St Nicholas Church Sutton

5 DECEMBER 2021
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Patronal Festival

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 **Patronal Festival**, St Nicholas, All Age – Holy Communion
Next week: 12 December 2021, 10.30am Holy Communion
Thursday 9 December 2021 10am Holy Communion
(followed by Private Prayer until 12.30pm)

ONLINE

Today: Sunday 5 December 5pm Zoom service
Tuesday 30 November 9pm Night Prayer (Compline) (a Facebook Live event)

Lectionary Readings (Year C)
Today: Isaiah 6.1-6; 1 John 4.7-21; Mark 10.13-16
Next week: Zephaniah 3.14-end, Philippians 4.4-7, Luke 3.7-18

Hymns for Sunday 5 December: *HON 134 (opening), HON 73 (gradual), Sheet (offertory), HON 82 (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, Alex, Georgina

Departed –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 December is **The Children's Society**

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

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 introduced Night Prayer (Compline) on Tuesday 30 November, broadcast live from St Nicholas via Facebook.
Please join us for this ancient office of Compline, a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day, on the following evenings at 9pm:
Tuesday 7 December, Tuesday 14 December and Tuesday 21 December

The direct link to the event is https://fb.me/e/2emYtNYfu
This is a live Facebook event. To access the link, please make sure that you are logged on to Facebook.
Please also ensure that the sound is enabled on your device.

A recording will be available on YouTube https://youtu.be/6mXovueCNlM

ST NICHOLAS PATRONAL FESTIVAL
A celebration will take place in the Community Hall after the service today. Please purchase tickets in advance.

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 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.

THE RIGHT REVD JONATHAN CLARK, BISHOP OF CROYDON
24 February 2022 is Bishop Jonathan's final working day as Bishop of Croydon.
All are invited to his farewell service at Croydon Minster on that day. Further details to follow.

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