



**SUTTON TEAM
MINISTRY**



St BARNABAS
St Barnabas Road
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CHRIST CHURCH
Christchurch Park
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St NICHOLAS
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NOTICE SHEET

Sunday 4th December 2016

Advent 2 - Prophets

Team Rector: **Revd Justine Middlemiss** 020 8642 3499 - rector@suttonteamministry.org
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**Welcome to all who gather in our churches today.
Please ask one of the welcomers if you are unsure of
anything or would like assistance.**

We have gluten free communion wafers available in all of our churches. If you would like to receive a gluten free wafer at Communion, please let the clergy know before the start of the service. We do not currently have non-alcoholic wine available. If this would be helpful for you, please speak to the clergy.

Worship today:

- 8.00am BCP Communion at Christ Church
- 9.00am BCP Communion at St Nicholas
- 10.30am All Age Service at Christ Church
- 10.30am **St Nicholas Day Service at St Nicholas**
- 10.30am **Christingle at St Barnabas**
- 6.30pm LEP Service at Sutton Baptist Church

Worship this week

- Monday 8.30am Morning Prayer at Christ Church
- Tuesday 8.30am Morning Prayer at Christ Church
- Wednesday 8.00pm **Advent Meditations at Christ Church**
- Thursday 10.00am Mattins at St Nicholas

Sunday 11th December – Advent 3 - John the Baptist

- 8.00am BCP Communion at Christ Church
- 9.00am BCP Communion with singing at St Nicholas
- 10.30am Communion at Christ Church
- 10.30am Communion at St Nicholas
- 10.30am Communion at St Barnabas
- 6.30pm **Carolling at St Barnabas**

LECTIONARY READINGS

This Week: **Advent 2 - Prophets: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12**
Next Week: **Advent 3 - John the Baptist: Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11**
Please note that these readings may be changed for special and different services.

CHURCHES OPEN

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| Tuesday: Christ Church | 9.00am-11.00am (during term time) |
| Thursday: St Nicholas | 10.00am-2.00pm (weekly) |
| Saturday: St Barnabas | 9.00am-3.00pm (1 st & 3 rd Saturdays) |

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL NOTICES FOR THE NOTICESHEET
SHOULD BE EMAILED, BY NOON ON TUESDAY EACH WEEK,
TO: suttonteam23646@gmail.com**

CHRIST CHURCH

Grassroots Christmas Sale: Junior Church would like to thank everyone for their generosity in supporting us. We raised **£365.20** to sponsor Samwel and Saluma in Tanzania.

Christingle Making: Will take place in the hall at Christ Church from 9.30am onwards on 23rd December. Hot and cold drinks along with mince pies will be available during the morning, please join us.

Notice Boards Fund Raising: As I hope you will have noticed the notice boards are now up, they look so much better than the old ones. The Tuesday Evening Home Group are working hard to raise the funds for these boards. **On the 11th December, after the morning service,** there will be a sale of new items (just in time for Christmas) to help boost the funds further to reach our target. Please do buy as many items as possible. Very many thanks, Jean Carver.

St BARNABAS

NEXT SUNDAY, 11th December, at 6.30pm in St Barnabas Church, there will be CAROLLING: An informal Carol Service with the chance to hear our Handbells again as well which, as last year, will include some more “first time” young ringers.

NEXT TUESDAY, 13th December, the MOTHERS' UNION: Will be holding a Christmas Celebration in St Barnabas Church Halls from 2.00pm until 4.30pm to which **EVERYONE IS INVITED, whether a member or not.** The afternoon will begin with carols and readings and then seasonal refreshments and tea and coffee will be served. The younger members will be joining with their children during the afternoon after they have finished school when there will be some games. A raffle will also be held in aid of Sutton Women's Refuge.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Boxes for Christmas cards to be exchanged between members of the congregation are now in Church. Please check the boxes each week. Do not leave cards for people unless you are reasonably certain that they will be coming to Church over the Christmas period.

PRESENTS FOR CHILDREN OF PRISONERS FOR CHRISTMAS: High Down and Downview Prisons have again requested donations of new toys for children of prisoners for Christmas. Could Janice Clarke be given any presents (please do not wrap them in Christmas paper) by no later than Sunday 18th December as Father Christmas and his elves need time to sort and wrap them before Christmas Eve.

THE 5 O'CLOCK CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY SERVICE: At St Barnabas will once again this year include some 'Wriggly Nativity' songs as a part of the service. St Barnabas 'Wriggly Nativity' tells the Christmas Story. Everything is easy to learn and the narration between the songs is brief. Children, or even adults, who would like to take part in the 'Wriggly Nativity' part of the service should come along to the church at 3.00pm on Christmas Eve and join in. They can wear their own Nativity costume (e.g. angel or shepherd) or can be dressed in a St Barnabas' one.

So, if you have children or children staying with you at Christmas, why not bring them along at 3.00pm to join in with a rehearsal, or just before 5.00pm for the actual service. Everyone else between the ages of 0 and 100+, please come along at 5.00pm to enjoy a lovely Christmassy service.

Please speak to Eleanor Holley (telephone: 07793 988396) if you are interested or would like to know more.

ST BARNABAS PARISH MAGAZINE: The bumper Winter 2016 edition of the Magazine is now available and copies are on sale on the table by the font, price 70p.

THIS MONTH'S CHARITY OF THE MONTH is “CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS”. Centres are open to homeless people, many of whom come straight from freezing streets, for nine days over Christmas providing food, shelter, companionship. Volunteers provide vital health checks, nourishing meals, learning opportunities, housing and job advice and, most importantly, for nine days a year, they have the chance to bring some warmth and kindness into people's lives.

The “Charity of the Month” Box is at the back of the Church. If you wish to “Gift Aid” your donation, please use one of the pink labelled envelopes by the Box. **Don't forget that December is a short month – after today, there are only two Sundays left this month.**

The “Charity of the Month” for November in aid of The Macular Society raised £139.81. Many thanks to everyone who was able to contribute.

St NICHOLAS

Crown Agents Carol Service: Everyone is welcome to the Crown Agents Carol Service at 1pm on Thursday, 15 December in St Nicholas Church. The service lasts about 45 minutes.

Open Saturday: Do please try to help on Saturday, 10 December, when between midday and 4pm we will be offering mince pies, teas and coffees to those who pass through St Nicholas Churchyard. Sign up on the form at the back of church.

Charity of the Month: Our charity throughout December is The Children's Society.

Rota for January: Here we are at the start of Advent, and already we need to think about the rota for January. Please check the draft version and make any necessary changes by Sunday, 10 December, so that the final rota can be ready by 17 December.

7:30pm Tuesday

December 6th 2016

**Christmas Dinner @ No.1 Thai.
St Nicholas Dads' Group**

Dads, Granddads and meta dads welcome.

Text Jeff Richards if you want to come
07725 704573



Prayer List: to include someone on the prayer list please ask their permission first. Then send the request to suttonteam23646@gmail.com by Tuesday. Please note that Clergy/SPAs/Staff will not be able to answer questions about people on the prayer list. *In our prayers this week: Jason.*

Advent and Christmas

Advent Meditations at Christ Church:

Wednesdays: November 30th and December 7th, 14th and 21st at 8.00pm.

Carolling at St Barnabas: Sunday 11th December at 6.30pm.

Crown Agents Carol Service at St Nicholas: Thursday 15th December at 1pm.

“Blue Christmas” (for those who find it hard to celebrate the season): Sunday 18th December, 4pm at St Nicholas.

Team Carol Service: Sunday 18th December, 6.30pm at Christ Church.

GENERAL

FISH AND CHIP JUMPERS: Congratulations and sincere thanks to everyone involved in producing the 170 jumpers and hats we now have; those who knitted, those who provided wool, those who persuaded friends and neighbours to knit and those who gave us encouragement. Fifty jumpers have already gone to Harare and are among those in the hands of the trainee birthing assistants in the photo. The members of the Harare Soroptimist group are working on a project to train ladies to help mothers in childbirth and also provide a pack of useful items such as sterile scissors, soap and basic medical supplies AND a jumper and hat for every baby, rather than having to wrap these poor little souls in newspaper to keep them warm. It seems the tops and hats are in use for the babies until they literally fall apart. Clearly the group will happily accept as many jumpers as are offered so if you enjoy the knitting and want to carry on I will willingly send jumpers to my Soroptimist contacts in this country. In any case it would be good to have another campaign towards the end of next year. Your response has been overwhelmingly heart-warming and has created a great feeling of achievement and friendship. Again, very many thanks. Maureen Elsey.



Church Websites

We are very pleased to announce that the new church websites are now up and running. They can be found at:

www.stbarnabas.suttonteam.org.uk

www.stnicholas.suttonteam.org.uk

www.christchurch.suttonteam.org.uk

Please do take a look at them over the coming weeks. Our thanks go to those who have been involved with the process of creating them. Catherine Keen.