

St Nicholas Church Sutton

1 March 2026

Worship

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

This Week: Sunday 1 March 2nd Sunday of Lent	**10:30 am** Holy Communion led by Revd Charles Cotton
Readings	Genesis 12:1-4a, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17
Hymns	114 Eternal Father strong to save; 405 One more step along the world; 55 Be thou my guardian; 15 All my hope on God is founded
Thursday 5 March	**10.00 am** Holy Communion led by Revd Kevin Lewis
Next week: Sunday 8 March 3rd Sunday of Lent	**10.30 am** Holy Communion led by Revd Charles Cotton
Readings	Exodus 17:1-7, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42
Hymns	226 I cannot tell; 231 I heard the voice of Jesus; 422 Praise my soul; 148 From Heaven you came

Prayer List

Emma Tse, Sarah, Georgie B, Wilhelmina Robson, Jennifer Emptage, John Stannett

Departed

Jean Chappell

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.

The Bishop of Southwark and the Hertford College Advowson Trustees are pleased to announce that the Reverend Allen Bower, presently Vicar of St Saviour's Sunbury in the Diocese of London, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge (Rector Designate) of St Nicholas Sutton, subject to completion of the necessary procedures.
Further details, including the date of the Licensing service will follow in due course.

* Further information is attached below

A SAFE CHURCH

Any issues relating to the safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults should be directed to the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO): Nicki Richards (nicolaannerichards@gmail.com). Concerns can be brought to any ministers.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR READING AND INTERCESSIONS

We need volunteers to read the Old and New Testaments and Intercessions at our Sunday Services.
If you are able to help with this, please speak to Gill Ayres who can give you more information.

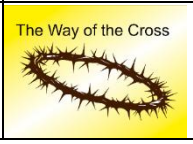
CHATTY CAFÉ VOLUNTEER HOSTS NEEDED



Would you like to help create a welcoming space where people can meet, chat and feel part of the community? Chatty Café meets every Tuesday from 11 am to 2 pm at Unity Junction in the St Nicholas Centre. We are looking for volunteer hosts to greet guests, offer refreshments and help create a friendly atmosphere. We welcome volunteers of all ages and backgrounds. Full onboarding and support will be provided. Come and join Megan, Paulline and Jeff as part of the Chatty Café Team. Pick up an application form at a Tuesday session, the back of church or contact jeff@suttonfx.com for more information.

The Charity of the Month for March is The Bishop's Lent Appeal

NOTICES AND WHAT'S ON

Sunday 1 March	 **Litter picking & Churchyard Tidy Up -** Join us for a friendly, all-ages litter pick and churchyard tidy up this spring. We will provide all the equipment you need, although you are welcome to bring your own gloves if you prefer. Please wear sensible shoes suitable for walking around the churchyard. Everyone is welcome and no experience is needed. 1st March, 22nd March
Sunday 1 March **Welsh Chapel, Lind Road, Sutton** **3pm**	The Welsh Chapel has warmly extended an open invitation to all to attend their St David's Day Service at the Chapel. This special service will mark the joyful conclusion of the congregation's 60th anniversary year of worshipping at the Chapel, giving thanks for six decades of faithful witness, fellowship and Welsh heritage in the heart of Sutton. All are most welcome to join this celebration.
Friday 6 March **Salvation Army Church,** **45 Benhill Ave SM1 4DD** **10.15 am**	 **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**
Sunday 8 March **Trinity** **12 noon after morning service**	**Trinity outing to the Tate Britain Art Gallery -** Tate Britain displays a collection of British Art from 1500 to the present day - we might be able to join a 2pm, 45 minute guided tour if it is running on the day. We plan to have a cup of tea at the museum cafe before returning to Sutton. We shall meet at the back of Trinity at 12 noon and eat our packed lunches downstairs in the halls before leaving ariund 12.30 to catch a train to London Vauxhall from Sutton station. Please contact John and Deborah Wroe on 020 8642 9064 or john.p.wroe@gmail.com if you need further information. All are welcome, the museum is free to enter and suitable for children over 7 years old.
Saturday 14 March **10 – 12 making bunches of flowers** **Mothering Sunday** **Cake Sale**	Meet up to **make up bunches of flowers** to distribute to the congregation on Mothering Sunday (15th March). If you are able to help, please sign up (see the sheet at the back of the church) so that we know who will be coming along. It would be very much appreciated if you could bring some daffodils and garden greenery along with you. There will also be a **cake sale** on Mothering Sunday in aid of the Mothers Union, so any cake donations will be very much appreciated.
Tuesday 24 March **Trinity** **7.30pm**	 **Is the Bible Fiction?** The Trinity Lent Lecture is given by Revd Dr David Dickinson, a previous minister of the church. Taking a lead from the facts that children's Bibles are sold as 'The Story of the Bible', and novelists often reimagine Bible stories, this talk considers the role of fiction in the Bible and the way it uncovers the Bible's meaning and purpose. All are welcome, free entry.
Sunday 29 March, Palm Sunday **Trinity** **6.30pm**	 Palm Sunday service which takes the form of a performance of "The Way of the Cross" by Trinity Festival Choir. There will be a retiring collection, and all donations on the evening will be given to the charity Aid to the Church in Need.

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

The Diocese of Southwark

Announcement

Sunday 15 February 2026

Appointment of Priest in Charge (Rector Designate)
of St Nicholas Sutton
by The Bishop of Southwark
and Hertford College Advowson Trustees

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Hello from Revd Allen

Hello everyone — I'm Allen Bower, and I'm so pleased (and very honoured) to be joining you as your new Rector at St Nicholas.

I have two teenage sons, and as a family we are very excited about this new chapter. I grew up in Eastbourne, have spent most of my adult life in London, and have enjoyed time in Sutton with good friends — so coming to St Nicholas feels both new and wonderfully familiar.

Alongside my ministry as a vicar in Sunbury, I have also served as Dean of Cultural Diversity, a Vocations Adviser, and a trainer of curates. Each of these roles has deepened my love for the Church and strengthened my passion for seeing communities flourish through faith.

What especially excites me about St Nicholas is your beautiful vision: "A Christian heart for our town – loving God and loving our neighbour." I am eager to walk alongside you, to learn from you, to worship and serve with you, and to grow together as a church family rooted in God's love. In the meantime, please keep me in your prayers as I prepare to finish well in my ministry here in Sunbury, and be assured that you are already in mine.

I very much look forward to meeting you all and joining in with God's work in Sutton.

With every blessing, Allen