ST BARNABAS CHURCH

NOTICES

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SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 2026

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

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2026 – 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

HOLY COMMUNION - 10.30am
Exodus 17.1-7; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2026 – 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE - 10.30am
Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.33-35

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2026

PRAYER DURING THE DAY - 10.00am
Psalm 32; Exodus 7.8-end; Hebrews 11.1-16

SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 2026 – 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
PASSION SUNDAY

HOLY COMMUNION - 10.30am
Ezekiel 37.1-14; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 2026 – PALM SUNDAY

HOLY COMMUNION - 10.30am
Isaiah 50.4-9; Phil 2.5-11; Matt 26.14-27.end

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

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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.

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

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WEDNESDAY 11TH & 25TH MARCH - 10.00am - 12 noon – WALK-IN WEDNESDAY
Refreshments, chat, puzzle corner - please join us. Everyone Welcome.

On SATURDAY, 14 TH MARCH at 3.30 for 4.00pm until 7.30pm, the Foresters' Friendly Society will be holding a FISH & CHIPS CHARITY 'BRAIN GYM ' in St Barnabas Church Hall in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. There will be an illustrated talk from a representative of the Alzheimer's Society and an opportunity to join in a variety of seated games to help keep your little grey cells fit. For all ages and all abilities.

£15 per adult (£6 sausage & chips box for children) includes a dessert and tea/coffee. Book your place(s) with Rosemary Walsh as soon as possible and no later than next Sunday, 8th March, either after church or by emailing her at court3449@forestersfriendlysociety.co.uk. See flyer (below) with full details.

On PALM SUNDAY, 29TH MARCH, PALM SUNDAY at 6.30pm there will be a performance by Trinity Festival Choir of 'The Way of the Cross' at Trinity Church, Sutton. All welcome. Free entry. See flyer (below) with full details.

THE SPRING EDITION OF THE ST BARNABAS PARISH MAGAZINE is now available and copies are on sale (price £1.00) on the table as you come into church.

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

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Alzheimer's Society

Foresters Friendly Society

Court "Wellington", 3449 of Foresters' Friendly Society invites you to a

Fish & Chips & Charity Fundraiser

A 'Brain Gym' in aid of its
National President's appeal for the

Alzheimer's Society

Saturday 14th March 2026
3.30pm for 4.00pm until 7.30pm
in St Barnabas Church Halls, St Barnabas Road, Sutton, SM1 4NP

A film & talk by Soya Cutts from Alzheimer's Society followed by an afternoon of seated games to help keep your little grey cells fit.
For all ages and all abilities.
£15 per adult (£6 sausage & chips box for children)
(includes a dessert and tea/coffee)

To book your place please speak to Rosemary Walsh or email court3449@forestersfriendlysociety.co.uk by 8 March

The Way of the Cross

A Palm Sunday Choral Service with Trinity Festival Choir

Palm Sunday
29 March
6.30pm
At Trinity Church
Sutton

The sequence of readings, poetry and music will be based on the Passion narrative from St Mark's Gospel, interspersed with traditional Passiontide congregational hymns as well as anthems by Gibbons and contemporary composers such as Philip Moore and Bob Chilcott. There is also a beautiful and original choral arrangement of "Were you there" and excepts from Handel's Messiah and Brahms' Requiem.

Conductor Stephen Haylett
Organ Mark Laflin

There will be a retiring collection, and all donations on the evening will be given to the charity *Aid to the Church in Need*, a charity that supports persecuted Christians globally, targetting aid in what actual local sufferers permanently "on the ground" identify as the most effective way. Please give generously!

All welcome
No admission charge

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