

This Month's Worship in Churches Uniting in Central Sutton

Sunday 6 May

- 9.00am **St N** Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.30am **SBC** Morning Worship Communion
Revd Graham Woolgar
Trinity Morning Worship
Revd Dr Martin Camroux
St N Morning Worship
Sue Mallison, Lay Minister
Diocese of Southwark, Environmental Officer
 6.30pm **St N** **CUCS United Service**

Sunday 13 May

- 9.00am **St N** Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.30am **Trinity** **CUCS United Service**
Christian Aid Week
Revd Dr David Dickinson
 6.30pm **St N** **CUCS United Service**

Thursday 16 May Ascension Day

8.00pm **Worship at Christ Church**

Sunday 20 May Pentecost

- 9.00am **St N** Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.30am **SBC** Morning Worship
Jenny Hawke
The Leprosy Mission
Trinity Morning Worship
Revd Dr David Dickinson
St N Holy Communion
 6.30pm **St N** **CUCS United Service**

Sunday 27 May Trinity Sunday

- 9.00am **St N** Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.30am **SBC** Morning Worship Communion
Revd Graham Woolgar
Trinity Morning Worship
Hannah Chun
St N Holy Communion
 6.30pm **St N** **CUCS United Service**

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Dear Reader,

In my second CUCS Lent talk, I described the world of the Psalmist as enchanted, and ours as disenchanting. I was picked up on this as the terms were unfamiliar and had conjured up images of fairies. The terms were meant to indicate that, in the era in which the psalms were written, there was a deep sense of the spiritual and the mysterious – people felt wonder, awe and curiosity – and that, in contrast, the modern world is matter-of-fact. Many who live now have lost the ability to marvel at wonder, beauty and mystery. Everything has to be explained and understood.

When Jesus urged his followers to become like children, I believe he was encouraging us to recover the enchantment we had when we were young. Of course, we can't go back. Our childhoods have passed. So Jesus was not asking us to return to a romantic or nostalgic condition of being a child once again. Rather, he was asking us to remember what we have forgotten as we became adults; he was asking us to reclaim what we shed as we grew up. And what is that? Playfulness, creativity, curiosity. Trust, acceptance, wonder. All of which can find full expression in contemplation and worship, when it brings us close to God.

Ministers do not only discern their vocation at the beginning of their ministry. Over the years vocation grows. Because vocation changes, it remains alive. I am sure, therefore, that I am not the only minister who describes my current vocation in terms I would not have used when I first felt called. Nowadays, I find that what drives me on in the daily grind is a desire for people to lead enchanted lives. I want people to be enchanted by this wonderful world we live in. I want people to see the goodness that is in each of us. I want people to look up, walk tall and catch glimpses of God. The church, as a place of enchantment, has a vital role to play in a disenchanting world.

David

Revd Dr David Dickinson



Devotions

A Prayer for Pentecost



Lord Jesus, as God's Spirit came down and rested upon you, may the same Spirit rest on us, Bestowing his sevenfold gifts.

First, grant us the gift of understanding, By which your precepts may enlighten our minds.

Second, grant us counsel, by which we may follow in your footsteps on the path of righteousness.

Third, grant us courage, by which we may ward off the enemy's attacks.

Fourth, grant us knowledge, by which we can distinguish good from evil.

Fifth, grant us piety, by which we may acquire compassionate hearts.

Sixth, grant us fear, by which we may draw back from evil and submit to what is good.

Seventh, grant us wisdom, that we may taste fully the life-giving sweetness of your love.

Prayer of St. Bonaventure (1221-1274)

Regular Events

CUCS is Sutton Baptist Church, St Nicholas and Trinity URC/Methodist who are Churches Uniting in Central Sutton, and who regularly meet together for prayer, worship and shared activities. All members of CUCS are warmly welcomed at these activities

Saturday Prayer Meeting (1st and 3rd Saturdays)
10.00am - 11.00am at Sutton Baptist Church.

Sunday Prayer Meeting after the morning service in the Terrace Room at Trinity.

St Nicholas' Mothers' Union All are welcome
Contact: Emma Cann 020 8641 6530

Women in Touch (WIT) meets fortnightly on a Monday at 10.30am at different venues, to enjoy a variety of activities including coffee, films and outings. It is open to women of any age. For further details of the programme contact: Carole Adams 07711879645 or see: www.trinitychurchsutton.org.uk

Trinity Toddler Group meets on Tuesdays in term time in Trinity Hall, 9.00-11.00am.
Contact: Sheila Booth 8715 0514

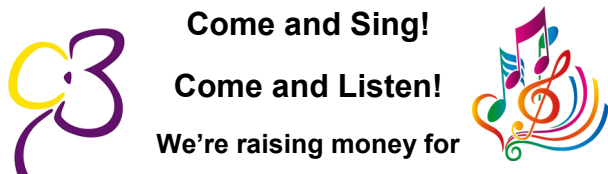
Bunker, the youth club for CUCS, meets in Trinity Hall on Sunday evenings in term time from 6.30-8.00pm for young people at senior school. A chance to get to know other young people in CUCS and have fun together.
Contact Jane Oliver: 01883 346261.

Badminton Club meets 7.45-10.00pm every Monday in Trinity Hall.

Sutton Churches Tennis Club can be found between 99 and 101 Gander Green Lane, Sutton. All ages and abilities are welcome. See our website at www.clubtennis.co.uk

Coffee and Craft meets in the Oasis at Trinity, 10.00-11.30am usually on the third Friday of the month. Meet with others and work on your knitting, sewing, paper craft or other project. Beginners welcomed!
Contact: Deborah Wroe: 8642 9064,

Art and Fellowship Group meets most weeks on Tuesday at 2.30pm in the Minor Hall at Trinity. Painting, drawing and other media with fellowship and mutual support.
Contact: David Ovenden (07874 643 659)



Come and Sing!

Come and Listen!

We're raising money for

Sutton Cruse Bereavement Support

"Music for a Summer Evening"
Sunday 1 July at 6.30pm

Singers from our churches are warmly invited to join **Trinity Festival Choir**, which is developing quite a following, not just in CUCS but in the wider community.

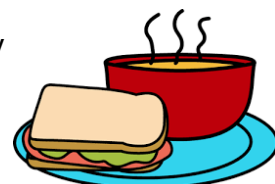
The popular programme of music will include Vivaldi's *Gloria*, Parry's wonderful setting of *I was Glad* and music by Elgar and Handel, as well as some festive organ music.

Rehearsals will take place in the Parlour at Trinity on Thursday evenings at 8pm, starting on **Thursday 10th May**.

Encourage your singing friends and members of your congregation to join us and if you are not a singer, put the date in your diary to come and listen and support our Cruse project.

Stephen Haylett

Oasis at Trinity
Church is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 2pm for refreshments, light lunches and a chance to chat.



News from the Churches

Welcome Back!

On Sunday 6 May Revd Dr Martin Camroux will be leading morning worship at Trinity. It is nearly five years since Martin retired as Minister at Trinity and moved to Colchester and we look forward to seeing him and Margaret again.

Raise, Give and Celebrate Hope!



The Girls' Brigade is celebrating 125 years of faithful and fruitful service during 2018 and our theme for the year is to *Raise, Give and Celebrate Hope*.

Have you ever had a connection with Girls' Brigade? Were you a member? Did your children attend? Have you helped with a camp or event? Has your church benefited from the ministry of GB.?

If the answer to any of these questions is "yes" then we'd like to invite you to the Sutton District Girls' Brigade Celebration Event on Monday 7th May (Bank Holiday) from 2.00-5.00pm at Ruxley Church, Ruxley Lane, West Ewell Surrey KT19 0JG. All past and current girls, families, friends and leaders are invited. There will be fun zones with a range of activities and a celebration service followed by tea.

Please contact Janice Ogilvie on 07905 337013 or Carolyn Graham on 0208 642 3584

Refugee and Migrant Network Sutton

Two volunteering opportunities with RMNS!

Wednesdays in term time from 10-12 midday in Trinity Hall. We need a volunteer to prepare and serve tea and coffee to about 60 people who attend an English class at the Drop-in and perhaps to sit alongside learners in a class.

Mondays in term time in Trinity Hall for 8 weeks each term, from 9.15-11.00am. Our ESOL Toddler Group needs another person who enjoys playing with young children! The aim is to offer friendship and some basic English to about 12 families. For more information contact: Olwen Edwards, 020 643 2525 olwenmedwards@gmail.com

Can you speak Arabic or do you know an Arabic speaker? Please get in touch for details!

In memoriam Mauvis Claire Ashworth

Claire was a committed member of Sutton Baptist Church since 1953 though latterly confined to her home. Her quiet acceptance of her lot, her gentle nature and her love for her Lord was a shining example to all who knew her. She served as a Deacon, was involved with Wellesley Lodge Residential Home, Programme Secretary for the Women's Fellowship, a founding member of the Saturday prayer group and was on the committee of the Haven, a home for unmarried mothers and their babies. She met her husband Godfrey when working for the Baptist Missionary Society.

A thanksgiving service for the life of Claire will be held at Sutton Baptist Church on Wednesday 2nd May at 2.30pm.

Sunday Afternoon Outing 20 May

We will visit the **Rhododendron Wood** near Leith Hill Place and then go on to Shere for tea and a look around the village. We will be walking about a mile on hilly country paths; good walking shoes are recommended.

Meet at the back of Trinity after morning service, and bring a packed lunch. We will be travelling by car.

Please let us know if you are coming and can offer a lift, or if you need a lift, so that we can ensure we have enough transport. Contact John or Deborah Wroe 020 8642 9064 or email: john.p.wroe@gmail.com

The Rhododendron Wood was created in the late 1800s by Caroline Wedgwood of the illustrious pottery family who lived at nearby Leith Hill Place. A keen plantswoman and botanist, Caroline was the eldest sister of Charles Darwin who would visit Leith Hill and walk in the woods. In 1944 the Rhododendron Wood was left to the National Trust by its then owner, the composer Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Congratulations Harry!



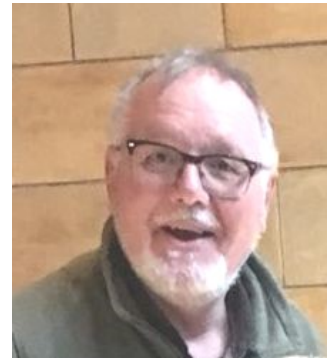
Harry Aikines-Aryeetey (centre front) was a member of the gold medal winning 4 x 100m relay team at the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast last month. Harry's parents worship regularly at Trinity where William is a Deacon. Well done Harry!

Introducing Revd Graham Woolgar!

Graham Woolgar has just been appointed as the **Transitional Minister at Sutton Baptist Church.**

Having originally qualified as a social worker in the 1980s, he was first called to ministry at West Wickham and Shirley Baptist Church, and helped to plant a new Church on the Shrublands Estate. He served there for 18 years before leading the Christian charity *Pocket Testament League (UK)* for a further 6 years.

Following this Graham was asked to help establish another new church, this time in Hartlepool. After nearly 5 years of ministry there he accepted the call to become the pastor at Brighton Road Baptist Church, South Croydon in July 2011. His ministry there ended in January of this year, when he handed on the responsibility for leading the church to his associate.



Graham took up his new role on Easter Day 2018.

He currently serves as a District Minister for the East Surrey District of the London Baptist Association, providing pastoral care to churches and pastors in the area.

Graham's role at SBC is to support the leadership team and the fellowship over the next 2 years, through a period of reflection and appraisal

"We are excited about this next stage in the life of SBC, and look forward to discovering together what God has in store for both the church, and the community."

Graham is married to Margaret, and has 4 grown up children and 6 grandchildren.

(Graham, everyone within Churches Together in Central Sutton looks forward to meeting you and we keep SBC in our thoughts and prayers as you work together to discern the way forward.)



What will you be doing this Christian Aid Week?

Perhaps you will be donating?

Thank you!

Or delivering and collecting envelopes?

Great! But more roads need to be covered! Speak to your church rep!

(Trinity: Colin Howard SBC: Carolyn Graham St Nicholas: Clive Orton)

Have you helped in the past with the mile of coins?

Thank you! BUT NOT THIS YEAR!

Instead we will be in the High Street with boxes and buckets on



Saturday 19 May.

**This is a new venture so please help!
Sign the rotas available in each church!**

Yes! I want to #StandTogether for dignity, equality and justice.

Together we are stronger than the storms

From the Editor I would be delighted to receive comments and suggestions on the future of *Unite!* Contact me by my new email: owenmedwards@gmail.com or by phone: **020 8643 2525**. Copy date for the May issue is 16 May. Links to the electronic version of *Unite!* can be found on each church's website.