

Friday 26 March 2021
St Nicholas, Sutton: open for Worship

"How amiable are thy dwellings thou Lord of Hosts" *Psalm 84*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are delighted to be re-opening St Nicholas Church this Sunday 28 March, Palm Sunday. There will be Holy Communion at 10.30am on Sundays and at 10am on Thursdays. On Thursday, the church will remain open for Private Prayer.

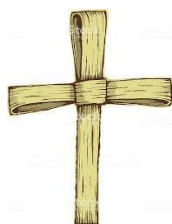
Covid regulations are still in place, so services will be shorter and simpler than usual and some of our Holy Week traditions have to be omitted.

If you don't feel comfortable coming back to church just yet or you're shielding, worship material will be provided and there will be a service by Zoom on Maundy Thursday.

I would like to thank those who have been working hard (conducting risk assessments, observing guidelines) to make sure that we can worship in church again safely, especially the Churchwardens and the PCC.

We ask for your prayers and understanding as we open St Nicholas for worship again.
God bless,

Revd Frances



HOLY WEEK

In church

Sunday 28 March Palm Sunday 10.30am

Thursday 1 April Maundy Thursday 10am (followed by private prayer until 12.30pm)

Sunday 4 April Easter Sunday 10.30am

Online

Sunday 28 March Palm Sunday 6.30pm CUCS United Worship
(final session of Lent Course 'Woven Together') - [details attached](#)
Thursday 1 April Maundy Thursday 7pm

Worship material provided

Holy Monday – Holy Wednesday Compline
Friday 2 April Good Friday

You will find information about what to expect over the page/...

What to expect

Please note that in accordance with Government regulations you must not attend if you have symptoms of Covid-19.

When you arrive please:

- use the main entrance (west door) – we will open the door 20 minutes before the service starts (special arrangements will be made for any wheelchair users)
- maintain social distancing of 2m while you wait until the entrance is clear
- use the hand sanitiser provided
- give your name and telephone number if asked. This information will be kept for 21 days so you can be contacted as part of NHS track and trace if others test positive for Covid-19
- wait to be greeted by a sidesperson and shown to your seat (to conform with social distancing)
- note the designated routes around the church
- wear a face covering - this is a requirement, so please come prepared (worship leaders will not be wearing a face covering while leading worship)

During the service:

- service sheets will be available. Please do not share your service sheet with others.
- follow the instructions given by the priest. Directions will be given about receiving communion. Only bread will be distributed
- do not physically share the peace or physically greet others

At the end

- the exit will be through the south door
- please leave the building promptly when directed and take your service sheet and any papers and check you have all your property with you
- there will be no refreshments available
- please move on from the churchyard after the service
- let us know if you test positive for Covid-19 up to 21 days after the service

Please note:

There will be no JAM or Spectrum (provision for children) but they are encouraged to attend and will be most welcome.

There will be no toilet available.

Donations can be made using the box by the exit. Please give by cheque and not cash.

Arrangements for opening the church are subject to change if either Government guidance or local circumstances change. There may be other safeguards we need to put in place.

If you have any questions you can contact the Parish Office at administrator@suttonteamministry.org

We look forward to welcoming you.

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