St Nicholas Church Sutton

24 DECEMBER 2023

4th 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 24th December 10.30 – 4th Sunday of Advent - The Venerable Moira Astin
Monday 25th December 10.30 – Christmas Day - The Venerable Moira Astin

Next week: Sunday 31st December – 1st Sunday of Christmas - 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.

Thursday 28th December 10am Holy Communion – Revd Charles Cotton (followed by Private Prayer to 12.30pm)

Lectionary Readings
Today: 4th Sunday of Advent – 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16; Romans 16.25-end; Luke 1.26-38
Christmas Day - Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-4 and John 1: 1-14

Hymns for Sunday 24 December: 295 Let all mortal flesh keep silent, 471 The Angel Gabriel, 467 Tell out my soul, 62 Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
Hymns for Christmas Day - 283 Joy to the world, 395 Of the Father's love, 109 Ding dong merrily on high, 199 Hark the Herald Angels

- 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).
- **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** - As usual to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, there will be a United Morning Service at **10.30am on Sunday, 21 January** at Trinity Church. There will also be a said service of Holy Communion at St Nicholas at 9am that morning. In the evening churches in Sutton and Cheam will be coming together at 6.30pm at Sutton Christian Centre in Tate Road.

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.

SUTTONfx requests your prayers. They are currently working on the feasibility of opening a warm space and community social lounge in a local community hall in St Nicholas Parish. This will be a 3-hour session once a week that will be a safe place for people to meet for conversation and company. This would form part of the national 'Chatty Cafe Scheme'. https://thechattycafescheme.co.uk/ Please pray that they can secure the funding and volunteers to enable this to happen in early 2024. To learn more please contact Jeff Richards. jeff@suttonfx.com

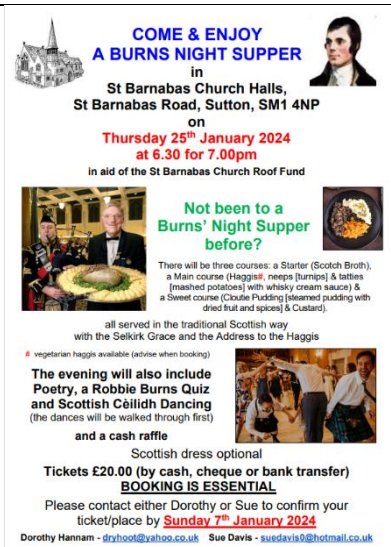
Charity of the Month for December is **THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

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



Friday 12th January	Barbara Braig's funeral 12:40 pm at North East Surrey Crematorium, Cemetery Lodge, Lower Morden Lane, Morden SM4 4NU. Donations to the British Heart Foundation charity instead of flowers would be much appreciated. Anyone is welcome to join us for refreshments afterwards at the pub, on the roundabout near the Crematorium at the Morden Brook, Lower Morden Lane, Morden SM4 4SS For catering purposes, please confirm to: Val Murray mob: 07985 589252 or email: whiterose140@icloud.com by 4th January 2024.
Thursday 18th January	**Sutton Soup** - It's the sociable way of raising money for local good causes. You come along and pay £5 for a meal of homemade soup and bread. You get to hear four pitches from local people who need funding for a project that benefits the Sutton community. You get to vote for the one you like best. The winner of the vote gets to keep ALL the money we take on the door on the night. By coming together that £5 turns into hundreds of pounds for the winner. (*St Nicholas is featured as the host of Sutton Soup in the Winter Edition of the Sutton Story Teller. You can pick up a free copy of this new local newssheet from The Sound Lounge and Waterstones. Read the online copy* : https://issuu.com/suttonstoryteller/docs/binder1_compressed_1_)
Sunday 21st January	**Notice of the AGM for Friends of St Nicholas Churchyard** You are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of St Nicholas Churchyard, to be held on: Date: Sunday, 21st January 2024, Time: 12:30 pm, Venue: The Robin Hood Pub, West Street, Sutton, SM1 1SH All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting, as it provides an opportunity to review the past year's activities, discuss plans for the churchyard, and contribute to the overall direction of the Friends.
Thursday 25th January St Barnabas Burns Night Supper		Tickets £20.00 (by cash, cheque or bank transfer) **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL** Please contact either Dorothy or Sue to confirm your ticket/place by Sunday 7th January 2024 Dorothy Hannam - dryhoot@yahoo.co.uk Sue Davis - suedavis0@hotmail.co.uk