St Nicholas Church Sutton

3 DECEMBER 2023

1st SUNDAY OF 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: 3 December – Advent Sunday – 10.30 Holy Communion – Revd Kevin Lewis (Vicar of Church of the Good Shepherd, Carshalton Beeches and Area Dean, Sutton Deanery)
Next week: 10 December – 2nd Sunday in Advent - 10.30 Holy Communion – Revd Francesca Perlman Mitchell (Curate, Cheam Parish)
Thursday 7th December 10am Holy Communion – Revd Charles Cotton – (followed by Private Prayer to 12.30pm)

Lectionary Readings
Today: **Advent Sunday** - Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37
Next week: 2nd Sunday in Advent – Isaiah 40.1-11; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8

Hymns for Sunday 3 December: 78 - Christ is the World's true Light, 358 - O Come, O Come Emmanuel, 408 - Onward Christian Pilgrims, 432 - Rejoice the Lord is King

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

Lefteris, Pam Affleck, Willemina Robson, Michelle, Tony Nworisa, Diane Young, Anne, John Stannett, Sheila Young, Mary Meldrum, Nathalie

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/Staff will not be able to answer questions about people on the prayer list. Names will remain on the list for a month.
After today, all names on the current prayer list will be deleted. If you wish a name to remain on the prayer list please let us know at this email address pccsecretary.stnicholas@suttonteamministry.org

EXTRAORDINARY PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

A reminder that this meeting, which was adjourned three weeks ago, will resume on Sunday, 3 December, at midday in church. The Agenda remains as for the previous meeting.

Charity of the Month for December is **THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

NOTICES AND WHAT'S ON



CHRISTMAS WINDOW DECORATIONS



Would you like to decorate one of the windows in church for Christmas? Perhaps you have done so before. Contact Richard West (richjwest@btintrnet.com). Windows can be decorated on Thursdays between 11am and 12.30pm or before the service on 3, 10 or 17 December. It would be good to have the windows decorated in time for the morning service on 17 December.

EXTRAORDINARY PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING, SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 2023, 12 NOON IN CHURCH	**There will be an Extraordinary Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 3 December at 12 noon.**
TRINITY ADVENT REFLECTION 5 DECEMBER 2023, TRINITY CHURCH, 7.30PM	Trinity Advent Reflection Join us on Tuesday 5 December at 7.30pm in Trinity Church, Sutton to begin our Advent journey. We will be welcoming Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler, Secretary of the Methodist Conference, to lead an Advent Reflection: "Something Understood? How do we think about prayer?" Dr Hustler will reference George Herbert's poem "Prayer" as he helps us to explore what is, for many, a difficult topic.
SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 12 pm ST NICHOLAS PATRONAL LUNCH	The Patronal Lunch will be at 12 noon on Sunday, 10 December, in the Community Hall. It will be an Australian Down Under, Upside Down BBQ lunch. Dress code: Ready for Australian BBQ. Tickets are £10 each (£5 for those under 12), on sale now. In view of the short notice, tickets can be reserved by contacting Nicki Richards at nicki@abstraining.com and pay when you see Nicki.
OUTING TO V&A MUSEUM, NOW ON SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 2023	The V and A museum have temporarily closed the exhibition on musicals so we are postponing our outing until Sunday 10 December. We hope many of you will still be able to join us. We will meet at the back of Trinity Church after morning service and eat our packed lunches in the halls before travelling to London by train and tube at around 12.30. We will visit a café for tea before returning. Please bring your packed lunch! Please contact John or Deborah Wroe (020 8642 9064 or john.p.wroe@gmail.com) for more information.
SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER 6.30pm TRINITY	United Carol Service at **Trinity Church** starting at 6.30pm