

This Month's Worship in Churches Uniting in Central Sutton

Sunday 7 July

9.00am **St N** Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.30am **SBC** Girls Brigade
 Awards Service
Rev Mike Dales

Trinity Morning Worship
 Communion

Rev Martin Camroux
St N Sunday Worship
 with Communion
Rev Mark Pullinger

6.30pm **St N** **United Service**

Sunday 14 July

9.00am **St N** Holy Communion
 (BCP with singing)

10.30 **SBC** Morning Worship
 Communion

Rev Mike Dales
 10.30am **Trinity** Morning Worship
Rev Martin Camroux

10.30 **St N** **Team Celebration
 at Christ Church**
Bishop Jonathan

6.30pm **St N** **United Service**

Sunday 21 July

9.00am **St N** Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.30am **Trinity** **CUCS UNITED SERVICE**

Goodbye to all that!
Rev Martin Camroux

6.30pm **St N** **United Service**

Sunday 28 July

9.00am **St N** Holy Communion
 (BCP with singing)

10.30am **SBC** Morning Worship
 Communion

Rev Mike Dales
Trinity Morning Worship
Very Rev Emmanuel Borlabi Bortley
 Wesley Cathedral, Accra, Ghana

St N Sunday Worship
Jeff Richards

6.30pm **St N** **United Service**

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

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July and August 2013

My Dear Friends,

Saying farewells is never easy. Personally my own preference would be to emulate those who
*fold their tents, like the Arabs,
 And as silently steal away.*

There must be few things less appealing than reading a letter from me entitled *38 years in the Ministry – from Southampton to Sutton in Word and Sacrament!*

But it has been a good experience. I can think of no occasion when I have ever regretted coming into the ministry. The privilege of being let into people's lives and sharing their moments of high joy and celebration and moments of sickness, loss, and deep grief has been huge. There simply is no greater honour than that, nor is there anything quite like it anywhere else in the world. So too has been the privilege of preaching. Anyone who has tried to do this as long as I have learned long ago that preaching is not a solo performance but a collaboration between one person and a congregation and that it is the congregation, the gathered community, who bring their faith, doubts, hurts, joys and hopes and sit together in anticipation that the words spoken might contain a word from God.

For me it has been part of the richness of my ministry that nearly all of it has been ecumenical. From the time I went to University the divisions between churches have always seemed to me to be hugely irrelevant. So many of the theologians who have inspired me, and the friends I have made, have been of backgrounds other than my own that it has never occurred to me that ministry can be done any other way. After all, is Christ divided?

And, of course, the great thing about ministers is that like buses, sometimes two come along at once! September brings the arrival of Justine Middlemiss as Team Rector of Sutton and David Dickinson as minister of Trinity! That promises a chance for new perspectives on what it means to be the Church in Central Sutton.

I wish you well in the exciting time ahead.

*Others shall sing the song,
 Others shall right the wrong.
 Finish what I begin
 And what I fail of, win.*

With warm good wishes

Martin

Rev Martin Camroux

FLESH AND BLOOD Mike Dales



GIVE BLOOD

A number of denominations have lent their support to an interesting new campaign which is calling on the church to increase the number of blood and organ donors in the UK. The initiative aims to profile the need for more blood and organ donors and encourage regular blood donation as an alternative way of personal giving within churches.

In association with denominations and organisations including the Baptist Union, the Church of England, Salvation Army, Methodist Church and United Reformed Church, the *fleshandblood* campaign marks the first time the NHS has worked alongside the Churches on a national initiative of this kind.

Lorna Williamson, medical director of NHSBT said, 'All major faith groups support donation in the spirit of giving and we're excited to explore this in more detail by working with the Christian Church ... Donating blood, joining the Organ Donor Register, or consenting to organ donation from a deceased loved one is a unique gift and one that can truly save lives.'

The church, which has a long history of giving and generosity and has millions of people across the country as its members, is ideally placed to raise awareness and help to meet the need for blood and organ donation in the UK.

The Revd Stephen Keyworth, Faith and Society team leader at the Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB) added, 'Caring is at the heart of who we are as Christians, prepared to do something for others and this is one way of offering a priceless gift in our communities.'

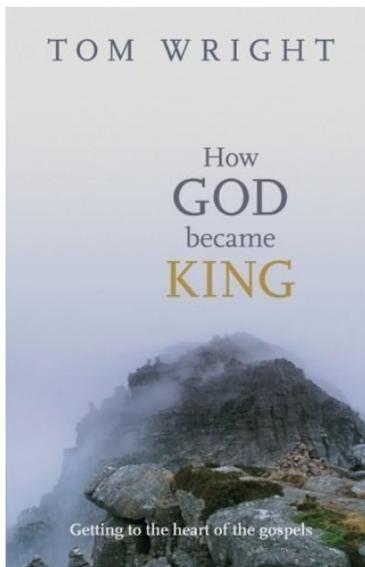
Visit: www.fleshandblood.org for more information.



GIVE ORGANS

How God became King: the forgotten story of the Gospels; N.T.Wright, HarperOne, 2012. **Reviewed by Mark Pullinger**

King of Kings and Lord of Lords..... many of us would have thrilled to the sound of this as we shared in the performance of Messiah at Trinity in June. In Wright's very readable book he argues that although most Christians know the Gospels well, and hear pieces from them weekly, we have often lost sight of the larger picture behind all four Gospels, and what they are saying about God through what they tell us about Jesus. And so this is primarily a book about God, rather than Jesus.



To help this exploration the author holds his line of thought together with two questions: 1, Why did Jesus do, say, and think the things he did; and 2, why did the Gospels choose to tell his story in the way they did? In doing this Wright expands from the Gospels into the history of God's people across all time in seeking to define how God was determined to relate and love his people, and through them his world. To a people for whom God wanted to be 'king' himself, for them to trust, have faith in, the greater picture of God's outrageous love expressed in the incarnation of his son to redefine kingship, a king who could change and transform the world and establish a new kind of Kingdom, often gets lost, and even forgotten in the bitty diet of stories, accounts and parables heard.

Wright's book lays down a systematic and deeply rooted understanding of this image of king and kingship which brings the Gospels alive at new levels. It is not that we don't know about this, but often forget that this was the great purpose of Jesus through his incarnation, death, resurrection, and ascension: to reign at God's right hand. And for the reader of the Gospels to hold this in heart and mind will bring greater light and meaning to its narratives and events not only in its historic background, but also in the missional context the church is called to speak and serve in today. This accessible read will, I think, both delight and inform – and most certainly will bring deeper meaning and cohesion to our readings of the Gospels.

From the Editor I would be delighted to receive comments and suggestions on the future of Unite!. Contact me by email: olwenstewart@hotmail.com or by phone: **8643 2525**. Copy date for the September issue is August 14. Unite! is also available in colour online at www.trinitychurchsutton.org.uk

Worship in AUGUST in Churches Uniting in Central Sutton

Sunday 4 August

9.00am **St N** Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.30am **SBC** Morning Worship
Trinity Morning Worship
Alan Jameson

6.30pm **St N** All Age Summer Special 1
SBC **United Service**

Sunday 11 August

9.00am **St N** Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.30 **SBC** Morning Worship
 Communion
Trinity Morning Worship
 Communion
Rev Nick Oborski

6.30pm **St N** All Age Summer Special 2
SBC **United Service**

Sunday 18 August

9.00am **St N** Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.30am **SBC** Morning Worship
Rev Mike Dales
Trinity Morning Worship
Riuth Pugh

6.30pm **St N** All Age Summer Special 3
SBC **United Service**

Sunday 25 August

9.00am **St N** Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.30am **SBC** Morning Worship
 Communion
Rev Mike Dales
Trinity Morning Worship
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6.30pm **St N** All Age Summer Special 4
SBC **United Service**

Devotions

God of grace and God of glory,
 On thy people pour thy power,
 Crown thy church's ancient story
 Bring its bud to glorious flower.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 For the living of these days!

Set our feet on lofty places,
 Gird our lives that they may be
 Armoured with all Christ-like graces,
 Pledged to set all captives free.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 That we fail not them nor thee!

Harry Emerson Fosdick

Regular Events

Some events may not take place during August

Christian Meditation Group meets alternate Mondays at 3pm and 7.45pm. Contact Pamela Ford 8642 591

.1 July- 3pm
 .8 July--7.45pm
 15 July--3pm
 22 July--7.45pm
 29 July -3pm.

Saturday Prayer Meeting meets 10am - 11am at Sutton Baptist Church.

Trinity Women's Fellowship Club meets twice a month on Wednesday afternoons. For further information ring Margaret Jeffery 8874 7108 or Sylvia Robinson 8642 1391.

The Growing Group meets twice a month at 10.30am in the John Clifford Hall, Sutton Baptist Church. Ladies' informal coffee mornings and activities. For details speak to Carole Adams 07711 879645.

Sutton Men's Lunch Club Contact: Jim Clark 01306 884364.

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

Trinity Toddler Group meets on Tuesdays in term time in Trinity Hall, 9.00-11.00am. Contact: Paula Tidy 8642 2026.

Bunker, the youth club for CUCS, meets in Trinity Hall on Sunday evenings in term time. It is open from 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. Contact Jane Oliver 01883 346261.

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



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

News from the Churches

Farewell to the Camroux family!

Martin Camroux's last service at Trinity will be on Sunday 21 July at 10.30am and will be a CUCS United Service followed by a buffet lunch to which all are invited. Martin is retiring after fourteen years at Trinity and nearly forty years in the URC ministry. He has been committed to an ecumenical ministry and encouraged and supported all acts of worship and social activities with St Nicholas and SBC.

We have valued Martin's gentle pastoral care, his inspirational and thought provoking sermons, always informed by his wide reading and his commitment to a Christian gospel which is immersed in this world with its messy politics and human need.

Junior Church will particularly miss Margaret's friendship, wisdom and efficiency as Junior Church Secretary, teacher and CPO. Eleanor, who has worked with Rainbows and in the crèche will soon be returning from a year teaching in Korea and Michael, regularly in church since leaving university, hopes to continue working in London.



On 23 June, at the Junior Church Service Martin was presented with a candle by many of the children and young people he had baptised over the last fourteen years and they sang the blessing:

The Lord bless you and keep you.....

This is our prayer for all the Camroux family as they make the move from Sutton to Colchester.

Celebrations!

St Nicholas' sister church, Christ Church, celebrates her 125th anniversary this summer and has a series of events on 13-14 July. There is *Music for a Summer's Afternoon* followed by cream teas on Saturday 13 July (free), and in the evening a Gala Concert by the Sutton Yeomanry Band for which tickets are available from Richard West (or details are on the posters).

All are welcome. Christ Church is in Christchurch Park just off the Brighton Road.

Sewing machines!

Many thanks to all who donated old and unwanted sewing machines to SBC's appeal (advertised in the May issue). We collected well over 30 of them, which exceeded expectations. The machines will be refurbished by *Tools with a Mission* and sent to women in developing countries in order that they may earn a living and provide education for their children. Thank you!

The unstoppable Carolyn does it again!

Carolyn Graham from SBC takes the 100km Nightrider Cycle event in her stride! This is what she says:

As part of the GB challenge I decided to do something that combined my love of cycling and Girls Brigade. Overnight on Saturday 8/9 June I undertook a night time cycle around London starting and finishing at Crystal Palace. The challenge was to cycle 100km whilst raising £1200 for GB. Sponsorship was sought from friends and an ice cream quiz night contributed £200. To date I have raised approximately £600.



The route, which I hoped to complete in 7-8 hours, took us from Crystal Palace over Tower Bridge to Alexandra Palace and back to Crystal Palace over Vauxhall Bridge. We cycled, past more than 20 iconic London landmarks weaving back and forth through roads and over bridges on both sides of the Thames.

Thank you to everyone who supported me either by praying for a safe and successful ride or sponsoring me.

All about the Crystal Palace

On Friday, July 26 Ian Gledhill will be returning to the St Nicholas Supper Talks to give one of his popular presentations. This will tell *The Story of the Crystal Palace*.

Originally designed for the Great Exhibition of 1851, then transported to Sydenham and rebuilt and enlarged, the Crystal Palace was Joseph Paxton's masterpiece, and was the largest iron and glass building ever constructed. It dominated the south London skyline until its tragic destruction by fire in 1936. This is its story.

The Supper Talks are held at St Nicholas Community Hall (accessible from Robin Hood Lane) starting at 7pm. Tickets are £8 from Richard West Tel: 8644 7834 email richjwest@btinternet.com

18th Century Glam!

Sharon McElroy, a member of St Nicholas, would like to invite you to 'Unravelling The Vyne'. Sharon is one of ten artists who have been commissioned to create an artwork and she will be showing her film 'An Exquisite Diversion' and several costume pieces at the house. The exhibition runs from 28 June to December 2013. The usual National Trust entrance fee applies for entry to the house and grounds, but there is no extra charge for the exhibition.

The Vyne, Vyne Road, Sherborne St John, Basingstoke, RG24 9HL.
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/vyne/