



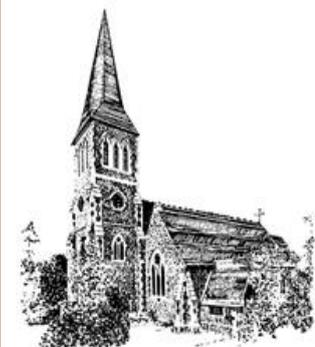
**SUTTON TEAM
MINISTRY**



ST BARNABAS, SUTTON
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St Barnabas Road
Sutton SM1 4NP



CHRIST CHURCH
Christchurch Park
Sutton SM2 5TN



St NICHOLAS
St Nicholas Way
Sutton SM1 1ST

NOTICE SHEET

Sunday 24th December 2017

Advent 4

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
- 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

Sunday 31st December – First after Christmas

- 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

Monday 25th December: Christmas Day

- 10.30 am Holy Communion at St Nicholas
- 10.30 am Holy Communion at Christ Church

Worship this week

Thursday 10.00am Mattins at St Nicholas

LECTIONARY READINGS

This Week: *Advent 4: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38*
Christmas Day: Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)
Next Week: *First after Christmas: Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:15-21*
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) |

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

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Sunday 31st December: New Year's Eve

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10.30am Morning Worship at Christ Church
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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: A coach has been booked to go from Sutton Station (The Quadrant) to Dulwich on the afternoon of Sunday, 21st January. A few places remain: cost is between £15 and £20 per person (depending on final numbers). To book a place contact Richard West (richjwest@btinternet.com; 020 8644 7834) as soon as possible - before all the seats are booked.

The Rt Revd Sarah Mullally

'Sutton alumnus' Sarah Mullally has been announced as the next Bishop of London.

Richard West writes: 'During the summer I visited Sarah and we met at Exeter Cathedral. You have to pay to look around, either a day or year ticket. I told her I had not bothered to buy an annual ticket as she probably would not still be there in a year's time. I am sure we are all delighted at the news that Sarah is to be the new Bishop of London. We wish her well, with our love and congratulations, and our fond wishes also to Eamonn, Grace and Liam - and sympathise with Bracken at yet another new home to explore.'

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.

The amount raised during October and November for Sutton Community Allotment was £157.53. The amount raised on Remembrance Sunday, 12 November, for the Royal British Legion was £84.10.

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.

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 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.*

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

Fundraising update: 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.

Please check your pigeon holes for Christmas cards.

St BARNABAS (www.stbarnabas.suttonteam.org.uk)

CHRISTMAS CARDS: DO NOT FORGET to check the Christmas cards boxes TODAY before you leave the Church to see if there are still any cards for you. **THERE IS NO DELIVERY SERVICE so do not leave cards for anyone who is not in Church this morning.**

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.

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

We have now donations for 4 places at the table but can we increase that to 5 or more? Donations can still be made today. The 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.