



**SUTTON TEAM
MINISTRY**



ST BARNABAS, SUTTON
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St Barnabas Road
Sutton SM1 4NP



CHRIST CHURCH
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St NICHOLAS
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NOTICE SHEET

Sunday 11th December 2016

Advent 3 – John the Baptist

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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 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**

Worship this week

Monday 8.30am Morning Prayer at Christ Church
Tuesday 8.30am Morning Prayer at Christ Church
Wednesday 2.00pm **'A dementia friendly' Christmas Service at St Nicholas**
Wednesday 8.00pm **Advent Meditations at Christ Church**
Thursday 10.00am Communion at St Nicholas
Thursday 1.00pm **Crown Agents Carol Service at St Nicholas**

Sunday 18th December – Advent 4 – Mary

8.00am BCP Communion at Christ Church
9.00am BCP Communion at St Nicholas
10.30am Morning Praise at Christ Church
10.30am Morning Worship with Communion at St Nicholas
10.30am Communion at St Barnabas
4.00pm **'Blue Christmas' Service at St Nicholas**
6.30pm **Team Carol Service at Christ Church**

LECTIONARY READINGS

This Week: **Advent 3 - John the Baptist:** Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11
Next Week: **Advent 4 - Mary:** Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Luke 1:26-28
Please note that these readings may be changed for special and different services.

CHURCHES OPEN

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

Notice Boards Fund Raising: This morning, after the 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.

Christmas Craft Activity Afternoon: A big **Thank You** to everyone who helped with this. This was our 20th craft activity afternoon and it was great to welcome 100 children, plus adults, into the church.

Grassroots Sale: Junior Church would like to thank everyone for their generosity. The final total for the Christmas Sale was **£394.20**.

The Band of the Surrey Yeomanry: The concert raised a total of **£545.50** for the Mayor of Sutton's Charity Appeal in aid of The Alzheimer's Society and Sutton Shopmobility. There is a small display at the back of church about these charities.

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.

Key audit: If you received a form for the key audit that is being carried out could you please let **Jean Carver** have it back ASAP. If you hold keys to the church and don't have a form please ask for one from Jean. Please note that we are required by our insurers to maintain an accurate record of keyholders.

Bluebirds: The last Bluebirds Parent & Toddler Group this term will be on Monday 12th December from 1.45-3.00 pm in the Hall. We return in the New Year on 9th January 2017. Anyone (parent, grandparent, nanny or childminder) caring for children age 3 and under is very welcome to come to Bluebirds. It's a chance to meet new people and for the children to make new friends while they're having fun playing. Do contact Denise: 0208 642 8957 if you'd like more details.

St NICHOLAS

Funeral of Jane Gearing: will be held Tuesday 13th December 2016.

12.40 pm North East Surrey Crematorium, Morden, Surrey.

2.00 pm Service to Celebrate Jane's life at St Nicholas Church, Sutton, Surrey.

3.00 pm Wake at Spaghetti Tree Restaurant, High Street, Sutton (just past Sutton Railway Station).

All are welcome at the crematorium, the church and the restaurant.

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.

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.

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. Rihanna.*

St BARNABAS

THIS EVENING, 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.

THIS TUESDAY, 13th December, the MOTHERS' UNION will be holding a Christmas Celebration in the 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.

DURING OPEN SATURDAY THIS SATURDAY, 17th DECEMBER, from 12.30pm until 2.00pm Sutton Safer Neighbourhood Police Officers will be in Church giving advice on local crime including the latest 'bank courier' scam and how to beat rogue traders.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Boxes for Christmas cards to be exchanged between members of the congregation are now in Church. Please check the boxes each week. **THERE IS NO DELIVERY SERVICE** so please 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 next 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 is only one Sunday 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.

CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS: Over 2,400 leaflets were delivered to homes in the Parish last week giving details of services over the Christmas period. A very big thank you to all those who were able to help with the deliveries.

Advent and Christmas

Advent Meditations at Christ Church: Wednesdays: December 14th and 21st at 8.00pm.

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

'A dementia friendly' Christmas Service at St Nicholas: Wednesday 14th December 2.00pm

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.