

St Nicholas Church Sutton

16 FEBRUARY 2025

Worship

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

This 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
Hymns	62 Blessed Assurance; 232 I know that my redeemer lives; 315 Lord of our life; 56 Be thou my vision
Thursday 20 February	10am Holy Communion, led Revd Alison Way
Next Week: Sunday 23 February 2nd Sunday before Lent	10.30 am Holy Communion led by Revd Charles Cotton
Readings	Genesis 2.4b -9, 15-end; Revelation 4; Luke 8.22-25

Prayer List

Wilhelmina Robson, Jennifer Emptage, John Stannett, Georgie B

Departed

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

LENT/EASTER SERVICES

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.
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

NOTICES AND WHAT'S ON

Regular Giving

Our church can only function thanks to the generosity of those who give regularly. Such regular giving helps us to plan for the future as we aim to grow St Nicholas once again. It is so good to see the number coming to our 10.30am service on Sundays increasing, and people staying after the service for a time for a chat over a cup of coffee. Let us ensure that growth continues. However, there is more - we need to heat and light the church, and to maintain the building.

We would like to suggest that all make their giving through the **Parish Giving Scheme**. This is a way by which you can give a regular amount each month from your bank account using a direct debit. The process is simple - just sign up by phone, online or by post. Leaflets are available at the back of church that explain the process. You do not have to visit or contact your bank, except to cancel any existing standing order after your direct debit has been set up.

Please think and pray about your commitment to St Nicholas Church and take a few moments to read through the leaflet about direct debit giving. Speak to Richard West for more details.

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

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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!
Sunday 16 March **12.30pm following morning service**	**Trinity - Outing to Design Museum and Japan House -** Meet at the back of Trinity Church after morning service with your packed lunch. We plan to have a picnic in the halls before we leave at around 12.30pm and then travel by train and underground to London to visit **Japan House** for a woodworking exhibition and the **Design Museum**. If the weather is kind we shall also visit the **Japanese Peace Garden** in Holland Park. There are no admission charges. Please let John and Deborah Wroe (john.p.wroe@gmail.com) know if you plan to come.
Tuesday March 18 **Trinity Church 7.30pm**	Trinity Lent Lecture - Luke the Historian by Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler