

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH SUTTON

25 NOVEMBER 2018 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

Welcome to all who gather here today. Please ask one of the welcomers if you would like any assistance.

We have gluten free communion wafers available. 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: 9am Holy Communion; 10.30am Holy Communion; 6.30pm United Evening Worship – St Nicholas

Next week: 9am Holy Communion; 10.30am Holy Communion; 6.30pm United Advent Choral Service – Trinity

Lectionary Readings: Today: Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14; Revelation 1.4b-8; John 18.33-37

Next week: Jeremiah 33. 14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3. 9-end; Luke 21. 25-36

Worship this week: Tuesday 11.15am Holy Communion

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for *Yvonne N., Erma, Gladys and Jo.*

From the end of the month a new prayer list will be produced, names will not be carried forward. To include someone on the new prayer list please ask their permission first. Then send the request to: PCCSecretary.StNicholas@suttonteamministry.org by Tuesday. Please note that Clergy/SPAs/Staff will not be able to answer questions about people on the prayer list.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH for December is **The Children's Society**

NOTICES AND WHAT'S ON

OUR CHURCH IS OPEN Tuesdays: 10.30am-2.00pm

❖ DECK THE HALLS WITH BOUGHS OF HOLLY

Do you have any evergreen shrubs/trees in your garden (or a friend's) from which you could give us some pieces of foliage, large or small, to decorate the church at Christmas?

Or would you like to decorate one of the church window sills yourself?

There are eight to be done and the regular flower arrangers are very FEW. They would give you help if the idea appeals to you. There are a few "RULES" 1. You provide your own materials. 2. If you want lighted candles you have to be responsible for lighting AND extinguishing. 3. If your decoration needs watering you must do this yourself. 4. No flashing lights or intrusive "music".

Please speak to Maureen Elsey or Sheila White if you can help in any way.

❖ ST NICHOLAS LUNCH TEAM

Thank you so very much for all the kind donations for the church hall cooker. The final cost was £900 and so far we have raised just over £600. Donations are still being collected by Nicki Richards and Emma Cann. Thanks again.

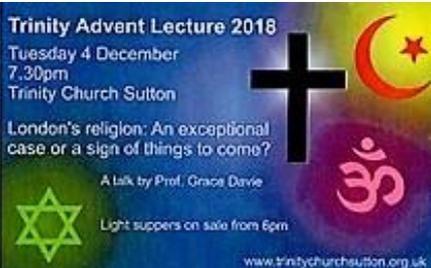
❖ FLOODLIGHTING

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.

❖ EVERY MONDAY

A small group meets for Bible study, prayer and mutual support at 7.30pm at Mary Meldrum's house: 11a Western Road. We are using the book 'Whole Life, Whole Bible' to gain an overview of the Bible as a whole, and to see what it says to our lives, and we would be very pleased if you could join us.

Thursday 29 November	MOTHERS' UNION St Nicholas Mothers' Union will next meet on Thursday, 29 November, when we will be stirring up Christmas puddings at Emma Cann's at 7.30 pm. All welcome. Recipes available from Nicki Richards. Puddings will be on sale in December! 
Thursday 29 November	PRAYER MEETING at Arja's house at 7pm. Please let her know that you are coming (020 8642 2491).

<p>Tuesday 4 December</p>		<p>ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE PUMPS All are welcome to the Robin Hood Pub, West Street from 6:30 pm on Tuesday 4th December 2018 when the Pub will be blessed. Music will be provided by members of The Phoenix Concert Band and it is a wonderful opportunity to start the season with carols, mulled wine and mince pies courtesy of the Robin Hood.</p>
<p>Tuesday 4 December</p>	<p>TRINITY ADVENT LECTURE</p> 	<p>7.30pm at Trinity. Prof. Grace Darvie will speak on "London's religion: An exceptional case or a sign of things to come?" Tickets cost £5 and are available from Alistair Cruickshank.</p>
<p>Sunday 9 December</p>	<p>2018 ST NICHOLAS PATRONAL LUNCH It's that time of year again. Tickets are now on sale for the St Nicholas Patronal lunch. Ticket prices are £8 – or £4 for under 12s - from the Richards or the Canns. If you need any more information please contact Emma Cann or Nicki Richards. Looking forward to another successful lunch. See you there. This year's theme is "100 years - War is Over" and the dress code will be either "1918" or "Red, White and Blue".</p>	
<p>Thursday 13 December</p>		

Notices from Trinity and Christchurch

Trinity at Christmas

Trinity Church is hosting a Christmas lunch between 11.30 and 3.30 on 25 December for people who would otherwise be alone. If you would like to come or know someone who would appreciate an invitation, please contact David Jones (020 8643 5438), Malcolm Booth (m.s.booth@blueyonder.co.uk) or David Ovenden (07874 643659) for further details. Trinity is also planning to open a Christmas Lounge during the middle of the day on weekdays from 27 December until 1 January (exact times to be confirmed). This will offer a warm welcome, light refreshments, board games and other activities and will be open to all.

Offers to help with hosting would also be welcome.

Christmas Countdown at Christchurch - Saturday 1st December 2-4 pm

Christmas craft activities for children of all ages, hear the story of Christmas - no charge. ALL WELCOME

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Contact details: Ginny Haizelden (Parish Administrator)

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All entries for the notice sheet should be emailed by 10pm on Tuesday each week to:

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