

St Nicholas Church Sutton

26 JANUARY 2025

Worship

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

This Week: Sunday 26 January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	10.30 Holy Communion led by Revd Kevin Lewis, Area Dean
Readings	Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10; 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; Luke 4.14-21
Hymns	158 Glorious things of thee are spoken, 366 O God our help in ages past, 518 Thy hand O God has guided, 184 Gracious Spirit Holy Ghost
Thursday 30 January	10am Holy Communion, led Revd Alison Way
Next Week: Sunday 2 February Candlemas	10.30 Holy Communion, led Revd Alison Way
Readings	Malachi 3.1-5; Hebrews 2.14-end; Luke 2.22-40

Prayer List

Tarja, Jean Chappell, Roger Barnes, Wilhelmina Robson, Jennifer Emptage, John Stannett, Georgie B

Departed

Stephen Cann, Irene Morgan, Shuk Yee Wu

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.

If you would value a pastoral visit or communion at home if you are unable to attend St Nicholas, please get in touch with Rev Alison via the parish office contact or direct via Alison.Way@southwark.anglican.org.

Charity of the Month for January/February is Sutton Community Works

Churches Uniting in Central Sutton Lent Study Groups 2025
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 March 10. This is a chance to reflect and discuss with friends from the other churches in central Sutton. There will be readings, prayers, music and lots of discussion. If you haven't tried this before, do join a group this year! There will be groups in the morning, evening and on zoom.
We will be following material planned by an organisation called Green Christian entitled Calling a Wounded Earth Home. This course asks: "What kind of people might we need to be to face the challenge of climate change?" The themes for the 5 weeks are LOVE, TRUTH, WISDOM, JUSTICE, HOPE.
Please speak to Clive Orton for further details and to sign up.

NOTICES AND WHAT'S ON

Regular Giving

It costs over £1,250 a week to run St Nicholas Church, including heating and lighting, maintenance, administration and caretaking, the music, and of course, providing the clergy to lead our worship - hopefully soon we will have a new Rector.

Fortunately, we are blessed with a congregation that provides support in many ways. Several help the church financially by Regular Giving: if you are one of these, you will have received a letter that encourages you to switch your method of giving to Direct Debit (please check your pigeonhole). All are encouraged to make this change as it will ease our administration, particularly when recovering the tax paid by those who Gift Aid their giving.

If you do not currently give regularly (perhaps preferring to make your offering during the service), may we ask you to consider and pray very carefully about changing to regular giving. This is the way in which you can provide regular financial support for the work of this church, but it also enables us to budget more accurately to ensure St Nicholas Church is a Christian heart in Sutton. For more information, please speak with a member of the Finance Committee: Rita Anderson, Pamela Kerr or Richard West.

Have you noticed the Red Chair in church? What is the Red Chair Project?

The Red Chair Project involves reserving a chair at a public place with a sign highlighting facts about domestic violence. The empty chair will also serve as a visual symbol of the lives lost to gender-based violence. This project is supported by the Mothers' UNION

Sunday 26 January noon after morning service St Nicholas	**SIGNAGE IMPROVEMENTS - Join us for a 45-minute session to explore how St Nicholas Church can better communicate its welcome to the community.** We'll walk around the church and churchyard, discussing ways to use the building, signage, and other elements to signal a welcoming and safe environment for people from all backgrounds and abilities. Your input is valuable as we strive to be a community in the heart of Sutton that is seen, understood, and experienced as welcoming to all. **We hope to see you there!** Jeff Richards
Sunday 16 February After the service	**St Nicholas MU** will be holding their **AGM** on Sunday, 16 February in church after the 10.30 am service. This will include planning our programme for 2025. Alongside this, we will have a **Bring & Buy sale** - bring along your unwanted Christmas gifts! We will provide a light lunch. Please come along with your ideas and support us!
Ash Wednesday, March 5 St Nicholas	Frugal Supper- 7.00pm and Service of Ashing - 8.00pm
Tuesday March 18 Trinity Church 7.30pm	Trinity Lent Lecture - Luke the Historian by Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler
Palm Sunday April 13 Trinity Church 6.30pm	Trinity Festival Choir, Crucifixion by Stainer
Thursday April 17 7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service

If you would like to be added to the email circulation list for the Notice Sheet please send details of your name and email address to: **PCCSecretary.StNicholas@suttonteamministry.org**