

St Nicholas Church Sutton

9 FEBRUARY 2025

Worship

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

This Week: Sunday 9 February 4th Sunday before Lent	10.30 Holy Communion led by Revd Charles Cotton
Readings	Isaiah 6.1-8; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11
Hymns	70 Bright the vision; 212 Holy Holy Holy; 567 Ye watchers and ye Holy ones; 106 Dear Lord and Father
Thursday 13 February	10am Holy Communion, led Revd Alison Way, followed at 11.15am by Prayers as we seek a new Rector
Next Week: Sunday 16 February 3rd Sunday before Lent	10.30am Morning Praise led by Jeff Richards
Readings	Jeremiah 17.5-10; 1 Corinthians 15.12-20; Luke 6.17-26

Prayer List

Heather, Chris, Tarja, 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.

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

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.

Lay Ministry taster evening

If you are thinking about how to use the gifts God has given you, then come find out more about Lay Ministry. At this taster session you can ask commitment-free questions about the different ministries, including Reader (teaching) ministry, Pastoral ministry, Pioneer (missional) ministry, ministry with Children and Young People, and Evangelist (outreach) ministry. This is a chance to hear some stories of people who have experienced these roles and been through training, and how you might begin exploring your own vocation.

Wednesday 19 February, 7.30-9.30pm, Zoom, free, or Wednesday 9 April, 7.30-9.30pm, Zoom, free.

To book your place email learning@southwark.anglican.org

Growing your church

Connecting social action, discipleship and growth (from Church Urban Fund). Find out how you can grow your church and community by connecting the dots between social action, discipleship and growth, through the Church Urban Fund's free Growing Good course. Thursday 27 February, 10-11am, Zoom, free. To book your place, go to https://cuf.org.uk/events

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	Ashing Service at St Nicholas at 8pm led by The Venerable Moira Astin. It will be preceded by a Frugal Supper, in church, at 7pm. No tickets are required, but please sign the form at the back of church no later than Sunday, 2 March if you wish to come to the supper. There is no charge, but a donation, suggested to be at least £3, on the evening will be welcome, with the proceeds going to Christian Aid.
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 - A united service led by Revd Alison Way
Friday, 18 April (Good Friday)	10am - Walk of Witness from outside ASDA. 2pm - Service of Reflection led by The Venerable Moira Astin
Sunday, 20 April (Easter Sunday)	10.30am Holy Communion led by Bishop Rosemarie, Bishop of Croydon

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**