes).