



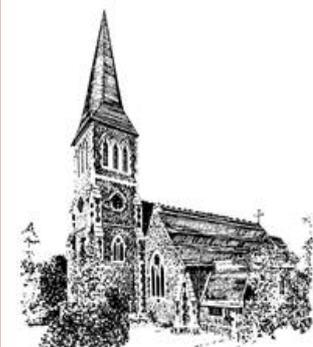
**SUTTON TEAM
MINISTRY**



ST BARNABAS, SUTTON
St BARNABAS
St Barnabas Road
Sutton SM1 4NP



CHRIST CHURCH
Christchurch Park
Sutton SM2 5TN



St NICHOLAS
St Nicholas Way
Sutton SM1 1ST

NOTICE SHEET

Sunday 25th March 2018

Palm Sunday

Team Rector: **Revd Justine Middlemiss** 020 8642 3499 - rector@suttonteamministry.org
Team Vicar: **Revd Phil Brooks** 020 8642 2757 - vicar@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:

8am Holy Communion at Christ Church
9am Holy Communion at St Nicholas
10.30am Team Service at Christ Church
6.30pm United Choral Service at Trinity Church

Worship this week

Wednesday 2.00pm Communion and cake at Christ Church
Thursday 10.00am Mattins at St Nicholas

Monday 26th-Wednesday 28th March: 8.30 pm Evening reflections at Christ Church
Thursday 29th March: 8.00 pm CUCS Maundy Thursday service, Trinity Church
Good Friday 30th March: see list on page 2 of this noticesheet

Sunday 1st April – Easter Day

5.45 am Sunrise Service, **St Nicholas Church**
8am Holy Communion at Christ Church
9am Holy Communion at St Nicholas
10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church
10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas
10.30am Holy Communion at St Barnabas

LECTIONARY READINGS

This Week: **Palm Sunday:** Mark 11.1-11; Psalm 118.19-end
Next Week: **Easter Day:** Acts 10.34-43; Mark 16.1-8

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.**

NEWS / WHAT'S ON: FOR ALL TEAM CHURCHES

Holy Week in Sutton Team Ministry

Palm Sunday, 25th March: 8.00 am Holy Communion at Christ Church
9.00 am Holy Communion at St Nicholas
10.30 am Team Holy Communion at Christ Church

Monday 26th-Wednesday 28th March: 8.30 pm **Holy Week Reflections** at Christ Church
Christ Church will be open for quiet reflection from, from **7.30pm**, prior to the 8.30 pm Holy Week Reflections on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Thursday 29th March: 8.00 pm CUCS Maundy Thursday service, Trinity Church

Good Friday, 30th March: 9.30 am Churches Together Walk of Witness- meet at Asda on the high street
10.30 am CUCS Good Friday service, Trinity Church
11.30 am St Nicholas church open for prayer and reflection (with readings and music) - until 1.00 pm
1.00 pm St Barnabas church open for prayer and reflection (with readings and music) - until 2.00 pm
2.00 – 3.00 pm Hour at the Cross service, St Barnabas church

Please note amended times
at St Nicholas and St
Barnabas.

Easter Sunday, 1st April: 5.45 am Sunrise service, St Nicholas Church
8.00 am Holy Communion, Christ Church
10.30 am Holy Communion at St Nicholas, St Barnabas and Christ Church

Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs)

Christ Church - April 15th, after 10.30am service; St Barnabas - April 22nd, after 10.30am service; St Nicholas - April 29th, after 10.30am service.

TO CELEBRATE LADY DAY THIS YEAR, on MONDAY, 9th APRIL, THE MOTHERS' UNION SUTTON DEANERY LADY DAY SERVICE will be held in St Barnabas Church at 11.00am to which everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served after the service. (NB: Lady Day has been officially moved to 9th April this year as 25th March is Palm Sunday.)

ON THURSDAY, 12th APRIL, THE MOTHERS' UNION will be holding a Bring & Buy & Coffee Morning in St Barnabas Church Halls from 10.00am until 12 Noon in aid of "Away from it All" (AFIA) holidays. Pat Fisher, the AFIA Representative will be in attendance. Everyone is invited whether a member or not. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE from previously advertised.

ANNOUNCEMENT

In response to December's review of Sutton Team Ministry, the Bishop of Croydon has proposed a pastoral reorganisation in Sutton. The Bishop's proposal was considered at a meeting of the Team Council last week, and was unanimously agreed to in principle. The proposal is as follows:

- 1) that the Team Ministry is dissolved, with each church becoming a separate Parish Church. Each Parish would have a Priest assigned to them - a stipendiary Rector at St Nicholas, a stipendiary Vicar at Christ Church, and a house-for-duty Vicar at St Barnabas. Each would have incumbent status and cure of souls of their Parish.*
- 2) that the three churches continue to work closely together in a Group Ministry, with emphasis on our outward mission across Sutton. The group would be united around this principle and a much lighter touch Group Ministry arrangement would be drawn up. The ministry team would continue to meet for support, encouragement and fostering collaboration. This would build on some of the good work that has been done between the churches since 2006.*

The proposal will be considered by the three PCC's in their next meetings. The Bishop, Ministry team and churchwardens are all keen that this proceeds as swiftly as possible, but it is recognised that pastoral reorganisation has to follow a clearly defined process and can take time. It is also recognised that precise details of the Group arrangement will be a work in progress.

If you have questions or comments, please ask any of the churchwardens or ministry team.

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

Prayer Stations for Holy Week have been set up in the side chapel.

The church will be open for quiet reflection from, from **7.30pm**, prior to the 8.30 pm **Holy Week Reflections** on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Access / Visibility Project: work starts on Monday 26th March and will last about two weeks. The first phase will be the removal of the fence and planting of the hedge, followed by work on the trees. The work will significantly change the street scene in front of the church and, as with any such work, will take some time to blend in and mature.

Easter Craft Activity Afternoon: A big **'Thank You'** to everyone who helped to prepare and run this. Despite the snow, we welcomed 78 children from 47 families in to Christ Church – many of them visiting us for the first time. **Marian Iddles**

BLUEBIRDS PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: For children aged 3 and under with their parents, grandparents or carers meets on Monday afternoons in term time 1.45-3.00 pm in Christ Church Hall. Our last group before the Easter holidays is on Monday 26th March and we return on 16th April. Lots for the children to do. Come along and make new friends while your children have fun playing. Contact Denise (0208 642 8957) if you'd like to know more. We will be very sorry to say goodbye to Mary Shepherd, who has faithfully been helping at Bluebirds week by week since 2009 and retires at Easter. She will be much missed.

Clearing afternoon: Saturday 31st March from 2.00 to 4.00pm with tea and cake provided. The **grass cutting rota** is displayed at the back of the church, if you are able to help on or around the suggested dates please add your name. If you need any information about this, please speak to **Andrew Carver**.

MENS GROUP: We had a very enjoyable evening ten pin bowling at Tolworth last Friday evening. Thanks to Geof Haseler for organising it. Next outing - Friday 18th May. It will be at the Oaks Driving Golf Range. We can hit a few balls for an hour or so then afterwards to the club lounge for a drink. If you don't fancy the golf, we would love to see you for a drink. If you have any further suggestions for future events, please let us know. Please speak to **Andrew Carver** for further details.

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

ST BARNABAS ELECTORAL ROLL: The St Barnabas Electoral Roll is to be updated for 2018. If you are not listed on the current electoral roll and are eligible for enrolment, there are application forms on the sideperson's table at the back of the church. Completed forms need to be returned to David Hall no later than 7th April. Please see David after a service or contact him on 020 8642 2240 with any questions.

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ST NICHOLAS ELECTORAL ROLL has to be updated for the next APCM. If your name is on last year's roll and none of your details have changed you **NEED NOT DO ANYTHING**. If anything has **CHANGED** please **FILL IN AN APPLICATION** form at the back of the church. If you are currently **NOT ON THE ROLL** but would like to be, please also fill in an **APPLICATION FORM**. Completed forms should be returned to Maureen Elsey, either via the pigeon holes or personally. If you have any questions, please also contact her.

Open Saturday: The church will be open from midday to 4pm on **Saturday, 31st March** (Easter Saturday). If you can spare an hour or so to be in church to greet those who come in, please sign the notice at the back of church. When we opened on the last Saturday in February, more people came in than on any previous open Saturday. And most stayed for a cup of coffee and a chat.

St Nicholas Mother's Union: A big Thank you to all the bakers, buyers and helpers on the success of our Mother's Day cake sale. We raised £67, which we are going to use to sponsor church flood lighting in memory of our mother's union members who are sadly no longer with us. Thank you once again for your support.

Charity of the Month: Our charity for March and April is the Bishop's Lent Appeal. Full details of the good causes being supported this year are to be found on the notice board in the West Porch. The amount raised for Sutton Schoolwork in January and February was £180.72.

Bring-and-Share Lunch: We will have a bring-and-share lunch after the 10.30am service (at about 12.30pm) on Sunday, 8 April. Please make a note now to come along.

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 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. Victor. Yvonne N. Kay.*