

This Month's Worship in Churches Uniting in Central Sutton

Sunday 4 July

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) - St N
10.30am Brigade awards service - SBC
Holy Communion - Trinity
Preacher Revd. Martin Camroux
Holy Communion - St N

6.30pm **United Service at St Nicholas**

Sunday 11 July

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP with singing) - St N
10.30am Morning Worship with communion-SBC
Preacher Revd. Mike Dales
Morning worship NCH Sunday - Trinity
Preacher Alan Jameson
Holy Communion - St N

6.30pm **United Service at St Nicholas**

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) - St N
10.30am Morning Worship - SBC
Preacher Revd. Mike Dales
Morning worship - Trinity
Junior Church anniversary
Holy Communion - St N

6.30pm **United Service at St Nicholas**

Sunday 25 July

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP with singing) - St N
10.30am Morning Worship with communion- SBC
Preacher Revd. Mike Dales
Morning worship Trinity
Preacher Very Revd Alfred Aryeetey,
Wesley Cathedral Accra
Holy Communion - St N

6.30pm **United Service at St Nicholas**

United evening services in August will be at SBC

Sunday 8 August is a 'pulpit swap'
At 10.30am Revd Mike Dales will be preaching at Trinity, Revd Martin Camroux at St Nicholas and Revd Mark Pullinger at SBC.

Please see individual church notices for details of other services in August

CUCS is St Nicholas, Sutton Baptist and Trinity Methodist/URC who are churches uniting in central Sutton, and meet regularly for prayer, worship and shared activities.

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Dear friends

As I write this letter the sun is streaming from the sky and Britain is experiencing once of its occasional heat waves. For those of us who like it warm, it is a welcome relief after the mixed weather of recent months. Whether or not it lasts, it certainly indicates that summer is on its way – and many of us will already be looking forward to BBQs in the garden, day trips to the seaside, and all the other things that can be done when the temperature is pleasant. Once more, too, the winter coats can be safely stored away, in sure and certain knowledge that they won't be needed for a good few months.

Summer is, of course, holiday time – a time when many people get away (volcanoes permitting!) for a well-earned break. And even those who don't manage to get away, look forward to the slower pace and less busy atmosphere of the season. Even Church activities slow down after the relatively busy period from Advent to Pentecost.

I have often noticed that many people seem to regard leisure time as wasted time! Perhaps there is a touch of the 'Puritan Work Ethic' in many of us that makes us feel almost guilty when we aren't engaged in fruitful labour of some kind.

Yet, according to Genesis, even God had a rest after the labours of Creation! Indeed, rest and relaxation is vital for both our physical and mental well-being – and for our spiritual well-being too. Times of rest are God's gift to us, to enable us to recharge our batteries and ease the tiredness of our minds and our limbs, in order that we may return to more mundane duties with renewed energy.

So, if you are intending to take a break this summer, enjoy it! It really is a gift of God to you. And even if getting away isn't an option, take the time to rest – even an hour spent in the garden reading a good book will do you good.

But, whether you get away or not, be blessed!

Your friend

Mike Dales

A 5 minute interview with Carolyn Graham

What brought you to Sutton and how long ago?

I was born in Cedar Road and have lived and attended school in the area all of my life.



What do you spend your time doing ? (paid and unpaid!)

I work full time for The London Borough of Sutton as a Human Resources Advisor. I am also a Deacon at SBC, play tennis at Sutton Churches Tennis Club, cycle with the Nonsuch Cycling Group and I am Captain of 1st Sutton Girls Brigade Company as well as enjoying reading, listening to music, gardening and going on holiday.

Favourite book and piece of music?

No particular book but have several favourite authors: Patricia Cornwell, Bill Bryson, Anne Widdicombe. Music - Tubular Bells by Mike Oldfield.

Favourite book of the Bible?

Ruth – she was an outsider but came to find faith and was given a part to play in biblical history as the great grandmother of David and ancestor of Jesus. Her life shows us that everyone matters and what we do counts.

What motivated you to take on the Great Wall of China trek?

Celebrating my 50th birthday this year I wanted to do something special. Alison Manick from SBC expressed an interest in joining me so we are going together to raise funds for Wateraid which was established as a charity in 1981 to transform lives by improving access to safe water, hygiene and sanitation (something we take for granted) in the world's poorest countries.

Trinity Book Club – a couple of novels for the summer

Over the last few years Trinity Book Club has held a series of discussion groups, usually on books with theological or historical themes. This Autumn we are planning a single evening discussion of two novels which you might like to read over the summer months. *Gilead* and *Home* are by contemporary American novelist Marilynne Robinson and are set in the small mid-west town of Gilead in the 1950s against a background of the emerging Civil Rights Movement.

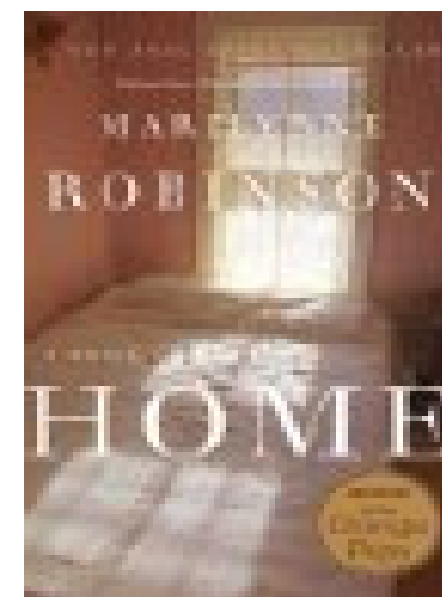
They are linked, though not necessarily sequential, books written from the perspective of two families, those of Rev. John Ames, a Congregational minister and his close friend Rev. Robert Boughton, minister of Gilead's Presbyterian Church. *Gilead* was written first and takes the form of a series of letters by the elderly, dying Ames to his very young son. It is a gentle, contemplative book ranging over many years and generations so don't expect a thriller! *Home* is probably the "easier" read and brings to the fore Rev. Boughton's son Jack, the black sheep of the family and daughter Glory who feature in *Gilead* too. Both books deal with the tensions of family relationships, the working out in one's life of the Christian themes of forgiveness and redemption and the challenge of living one's Christian faith in a rapidly changing society. Plenty to discuss in a single evening! If you think you will only manage to read one perhaps it should be *Home* but *Gilead* is a beautiful and unusual novel and warrants the extra effort.

Both paperbacks are readily available in Waterstones and WH Smiths and copies will be available at Trinity on Sunday mornings from June 28th at £5 each. We will announce the date of the Autumn discussion evening in church notices and in the September edition of *Unite* and hope that people from all the churches will join in, including some who are new to Book Club.

Olwen Stewart, on behalf of Trinity Education Committee

From the Editor

Thank you to everyone who has commented on the magazine. I welcome feedback to deb.wtoe@btinternet.com. Copy date for the September issue is 4 August. *Unite* is also available online at www.trinitychurchsutton.org.uk



News from the Churches

It came as a great surprise a few weeks ago to learn that **Revd Christine Latham** had decided to retire and was as a result moving to Bromley. Christine will be greatly missed, not only for her role as Chaplain at the Royal Marsden Hospital, but for all she contributed to the life at St Nicholas in a quiet, unassuming way. We wish her a very happy retirement.

Two years ago St Nicholas welcomed **Michael Hartland** as a non-stipendiary Curate-in-Training. Michael has decided to take a sabbatical year. However, St Nicholas welcomes another non-stipendiary Curate-in-Training, Beverley Fraser, who lives in the Parish.

(Non-stipendiary means the person does not receive an official income from the church, very often simultaneously being in other paid employment.)

All at St Nicholas will miss **Peter and Janet Likeman** very much indeed. There is seemingly nothing Peter does not know about the history of the church, and almost every day would find him beavering away, either on a fresh avenue of research, or on one of the multitude of tasks he quietly and efficiently undertook for the church.

Congratulations to **Sharon & Donato Pezzuto** (SBC) on the birth of twins Charlotte and Daniel.

Sadly, we report that **Peter and Jenny Brearley** will be relocating to Wiltshire at the end of July. Their contribution to the life of both SBC and our ecumenical work is immense and they will be sorely missed. However, we pray them to know every blessing in this new phase of their lives.

A group of six young people and three adults from **Wesley Methodist Cathedral** in Accra, Ghana will be visiting Trinity at the end of July. They will be staying with members of the congregation and a full programme of activities is planned including a bring and share lunch at Trinity after the morning service on 25 July when their Minister, the Very Revd Alfred Aryeetey will be preaching. He will be preaching again at the united service that evening when members of St Nicholas and SBC will have a chance to meet our Ghanaian visitors.

We congratulate **Jane Oliver** (Trinity) on her doctorate. Jane runs the CUCS Bunker youth group and one of the Trinity Scout troops.

In Memoriam

Gladys Scott was a longstanding member of Trinity and arguably the best dressed lady in the church. She was a loving wife and mother who died in her 94th year.

Great Wall of China Trek –Update

Plans are in place for the Dance Extravaganza being held at SBC on Saturday 31 July. Tickets and further information will be available from **Alison Manick** in early July.

Postcards are now on sale at £3 each (2 different designs) which Carolyn Graham and Alison will send back from China.

Carolyn's gardening services are still available at £30 for 2 hours – contact 0208 642 3584.

The FOUR SEASONS - a reflection of time and eternity, and the use of Biblical stories in the art of Nicholas Poussin.

Sunday 11 July at Christ Church 12.30-2.30pm

All are welcome to attend Please bring a packed lunch with you – hot drinks provided.

Bunker Youth Group

Bunker is an informal youth group that is open to any young person of Senior School age who attends any of the CUCS Churches. We meet on Sunday evenings from 6.30-8pm at Trinity. There is no set agenda, we have our own space (a room called the Bunker) where we can just sit and chat or we play games, but occasionally we do other things such as Ready, Steady Cook or a quiz night.

We know that people have homework and revision, so Bunker doesn't have to be something you commit to every week. You can drop in if you want to see your friends, or if you want to make new ones, you can come every week, or it's fine just to come when you can.

On Sunday 4th July we are having our Annual Summer Swim/BBQ at the home of the Oliver family and on 17th/18th July we've decided to repaint the Bunker, so we're working on that on Saturday 17th then having a pizza, watching some DVDs and sleeping over at Trinity. On some Sunday mornings in August Bunker members will be having 'open house' in the Bunker room so that anyone who will be going to Secondary School in September, or anyone who is already there, but hasn't been to Bunker before, can come along and see what it's like, we might even get the chocolate fountain going! Details of these mornings will be given out via Junior Church.

In case you're wondering, coming to Bunker won't break the bank. We ask members to bring £1 each week, which we put towards the cost of our activities, but our outings, including the Christmas Ice Skating Trip and the Summer BBQ are free, so if you're not already coming to Bunker, or you haven't been for a while, we hope to see you at Bunker soon!

For more information please contact Jane Oliver flopsybunnies@aol.com or 01883 341684.

Desmond Tutu in Croydon

Desmond Tutu will be in conversation with Sir Trevor MacDonald on 5 August at 7:30 pm at the Fairfield Halls. Also appearing will be the London Adventist Chorale. All profits will go to the Desmond Tutu Peace Centre. Tickets are priced at £20-£25 and are available at www.fairfield.co.uk and 020 8688 9291.

A great opportunity to hear a great man.



Devotions by Revd Jane Cresswell

July for many people brings a sense of adventure as they prepare to go on holiday. But not for all. Some will stay in familiar surroundings, and do the same things that they do all year round. Yet, wherever we are, and whoever we are, God calls us to fresh adventure, in living and learning with him. This is a prayer for us all.

*Explorer God,
You have put within us
a spirit of adventure
to move us beyond the immediate
and to explore even
our most familiar environment
to its fullest potential.*

*May each day become an adventure
of people, tasks, places
and responsibilities.
And when I feel grey and lifeless,
may your Spirit remind me that
each day brings
its own gifts
and that the best
is yet to come.*

Regular Events

Christian Meditation Group meets alternate Mondays at 3pm and 7.45pm. Contact Pamela Ford on 8642 5914. **Monday 5 July**-afternoon. **Monday 12 July**-evening. **Monday 19 July**-afternoon. **Monday 26 July**-evening. **Monday 2 August**-afternoon. **Monday 9 August** evening.

Saturday Prayer Meeting meets 10am - 11am at Sutton Baptist Church. If you have a prayer request, please contact: Jenny Brearley 8643 1952

Trinity Women's Fellowship Club . For further information ring Ann Williams 8647 0370 or Sylvia Robinson 8642 3434.

Sutton Baptist Women's Friendship meets Monday afternoons at 2.15 p.m. in the John Clifford Hall at Sutton Baptist Church.

5 July AGM and ice cream quiz 12 July Garden Meeting (at Margaret Raw's)

19 July End of Season Meeting

The Growing Group meets twice a month at 10.30am in the John Clifford Hall, Sutton Baptist Church. Ladies' informal coffee mornings and activities. **5 July** Armchair Travels **19 July** AGM and Games

Sutton Men's Friendship Centre meets at SBC. Contact: Jim Clark 01306 884364 **16 July** Lunch at The Belmont-12.00 for 12.15

Mothers' Union meets at St Nicholas. Contact Janet Little 8715 6843.

Bunker, the youth club for CUCS, meets in Trinity Hall on Sunday evenings. It is open at 6.30pm until 8pm for 11 to 18 year olds. A chance to get to know other young people in CUCS and have fun together.

Poetry Circle meets once a month on a Tuesday evening with a diverse and stimulating programme. Contact Lionel Griffiths - 020 8715 1218. *This month: Scottish Poetry*

Badminton Club meets 7.45-10pm on Mondays and Thursdays in Trinity Hall.

All members of the Churches Uniting in Central Sutton are warmly welcomed at these activities.

Larcombe Housing Association have a single room to let in a shared house in central Sutton which would suit a young professional. The inclusive rent is £450pcm. 020 8770 7485.

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