ST NICHOLAS CHURCH SUTTON

17 DECEMBER 2023

3rd 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: Sunday, 17 December 10.30 – 3rd Sunday of Advent - Revd Anne Doerr, Assistant Curate (Associate Priest) of Belmont, Assistant Area Dean

Next week: Sunday 24th December 10.30 – 4th Sunday of Advent - The Venerable Moira Astin

Thursday 21st December 10am Holy Communion – Revd Beth Lewis – (followed by Private Prayer to 12.30pm)

Lectionary Readings

Today: **3rd Sunday of Advent –** Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-end; 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-8, 19-28

Next week: 4th Sunday of Advent – 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16; Romans 16.25-end; Luke 1.26-38

Hymns for Sunday 17 December: 467 Tell out, my soul; 471 The angel Gabriel; 193 Hail to the Lord's anointed; 180 God's spirit is in my heart.

LOOKING AHEAD

- **Christmas Day, 25 December at 10.30 am-** The Venerable Moira Astin
- Unfortunately, it is not possible to hold a Midnight service at St Nicholas on Christmas Eve. However, all are welcome to join either Sutton Baptist Church at 11.30pm (a service of Holy Communion) or Trinity Church at 11.15pm (Candlelit Worship).
- **Sunday, 31 December** - There will be no service at St Nicholas, but all are invited to join with Trinity and Sutton Baptist Church for a united service at 10.30am at SBC.

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

Frances Arnold, John Stannett

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.

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

NOTICES AND WHAT'S ON

ARCHBISHOPS' JOINT APPEAL

During this season, Bishop Christopher asks us to consider a donation to support the Archbishops' Joint Appeal for the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza, and the ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. You can donate at St Nicholas or give online: https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/24585#!/DonationDetails



Image: The Lower Church of the Basilica of the Annunciation, Nazareth.
Taken by Revd Canon Wendy Robins during the Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Christopher, 2023.

May the joy and peace of Christmas be yours and may we hold in our hearts our brothers and sisters in the land of Christ's birth.

+ Christopher

SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER 6.30pm TRINITY	United Carol Service at **Trinity Church** starting at 6.30pm	
SATURDAY 23rd DECEMBER ST BARNABAS		There is no charge but if you would like to attend, please let Dorothy Hannam know for catering purposes. Friends and family are also welcome.