



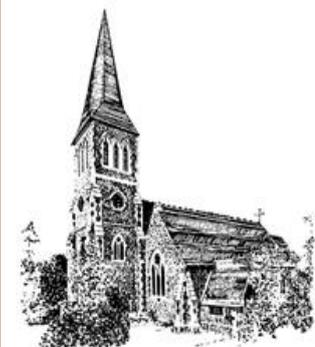
**SUTTON TEAM
MINISTRY**



St BARNABAS
St Barnabas Road
Sutton SM1 4NP



CHRIST CHURCH
Christchurch Park
Sutton SM2 5TN



St NICHOLAS
St Nicholas Way
Sutton SM1 1ST

NOTICE SHEET

Sunday 17th December 2017

Advent 3

Team Rector: **Revd Justine Middlemiss** 020 8642 3499 - rector@suttonteamministry.org
Team Vicar: **Revd Phil Brooks** 020 8642 2757 - 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 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**

Worship this week

Thursday 10.00am Communion at St Nicholas

Sunday 24th December – Advent 4

- 8.00am BCP Communion at Christ Church
- 10.30am Communion Service at St Nicholas
- 10.30am Communion Service at St Barnabas
- 4.00pm Christingle at St Nicholas
- 5.00pm Wriggly Nativity at St Barnabas
- 6.00pm Christingle at Christ Church
- 11.30pm Holy Communion at St Nicholas (with Sutton Baptist Church)
- 11.30pm Holy Communion at St Barnabas

LECTIONARY READINGS

This Week: *Advent 3: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28*
Next Week: *Advent 4: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38*
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.

The deadline for notices for 24th and 31st December is noon on Tuesday 19th December.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

Sunday 17th December

Sunday morning worship pattern as normal.

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

Sunday 24th 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 25th December: Christmas Day

10.30 am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

10.30 am Holy Communion at Christ Church

Sunday 31st 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

Operation Christmas Child: Thank you to all who contributed. 885 Cartons were filled with 8935 boxes. All of ours have been dispatched to Albania.

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) 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.

CHRIST CHURCH (www.christchurch.suttonteam.org.uk)

Fundraising update: Today is the final day for orders from the alternative gifts catalogue if you want them for Christmas. Please continue returning smarties tubes (full of coins!). Thank you to everyone who's contributed to this project, there is still time if you haven't and we will let you know the final total in January!

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.

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.

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.

Please check your pigeon holes for Christmas cards.

St NICHOLAS (www.stnicholas.suttonteam.org.uk)

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.

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.

Making Christingles: Thinking of the Christingle Service, we will be making the Christingles from 2pm on Saturday, 23rd 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.

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.

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

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. Catherine. Pam. David. Victor.

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 at Church today or will be coming next Sunday.**

ST BARNABAS PARISH MAGAZINE

Copies of the bumper Winter 2017 edition of the Magazine are still available and are on sale on the table at the back of the church, price 70p.

The 5 o'clock Children's Christmas Eve Nativity Service at St Barnabas NEXT

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.

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.

THIS MONTH'S CHARITY OF THE MONTH is "CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS".

So far we have only enough donations for 2 places at the table. 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.