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ST BARNABAS CHURCH

NOTICES

SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2026 – SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

MORNING WORSHIP - 10.30am
Exodus 24.12-end; 2 Peter 1.16-end; Matthew 17.1-9

WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2026 – ASH WEDNESDAY

HOLY COMMUNION – 7.30pm
Isaiah 58.1-12; 2 Corinthians 5.20b - 6.10; Matthew 6.1-6,16-21

SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2026

PRAYER DURING THE DAY 10.00am
Psalms 71; Genesis 40; Galatians 3.15-22

SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2026 – 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

HOLY COMMUNION - 10.30am
Genesis 12.1-4; Romans 4.1-5,13-17; John 3.1-17

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2026 – 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

HOLY COMMUNION - 10.30am
Genesis 2.15-17,3.1-7; Romans 5.12-19; Matt 4.1-11

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 2026

PRAYER DURING THE DAY 10.00am
Psalms 25; Genesis 1-7,28-end; Hebrews 4.1-13

REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays: 10.30am Holy Communion

Saturdays: 10.00am Prayer during the Day (1st & 3rd Saturday of the month)

BIBLE STORIES FOR CHILDREN (with their parent/carers)

If you have a child with you, you can then join the group in the Church Halls at 10.30am whenever you come to church for a Sunday Morning Communion Service. A short story is read, followed by a related colouring or related activity which you help your child with. When there is a Communion Service, parents/carers return to church for Communion with their children

CHARITY OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY & MARCH is THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK'S LENT CALL 2026 which is raising funds for projects that focus on the work of schools in the Diocese of Jerusalem, in our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and here in our own diocese that will help benefit children and young people to flourish. Schools play such a crucial role in everyone's lives and the theme this year is from Proverbs, Chapter 22, verse 6: *'Start children off on the way they should go'*. Schools are important as the main place where children and young people begin to venture outside the family and learn to interact with others outside the home.

As Proverbs goes on to say, *'even when they are old, they will not turn from it.'* Our early life experiences are undoubtedly formative - for good or ill. Bishop Christopher is keen to help young people, in all situations, have the opportunity to grow, learn and flourish in positive, well-resourced schools.

Here, in Southwark Diocese, they are used for community events and provide opportunities for breakfast and after school clubs to help with childcare for working parents and guardians. As well as educating children, diocesan schools in Zimbabwe - particularly in the rural areas - often provide fresh water for the local villages and for agriculture, which use their boreholes - ensuring fresh water to drink, healthy livestock and good crop yields.

In the Diocese of Jerusalem, in areas where schools can function, they provide a chance, not only for children impacted by the ongoing conflict to continue to learn, but they often offer help with the trauma that children have suffered and provide food and a safe place for them to look to the future with hope.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

The Charity of the Month Box is now on the table as you come into Church. Last Month's Charity of the Month raised £76.75 for "Away from it All Holidays". Thank you to all who were able to contribute.

SATURDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY - 5.00pm - 7.30pm – ST VALENTINE'S DAY TEA DANCE in St Barnabas Church Halls.

Please add your name to the list at the back of the Church if you wish to attend.

This event **MUST** be pre - booked by 8th February at the latest, for catering purposes. Cost: £10 per adult £5 per child under 16.

There will be music and dancing - entirely optional - if you have a favourite song please let Dorothy know and she can add it to our play list.

Please bring cash so you can purchase a raffle ticket for the **Valentine's 'Mystery' Raffle** - there will be 5 secret prizes to be won!

We look forward to welcoming you to this event.

TUESDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY - 2.00pm in the Church Halls, the Revd KAYODE OYEBODE will be talking to members of the Mothers' Union about his life and spiritual life. After the talk there will be pancakes as it will be Shrove Tuesday. **Children will be welcomed as will EVERYONE whether or not a member of Mothers' Union.**

FROM MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY – LENT GROUPS – For details, see next page

WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY - 10.00am - 12 noon – WALK-IN WEDNESDAY
Refreshments, chat, puzzle corner - please join us. Everyone Welcome.

FROM MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY – LENT GROUPS

This year there will be four Lent Study Groups running for 5 weeks. 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!

Starting in the week beginning 23rd February:

Mondays at 10.30am in the Minor Hall at Trinity Church, Sutton

Tuesdays at 7.30pm (except 24th March) on Zoom

Wednesdays at 7.30pm on Zoom

Thursdays at 11.15am in St Nicholas Church

All groups will then meet in Holy Week on Tuesday 31st March at 7.30pm at a venue to be confirmed nearer the time.

If you wish to join any of these groups, please complete the registration form at the back of the Church, speak to Sally Bramdaw or Dorothy Hannam OR contact Olwen Edwards (olwenmedwards@gmail.com; Tel: 020 8643 2525; Mob: 07805 848983).

The groups will be following the Anglican Lent Study “**Draw Near: Lifegiving Habits for Life.**” A booklet will be available for each participant - a donation of £2 would be appreciated.



"Draw Near: Life-giving Habits for Lent" is the official 2026 Church of England Lent resource, designed to help individuals develop a daily rhythm of faith. Introduced by Archbishops Sarah Mullally and Stephen Cottrell who have written, "*Draw Near is all about teaching us how we can cultivate the habits and practices that will draw us nearer to God. And we will find that, in doing so, God will draw nearer to us, too,*" the booklet offers daily Bible readings, reflections, and practical steps

focused on six core habits: worship, prayer, Scripture, communion, service, and sharing the Gospel.

Key details about the 2026 resource:

Focus: Developing a "Rhythm of Life" to grow as a disciple of Christ.

Structure: Weekly themes covering essential Christian practices.

Material: Contains daily Bible readings, reflections, prayers, and actions.

It is intended for both individual reflection and group study to prepare for Easter and is also available from Amazon, price £2.99 plus delivery if applicable

GOOD NEWS! ROOF WORKS COMPLETED AND PAID FOR

Many thanks for all your support whether by donations or helping with cleaning, sorting, disposing of rubbish, whatever you did to help - **THANK YOU.**

Please note all Notices for the Notice Sheet should be emailed by Noon on Tuesday each week to
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