



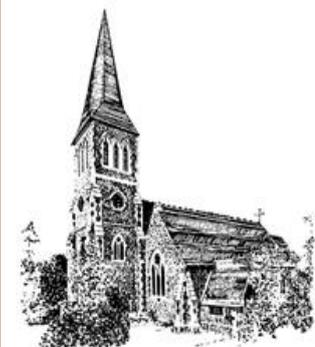
**SUTTON TEAM  
MINISTRY**



**ST BARNABAS, SUTTON**  
**St BARNABAS**  
St Barnabas Road  
Sutton SM1 4NP



**CHRIST CHURCH**  
Christchurch Park  
Sutton SM2 5TN



**St NICHOLAS**  
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# NOTICE SHEET

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### Advent 2

Team Rector: **Revd Justine Middlemiss** 020 8642 3499 - [rector@suttonteamministry.org](mailto:rector@suttonteamministry.org)  
Team Vicar: **Revd Phil Brooks** 020 8642 2757 - [vicar@suttonteamministry.org](mailto:vicar@suttonteamministry.org)

**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 Communion Service at Christ Church
- 10.30am Patronal Service with Communion at St Nicholas
- 10.30am Communion Service at St Barnabas
- 6.30pm Carolling at St Barnabas

#### **Worship this week**

- Thursday 10.00am Mattins at St Nicholas
- Saturday 10.00am Morning Prayer at St Barnabas

#### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Advent 3**

- 8.00am BCP Communion at Christ Church
- 9.00am BCP Communion at St Nicholas
- 10.30am Morning Worship at Christ Church
- 10.30am Communion Service at St Nicholas
- 10.30am Communion Service at St Barnabas
- 6.30pm Team Carol Service at Christ Church

### **LECTIONARY READINGS**

This Week: *Advent 2: Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8*  
Next Week: *Advent 3: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28*  
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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturdays) |

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

*The deadline for notices for 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December will be noon on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.*

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December:**

**Carolling 6.30pm, St Barnabas - an informal service of carols, songs and Christmas cheer**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:**

**Advent Meditation, 8.30pm Christ Church**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December:**

Choir Practice for Team Carol Service, 7.30pm at Christ Church

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Sunday morning worship pattern as normal.

**Team Carol Service, 6.30pm.** (Choir Practice 4pm) at Christ Church

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December: (Advent 4/Christmas Eve)**

8am Holy Communion at Christ Church

10.30 am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

10.30 am Holy Communion at St Barnabas

**4pm Christingle at St Nicholas**

**5pm Wriggly Nativity at St Barnabas**

**6pm Christingle at Christ Church**

**11.30pm Holy Communion at St Nicholas (with Sutton Baptist Church)**

**11.30pm Holy Communion at St Barnabas**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Day**

10.30 am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

10.30 am Holy Communion at Christ Church

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December: New Year's Eve**

8am Holy Communion at Christ Church

9am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

10.30am Morning Worship at Christ Church

10.30am Morning Worship at St Barnabas

10.30am St Nicholas joint service at Sutton Baptist Church

## NEWS / WHAT'S ON: FOR ALL TEAM CHURCHES

**Advent prayer diary:** Available at back of church.

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**Operation Christmas Child:** Thank you to all who contributed. 885 Cartons were filled with 8935 boxes. All of ours have been dispatched to Albania.  
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**Advent Lecture at Trinity Church:** 'Picturing the Reformation' a lecture by a former Bishop of St Albans, Rt Revd Christopher Herbert. It will tackle questions like "what were the origins of the Reformation?" and "was there more than one Reformation?" and it will touch on the art and culture of the times. The lecture will take place **on Tuesday 12 December at 7.30pm in Trinity Church.** Tickets are £5.00 and can be obtained from Alistair Cruickshank (St Nicholas).  
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**The Oasis (Christian bookshop in Wallington) needs a new manager.** If you (or anyone you know) might be interested in a discussion with the current manager, please ring Paul at the shop on 0208 773 1428 or email oasiswallington@outlook.com. The shop is also looking for volunteers to give at least half a day a week. If you are interested in serving the local church in this way, please contact via the above details.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

**Cécile Schnyder:** I am happy to officially announce that:

I will be licenced by Bishop Karowei Dorgu as Priest-in-Charge at East Dulwich St Clement with St Peter on **Sunday 21st January 2018 at 4pm**. All are welcome. The address is: St Clement with St Peter, Friern Road, London, SE22 0AY. Best wishes, Cécile

**Cécile's licensing:** There is a possibility that a coach can be hired from Sutton Station to and from Dulwich for Cécile's licensing on 21 January. At present it is not known whether a coach is available, nor the cost. Equally it is not known how many are interested in using a coach. So that a booking can be made immediately if a coach is available, can you please let Richard West (020 8644 7834 - leave a message if necessary, [richwest@btinternet.com](mailto:richwest@btinternet.com)) know without delay if you are interested. Please leave your contact details so that Richard can get back to you. Cost naturally depends on numbers, as the cost of hiring a coach remains the same whatever its capacity. However, the maximum should be no more than £15 for the return trip, hopefully less.

## St BARNABAS ([www.stbarnabas.suttonteam.org.uk](http://www.stbarnabas.suttonteam.org.uk))

**THIS EVENING, at 6.30pm in St Barnabas Church, there will be CAROLLING, an informal Carol Service** with the chance to not only choose a carol but also to hear our Handbells again.

**THIS TUESDAY, 12th 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 the Mothers' Union Christmas Appeal for Victims of Gender Based Violence.

**THERE IS ONE LAST CHANCE TO GIVE A PRESENT FOR CHRISTMAS FOR A CHILD OF A PRISONER.** Please bring it (new and unwrapped) to the Mothers' Union Christmas Celebration in the St Barnabas Church Halls this Tuesday, 12th December between to 2.00pm until 4.30pm. A big thank you to all those who have already given a present.

**THANK YOU** also to all those who were able to give items to the **SUTTON WOMENS' REFUGE'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL**. These have now been passed to the 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. **THERE IS NO DELIVERY SERVICE** so do not leave cards for people unless you are reasonably certain that they will be coming to Church over the Christmas period.

### ST BARNABAS PARISH MAGAZINE

The bumper Winter 2017 edition of the Magazine is now available and copies are on sale on the table by the font, price 70p.

The 5 o'clock Children's Christmas Eve Nativity Service at St Barnabas on **SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER** 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 (i.e. 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.

**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 on the long table 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.**

## **CHRIST CHURCH ([www.christchurch.suttonteam.org.uk](http://www.christchurch.suttonteam.org.uk))**

**Christmas Craft Activity Afternoon:** A big 'Thank You' to everyone who helped make this a success. We welcomed 85 children plus adults, many of whom were visiting us for the first time.

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**Fundraising update: After the 10:30 service today we have a cake sale organised by Matilda and Hannah** to raise money for the project. Also for sale will be handmade Christmas cards from one of the home groups and a small selection of gifts. Orders will be taken for Christmas candle floral table decorations.

The last date for ordering from the alternative gifts catalogue in time for Christmas will be next week, Sunday 17th December. Please also return smarties tubes by then.

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**Grassroots Sale:** Junior Church would like to thank everyone who supported their Christmas Sale. **The total raised was £307.42.**

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**Advent prayer spaces:** There are four spaces around church to use to guide prayer and reflection during Advent in the run-up to Christmas. They are designed for adults and older teenagers, and there's something for people mature in their faith as well as people starting to explore Christianity. You can do all four in one go, or a different one each week. You can use the prayer spaces at your own pace whenever church is open.

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**Christ Church Men's Group:** Our next get together will be on Friday 19th January 2018, 7.30pm at the Haweli Restaurant (Indian) Belmont. If you are interested in coming along, please email Andrew Carver: JANDACARVER@aol.com or Geof Haseler: geohas100@gmail.com by 5th January. Andrew, Geof, Roger.

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**Christingle making:** Friday 22nd December 9.30 in the hall. Please join us and help with making Christingles, all ages welcome. The more helpers the less time it will take! Refreshments and mince pies will be served.

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**Junior Church Party:** Sunday 17th December during the 10.30am service, with games and food.

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Please check your pigeon holes for Christmas cards.

## **St NICHOLAS ([www.stnicholas.suttonteam.org.uk](http://www.stnicholas.suttonteam.org.uk))**

**DECK THE HALLS WITH .....**With holly or any dark green foliage for a start. Do you have any ivy, holly or other evergreen leaves you could let us have? We shall be decorating the church on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th. We would be delighted to receive foliage in the church on the Wednesday morning. If you can help please speak to Janet Little, Sheila White or Maureen Elsey.

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**Charity of the Month:** Our Charity for December is The Children's Society. Special boxes are available in which coins (or notes) can be easily collected. Pick up a box and perhaps return it, suitably filled, at the Christingle Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve. If you cannot make that service, any other time will be fine, but please, before the end of December. You can, of course, still put any donation in the 'Charity of the Month' box at the back of church. Fidelity will match all that we collect for The Children's Society during Advent.

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**Mike Dales:** As we all know Mike Dales will be leaving Sutton at the end of January. He will say farewell to us at St Nicholas (and Trinity Church) at the 10.30am service on Sunday, 21 January (which will be a United Service at Sutton Baptist Church). If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Mike (which will be from all three LEP churches) and to sign a card, please have a word with Richard West from Sunday, 17 December.

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**Making Christingles:** Thinking of the Christingle Service, we will be making the Christingles from 2pm on Saturday, 23 December. Do come and join in the fun. That same Saturday we will be opening the church from midday to 4pm. If you can be in church to greet our visitors, and offer them a mince pie, please sign up at the back of church.

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**Floodlighting:** Marking an anniversary, celebration or just a simple dedication. If you would like to sponsor our floodlighting during 2018, please have a word with Richard West. A donation towards the upkeep of the floodlighting (perhaps £20 for a week's sponsorship) will be very welcome.

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**Prayer meeting:** Our next meetings are planned for: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. We meet at Arja's house. Please let her (020 8642 2491) know that you're coming.

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**Prayer List:** to include someone on the prayer list please ask their permission first. Then send the request to [suttonteam23646@gmail.com](mailto:suttonteam23646@gmail.com) by Tuesday. Please note that Clergy/SPAs/Staff will not be able to answer questions about people on the prayer list. Catherine. Pam. David. Victor.