St Nicholas Church Sutton

7 January 2024

Worship

Please check the website and mailings for the most up to date information about our services.

IN CHURCH

This week: Sunday 7th January – 1st Sunday of Epiphany – 10.30 Holy Communion – Revd Martin Hayward
Next week: Sunday 14th January – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany – 10.30 Holy Communion – Revd Charles Cotton
Thursday 11TH January - 10am Holy Communion – Revd Charles Cotton (followed by Private Prayer to 12.30pm)
Readings: Sunday 7th January - Genesis 1. 1-5; Acts 19. 1-7; Mark 1, 4-11
Sunday 14th January – 1 Samuel 3.1-10; Revelation 5.1-10; John 1.43 - end
Hymns: Sunday 7th January: 56 Be thou my vision, 69 Breathe on me breath of God, 454 Spirit of the living Lord fall afresh on me, 103 Crown him with many crowns

RETURN OF THE COLLECTION

From this Sunday, 7 January, we will be re-introducing the collection during the offertory hymn. This will enable our offerings once more to be blessed. This means, of course, that there will not be the offertory plate at the back of church.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

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.

Prayers are answered! But the need continues. SUTTONfx requests your prayers.
We have made progress towards 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/ **We have secured the funding to enable this to happen in early 2024**. But we need your help as prayer supporters and volunteers. Please contact Jeff Richards to learn how you can help and be part of the Chatty Crew. jeff@suttonfx.com

Charity of the Month for January is The Childrens' Society

NOTICES AND WHAT'S ON

Wonderful News!

Elijah Max Phillips was born on 29th December. Congratulations to Rebecca and Matthew!

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	Remember that **Sunday, 7 January** is the final day to book for the **Burns Night Supper** at 6.30pm for 7pm on **Thursday, 25 January** at **St Barnabas** Church Hall. Tickets are £20 each are available from Dorothy Hannan (dryhoot@yahoo.co.uk - 07903 749 214) or Sue Davis (suedavis0@hotmail.co.uk) There will also be a raffle, to be drawn during the supper. First prize is a voucher for four people to play an 18 hole round of golf at Surrey Downs Golf Club, Kingswood valid for 12 months. Raffle tickets are on sale from Dorothy Hannan (contact as above) and if you're not able to come to the Burns Evening you can still purchase a raffle ticket. Raffle tickets are £1 for a strip of 5 tickets. There are other prizes as well including whisky liqueur, wine, cheeseboard.
Saturday 2nd March	 **For more details please contact Jeff Richards**