



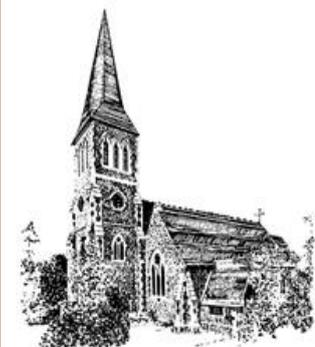
**SUTTON TEAM
MINISTRY**



ST BARNABAS, SUTTON
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CHRIST CHURCH
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St NICHOLAS
St Nicholas Way
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NOTICE SHEET

Sunday 3rd December 2017

Advent Sunday

Team Rector: **Revd Justine Middlemiss** 020 8642 3499 - rector@suttonteamministry.org
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Assistant Curate: **Revd Cécile Schnyder** 020 8239 9501 - curate@suttonteamministry.org

**Welcome to all who gather in our churches today.
Please ask one of the welcomers if you are unsure of
anything or would like assistance.**

We have gluten free communion wafers available in all of our churches. If you would like to receive a gluten free wafer at Communion, please let the clergy know before the start of the service. We do not currently have non-alcoholic wine available. If this would be helpful for you, please speak to the clergy.

Worship today:

8.00am BCP Communion at Christ Church
9.00am BCP Communion at St Nicholas
10.30am Advent Team Service at St Barnabas
6.30pm Advent Service at Trinity Church

Worship this week

Thursday 10.00am Mattins at St Nicholas
Thursday 1.00pm Lunchtime Communion at St Nicholas

Sunday 10th December – Advent 2

8.00am BCP Communion at Christ Church
9.00am BCP Communion at St Nicholas
10.30am Communion Service at Christ Church
10.30am Patronal Service with Communion at St Nicholas
10.30am Communion Service at St Barnabas
6.30pm Carolling at St Barnabas

LECTIONARY READINGS

This Week: *Advent Sunday: Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37*
Next Week: *Advent 2: Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8*
Please note that these readings may be changed for special and different services.

CHURCHES OPEN

Tuesday: Christ Church	9.00am-11.00am (during term time)
Thursday: St Nicholas	10.00am-2.00pm (weekly)
Saturday: St Barnabas	9.00am-3.00pm (1 st & 3 rd Saturdays)

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL NOTICES FOR THE NOTICESHEET SHOULD BE EMAILED, BY NOON ON TUESDAY EACH WEEK, TO: suttonteam23646@gmail.com.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

Wednesday 6th December:

Blessing the Taps at the Robin Hood Pub, 6.30pm

Advent Meditation, 8.30pm, Christ Church

Friday 8th December

Opening of the Sutton New Town Christmas Tree Festival, 6.30pm at St Barnabas

Sunday 10th December:

Sunday morning worship pattern as normal, St Nicholas Patronal Festival lunch after service.

Caroling 6.30pm, St Barnabas- an informal service of carols, songs and Christmas cheer

Wednesday 13th December:

Advent Meditation, 8.30pm Christ Church

Friday 15th December:

Choir Practice for Team Carol Service, 7.30pm at Christ Church

Sunday 17th December

Sunday morning worship pattern as normal.

Carol Service, 6.30pm. (Choir Practice 4pm) at Christ Church

Sunday 24th December: (Advent 4/Christmas Eve)

8am Holy Communion at Christ Church

10.30 am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

10.30 am Holy Communion at St Barnabas

4pm Christingle at St Nicholas

5pm Wriggly Nativity at St Barnabas

6pm Christingle at Christ Church

11.30pm Holy Communion at St Nicholas (with Sutton Baptist Church)

11.30pm Holy Communion at St Barnabas

Monday 25th December: Christmas Day

10.30 am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

10.30 am Holy Communion at Christ Church

Sunday 31st December: New Year's Eve

8am Holy Communion at Christ Church

9am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

10.30am Morning Worship at Christ Church

10.30am Morning Worship at St Barnabas

10.30am St Nicholas joint service at Sutton Baptist Church

NEWS / WHAT'S ON: FOR ALL TEAM CHURCHES

Advent prayer diary: Available at back of church from today.

Christmas Tree Festival @ St Barnabas: Friday 8th December - 6 pm to 8 pm. Opening Gala.

Join us for mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas cheer. This is the big switch on for all of the Christmas Trees that make up the festival. Come along, make new friends and show your support for the different community groups that have worked so hard to create this beautiful event. There will be live music, handbell ringing and tasty seasonal refreshments.

Advent Lecture at Trinity Church: 'Picturing the Reformation' a lecture by a former Bishop of St Albans, Rt Revd Christopher Herbert. It will tackle questions like "what were the origins of the Reformation?" and "was there more than one Reformation?" and it will touch on the art and culture of the times. The lecture will take place on Tuesday 12 December at 7.30pm in Trinity Church. Tickets are £5.00 and can be obtained from Alistair Cruickshank (St Nicholas).

ANNOUNCEMENT

Cécile Schnyder: I am happy to officially announce that:

I will be licenced by Bishop Karowei Dorgu as Priest-in-Charge at East Dulwich St Clement with St Peter on **Sunday 21st January 2018 at 4pm**. All are welcome. The address is: St Clement with St Peter, Friern Road, London, SE22 0AY. Best wishes, Cécile

St BARNABAS (www.stbarnabas.suttonteam.org.uk)

ST BARNABAS PARISH MAGAZINE: The bumper Winter 2017 edition of the Magazine is now available and copies are on sale on the table by the font, price 70p.

THIS TUESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER: THE MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESAN ADVENT SERVICE will be held at 11.00am at **St Mark's Church, South Norwood. (Albert Road, South Norwood, London SE25 4JE)**. The Preacher will be the **Bishop of Croydon**. All members are encouraged to attend. (Directions: From Norwood Junction Station - Leave via Clifford Road exit (adjacent to Platform 7) and then turn left along Clifford Road. At T Junction turn left, crossing over road on the pedestrian crossing. Turn right into Albert Road. St Mark's Church is on the right at the end of the road.)

SUTTON WOMENS' REFUGE has made an **APPEAL** for large nappies, sizes 5 and 6, and the **£5** vouchers for **Sainsbury's, Asda, Lidl or Tesco** and Christmas treats of nice biscuits, chocolates, Christmas crackers, fizzy pop for the children or anything else to make Christmas a bit more special. The other need is for decorations for two real Christmas trees which have been donated by Homebase. Please give any donations to **Janice Clarke** by **next Sunday, 10th December**.

ON TUESDAY, 12th DECEMBER: the MOTHERS' UNION will be holding a Christmas Celebration in the St Barnabas Church Halls from 2.00pm until 4.30pm to which **EVERYONE IS INVITED, whether a member or not**. The afternoon will begin with carols and readings and then seasonal refreshments and tea and coffee will be served. The younger members will be joining with their children during the afternoon after they have finished school when there will be some games. A raffle will also be held in aid of the Mothers' Union Christmas Appeal for Victims of Gender Based Violence.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Boxes for Christmas cards to be exchanged between members of the congregation are now in Church. Please check the boxes each week. **THERE IS NO DELIVERY SERVICE** so do not leave cards for people unless you are reasonably certain that they will be coming to Church over the Christmas period.

PRESENTS FOR CHILDREN OF PRISONERS FOR CHRISTMAS: High Down Prison has again requested donations of new toys for children of prisoners for Christmas. Could **Janice Clarke** be given any presents (please do not wrap them in Christmas paper) **by no later than next Sunday, 10th December** as Father Christmas and his elves need time to sort and wrap them before Christmas Eve. The 5 o'clock Children's Christmas Eve Nativity Service at St Barnabas on **SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER** will once again this year include some 'Wriggly Nativity' songs as a part of the service. St Barnabas 'Wriggly Nativity' tells the Christmas Story. Everything is easy to learn and the narration between the songs is brief. Children, or even adults, who would like to take part in the 'Wriggly Nativity' part of the service should come along to the church at 3.00pm on Christmas Eve and join in. They can wear their own Nativity costume (i.e. angel or shepherd) or can be dressed in a St Barnabas' one.

So, if you have children or children staying with you at Christmas, why not bring them along at 3.00pm to join in with a rehearsal, or just before 5.00pm for the actual service. Everyone else between the ages of 0 and 100+, please come along at 5.00pm to enjoy a lovely Christmassy service.

Please speak to Eleanor Holley (telephone: 07793 988396) if you are interested or would like to know more.

THIS MONTH'S CHARITY OF THE MONTH is "**CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS**". Centres are open to homeless people, many of whom come straight from freezing streets, for nine days over Christmas providing food, shelter, companionship. Volunteers provide vital health checks, nourishing meals, learning opportunities, housing and job advice and, most importantly, for nine days a year, they have the chance to bring some warmth and kindness into people's lives.

The "Charity of the Month" Box is on the long table at the back of the church. If you wish to "Gift Aid" your donation, please use one of the pink labelled envelopes by the Box.

CHRIST CHURCH (www.christchurch.suttonteam.org.uk)

A huge thank you to Jean, Andrew, Terry, Sue and everyone who helped organise, cook and wash up the Patronal Festival Lunch last week. It was great to enjoy time together over lovely food.

Grassroots Sale: Junior Church would like to thank everyone who supported their Christmas Sale. **The total raised was £307.42.**

Fundraising update: Thank you to everyone who took part in our promises auction last Sunday. **We raised £837 in the auction and £134 from the bottle tombola.** We hope you enjoy redeeming your promises!

We have now raised over £14,000 and we are starting to near our target of £18,500.

It's time to finish filling your smarties tubes and return them to church.

Next week (Sunday 10 December) Matilda and Hannah are holding a cake sale after the service. Please donate some cakes / cookies / savoury items if you can. There will also be a sale of handmade Christmas cards, a small selection of Christmas gifts, and you will be able to place an order for a Christmas candle floral table decoration. If you're able to hold a social event to fundraise or want to buy or give gifts from our alternative gifts catalogue, take a look at our website: <http://christchurch.suttonteam.org.uk/fundraising-project>

Advent prayer spaces: There are four spaces around church to use to guide prayer and reflection during Advent in the run-up to Christmas. They are designed for adults and older teenagers, and there's something for people mature in their faith as well as people starting to explore Christianity. You can do all four in one go, or a different one each week. You can use the prayer spaces at your own pace whenever church is open.

Silence Group: Will be meeting on Friday 8th December. 12 noon, at the home of Margaret Golding, 10A Christchurch Park, Sutton. There will be a period of silent prayer followed by a frugal lunch and time of fellowship. All are welcome but if you'd like to come please let Margaret know for catering purposes (020 8642 1915).

BLUEBIRDS PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: Monday afternoons in term time 1.45-3.00 pm. in Christ Church Hall but open to families from any of the three churches or the local community. Come along and make new friends while your baby or toddler has fun playing with the many toys and activities on offer. Parents, grandparents, nannies and childminders all welcome! Do ring Denise (0208 642 8957) if you'd like to know more.

St NICHOLAS (www.stnicholas.suttonteam.org.uk)

St Nicholas Patronal Festival and lunch this year will be on Sunday, 10th December. Tickets for the lunch are available from Emma Cann and Nicki Richards. £8 for adults, £4 under 12s. Please contact Emma Cann on keithemma66@gmail.com or 07719 442480 to reserve tickets.

Charity of the Month: Our Charity for December is The Children's Society. Special boxes are available in which coins (or notes) can be easily collected. Pick up a box and perhaps return it, suitably filled, at the Christingle Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve. If you cannot make that service, any other time will be fine, but please, before the end of December. You can, of course, still put any donation in the 'Charity of the Month' box at the back of church. Fidelity will match all that we collect for The Children's Society during Advent.

Making Christingles: Thinking of the Christingle Service, we will be making the Christingles from 2pm on Saturday, 23 December. Do come and join in the fun. That same Saturday we will be opening the church from midday to 4pm. If you can be in church to greet our visitors, and offer them a mince pie, please sign up at the back of church.

Floodlighting: Marking an anniversary, celebration or just a simple dedication. If you would like to sponsor our floodlighting during 2018, please have a word with Richard West. A donation towards the upkeep of the floodlighting (perhaps £20 for a week's sponsorship) will be very welcome.

Prayer meeting: Our next meetings are planned for: Tuesday 19th December at 7pm. We meet at Arja's house. Please let her (020 8642 2491) know that you're coming.

Prayer List: to include someone on the prayer list please ask their permission first. Then send the request to suttonteam23646@gmail.com by Tuesday. Please note that Clergy/SPAs/Staff will not be able to answer questions about people on the prayer list. *Catherine. Pam. David.*