

St Nicholas Church Sutton

1 September 2024

Worship

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

This week: **Sunday 1 September** 14th Sunday after Trinity	**10.30am - Holy Communion,** led by Revd Alison Way
Readings	Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-9; James 1.17-end; Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Hymns	128 Fight the good fight; 480 The head that once was crowned with thorns; 186 Great is thy faithfulness; 193 Hail to the Lords anointed
Thursday 5 September	**10am Holy Communion** led by Revd Alison Way (followed by Private Prayer to 12.30pm)
Next Week: Sunday 8 September 15th Sunday after Trinity	10.30 am - Morning Praise, led by Jeff Richards
Readings	Isaiah 35.4-7a; James2.1-10[11-13]14-17; Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23

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

ALISTAIR CRUICKSHANK

We have just received from Sandra Cruickshank the very sad news that,
following his diagnosis in May with a brain tumour, Alistair died peacefully at home last Saturday evening.

Prayer List

Doreen Kennett, Wilhelmina Robson, Jennifer Emptage, John Stannett, Georgie B

Departed

Alistair Cruickshank, Peter Jeyaraj

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 September is Sutton Shakers

Sutton Shakers is a support group for people with essential tremor, a neurological condition that causes involuntary shaking.

NOTICES AND WHAT'S ON

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGINNING SOON

We are pleased to announce that Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, 8th September 2024, as we prepare candidates for Confirmation at Southwark Cathedral on the Eve of Christ the King, Saturday, 22nd November 2024.
Eligibility: Candidates should be in Year 7 or older.
Class Schedule:

Young People: Confirmation preparation will occur on Sunday mornings during Service times.
Adults: Confirmation preparation will be held on Thursday mornings, after the 10 am service.

If you wish to be confirmed, please collect a form from the back of the church. Completed forms should be returned to Jeff Richards or Tricia Squires. We look forward to this special time of preparation and celebration as we journey together in faith.

FLOWERS

You will have noticed that flowers have returned to church – many thanks to Pauline and her team. Don't forget that if you would like to contribute to the cost of the flowers there is a red collection box for flowers at the back of church.

CAN YOU HELP

We are all grateful to all those who help out on Sundays in so many ways. But we could do with more help, especially with the refreshments after the service, readings and being Sidespeople. The more who can help, the less frequently all are asked to assist. If you feel you can help in any way, please have a word with Gill Ayres or Richard West. Many thanks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 31 August 9.30 - 1	**Gardening day - Volunteer working party at the Dr George Rice Community Garden** The Friends of the Dr George Rice Community Garden are preparing for the return of the students to the Community Garden for work-based learning as the new academic year starts. They plan to open up the second half of the garden for school and college use. Jobs will range from using hand saws and branch lopping to using secateurs to snip vegetation and fill waste bags. You can use the benches for work if you are not very mobile and if gardening is not your cup of tea, then you could always make cups of tea! If you are interested then, please contact Jeff at jeff@suttonfx.com
Saturday 7 September 10 am start	**Water Water - A history walk and talk** We will meet at 10 am at St Nicholas Church. It will be an easy walk with plenty of stops and will finish at the cafe on Sutton Green for lunch/refreshments. We will be exploring Sutton's watery past (or lack of it). It's all downhill and not far at all. We will consider why St Nicholas Church is where it is, the missing and hidden water courses (Bourne, Blackwater and Divers Ditch) the problems of flushing toilets and why we had a steam mill but not a watermill like Carshalton and we will end at the Green and Victoria Gardens to wonder what ever happened to the pond. Donations accepted in aid of **Away From It All (AFIA)** - a Mothers' Union holiday scheme, to give the opportunity of a break to those who may be experiencing stress or difficulties in their family life.
September Heritage Open Dates	September means our **Heritage Open Days** are almost here. We are celebrating 160 years of the new building in the context of a thousand years of Sutton's history. Please see the sheet at the back of church to volunteer to help us keep the church open. Opening times in September: Thursday 12th 10:30 - 13:00, Saturday 14th 10:00 - 16:00, Sunday 15th 12:00 - 16:00, Thursday 19th 10:30 - 13:00, Sunday 22nd 12:00 - 16:00
Saturday 14 September onwards	**Alleyway mural painting starts 14th September** Our friends, community artists, Team Imagineers, are repainting the mural that runs from St Nicholas Churchyard to Robin Hood Lane using designs created by local community groups. Are you ready to join in the painting marathon? Sutton's biggest mural, 47 metres, painting starts on the 14th of September. You can just turn up on the day, but they would appreciate it if you register, the more good painters they have the better! This link takes you to the registration form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1m8yijgE1ishP79zFAgkBZRjogiuF6cec0-TRo3opMWM/edit
Sunday 6 October	**Harvest Sunday**- 10.30am All-age service led by Revd Alison Way (not Holy Communion) 5pm United Evening Service led by Revd Alison Way at St Nicholas