St Nicholas Church Sutton

28 NOVEMBER 2021
Advent Sunday

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: 5 December 2021, 10.30am **Patronal Festival**, St Nicholas, All Age – Holy Communion

Thursday 2 December 2021 10am Holy Communion

(followed by Private Prayer until 12.30pm)

ONLINE

Today: Sunday 28 November 5pm Zoom service

Tuesday 30 November 9pm Night Prayer (Compline) (a Facebook Live event)

Lectionary Readings (Year C)

Today: Jeremiah 33.14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end; Luke 21.25-36

Next week: Isaiah 6.1-6; 1 John 4.7-21; Mark 10.13-16

Hymns for Sunday 28 November: *HON 358 (opening), HON 315 (gradual), HON 196 (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, Georgina

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**

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

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 Saturday 4 December. Geoff Rendall 07856604522 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).

ADVENT DEVOTIONS We are pleased to be introducing Night Prayer (Compline) at 9pm on Tuesdays during Advent, beginning on Tuesday 30 November. Worship will be broadcast live from St Nicholas via Facebook. Further details will be emailed to you.
Please join us for the ancient office of Compline, a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day on the following evenings:

Tuesday 30 November at 9pm
Tuesday 7 December at 9pm
Tuesday 14 December at 9pm
Tuesday 21 December at 9pm

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.

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.