St Nicholas Church Sutton

21 NOVEMBER 2021
Christ the King
Sunday next before Advent

Welcome to all who gather here today. Please ask one of the welcomers if you would like any assistance.

Worship

Please check the website and mailings for the most up to date information about our services.

IN CHURCH

Today: 10.30am Holy Communion

Next week: 28 November 2021, Advent Sunday
10.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 25 November 2021 10am Holy Communion, *Isaac Watts, Hymn writer, 1748; Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr, 4th ct.*
(followed by Private Prayer until 12.30pm)

ONLINE
Today: Sunday 21 November 5pm Zoom service

Lectionary Readings (Year B)
Today: Daniel 7.9-10, 13, 14; Revelation 1.4*b*-8; John 18.33-37
Next week: Jeremiah 33.14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end; Luke 21.25-36

Hymns for Sunday 21 November: *HON 33 (opening), HON 103 (gradual), HON 393 (final)*

Church of England worship

Daily Prayer app and podcast

This is the app to help you follow Morning, Evening and Night Prayer wherever you are. It includes Bible readings (NRSV translation) and psalms.
https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/daily-prayer-app-and-podcast

Prayer List –the David family, Eddie Moss, Pam, Mary Hall, Lesley, Claudia, Judith, John
Departed –Stan Hollaway, Sir David Amess MP, Mark
To include someone on the prayer list please ask their permission first. Then send the request to:
PCCSecretary.StNicholas@suttonteamministry.org by Wednesday.
Please note that Clergy/SPAs/Staff will not be able to answer questions about people on the prayer list.

Charity of the Month for November is **Royal British Legion**

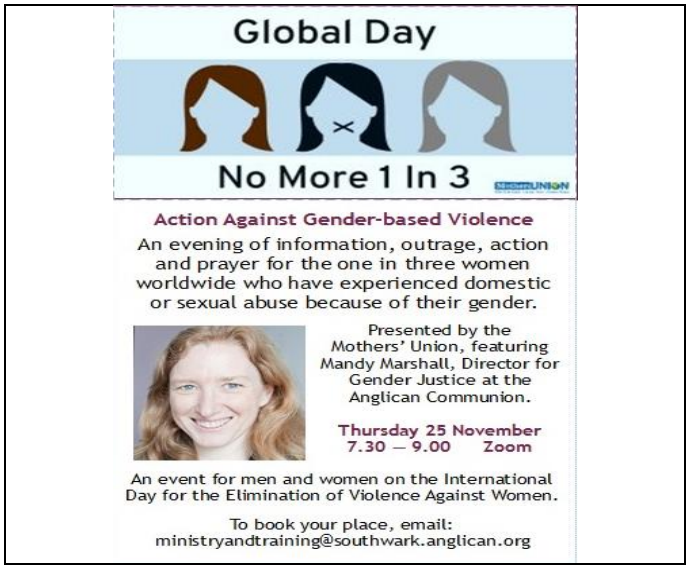
DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS We can decorate the windowsills again!
All the decorations should be in place for December 12th please.
Please let Ginny (Parish Office 020 8642 8371, administrator@suttonteamministry.org) know which sill you wish to decorate, who will be coming and which of the following times are suitable. (This will help with social distancing. Please wear face coverings and use the sanitiser provided, as usual)
Thursday 2 December 10.45am-12.30pm
Thursday 9 December 10.45am-12.30pm
Arrangements could also be made for the church to be open on Friday 10 or Saturday 11 December.
The decorations should be cleared before Sunday 9 January. Many thanks.

Staying in touch

Stay in touch about ways that we can care for you and pray for you. I'd be glad to hear from you.

In particular can I make a plea to those who find themselves in pressing need (or who know of others of our number in difficulties)? Please don't feel that you have nowhere to turn. I really want you to contact me or the churchwardens in the first instance. When you do, we will either be able to help you ourselves or point you in the right direction for access to food or emotional support for people who are struggling during the pandemic.

Revd Frances



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We are looking to publish the **CHURCH DIRECTORY** in time for Christmas. This will be issued to all those on the St Nicholas electoral role. If you do not want your details to appear in the directory or are unsure of any aspect of the directory please contact me by Sunday 21st November. Geoff Rendall 0708604522 geoffrey.rendall@sky.com

COVID-19 restrictions The PCC have agreed not to continue with hard copy **'test & trace'** sheets on entering church, but to retain the opportunity to scan the QR code in the porch. There will continue to be a Welcomer at the desk. The PCC also agreed, in accordance with the latest Church of England guidance, that it was not necessary to keep doors and windows open in the nave during Sunday and Thursday services when the **heating** was on and while numbers attending remained at current levels. (The church has high level ventilation built into the ceiling, providing natural ventilation).

CHRISTMAS SERVICES Thank you to those who have volunteered to help. We have a full rota for Christmas Day. If you are able to assist at the **Midnight Service** (Christmas Eve, 11.30pm), can you please decide where you are able to help, and **let Richard West know (020 8644 7834 richjwest@btinternet.com) by Monday 22 November**. Please indicate all the areas where you might be able to help: you will not be asked to undertake them all, but it will help to ensure there are no gaps: Duty Warden, Reader of the Gospel, someone to lead the Intercessions, someone to operate the Sound System.

ST NICHOLAS PATRONAL FESTIVAL
Tickets are on sale now for a scaled down feast after the service on Sunday, 5 December. A celebration will take place in the Community Hall. Tickets are £5, free for under 5 year olds.

St Nicholas Mothers' Union will be holding their annual **CHRISTMAS PUDDING STIR UP** on Stir Up Sunday, 21 November. Anyone is welcome to join us at Emma and Keith Cann's at 3.30 pm. If you would like a list of items to bring, please contact a member of the MU. Puddings will be on sale after this date; proceeds towards Mothers' Union projects https://www.mothersunion.org/what-we-do

www.stnicholas.suttonteam.org.uk
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