



ST NICHOLAS CHURCH SUTTON

2 DECEMBER 2018 1ST SUNDAY OF 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 Advent Choral Service – Trinity

Next week: 9am Holy Communion; 10.30am Holy Communion; 6.30pm United Service - Trinity

Lectionary Readings: Today: Jeremiah 33. 14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3. 9-end; Luke 21. 25-36

Next week: Malachi 3. 1-4; Philippians 1. 3-11; Luke 3. 1-6

Worship this week: Tuesday 11.15am Matins

PRAYER LIST - Please pray for *Gladys and Jo*.

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**

The amount collected for **Combat Stress** through our Charity of the Month box was £80.72, with a further £95.78 collected at the United Evening Services in November, giving a total of **£176.50**.

NOTICES AND WHAT'S ON

Appointment of Priest-in-Charge (Rector Designate) for St Nicholas in the Sutton Team Ministry by the Bishop of Southwark

We are pleased to announce that the Reverend Frances Arnold, currently Vicar of Great St Mary, Sawbridgeworth in the Diocese of St Albans, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of St Nicholas, Sutton subject to completion of the necessary procedures. Further details (including the date and time of the Licensing Service) will follow in due course.

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.
- ❖ **THANKS BOB!** Many thanks to Bob Elsey for all he does behind the scenes, particularly supporting Maureen. Among other things he has recently repaired our Advent Candle display.
- ❖ **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 under £700. 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.

Tuesday 4 December	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.
Tuesday 4 December	TRINITY ADVENT LECTURE 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.
Sunday 9 December	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".
Thursday 13 December	THE MAYOR OF SUTTON'S FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH CAROLS. Doors open 7pm for 7.30 start. Free entrance. Mulled wine and mince pies. Retiring Collection for the Mayor's charities.
Saturday 22 December	OPEN SATURDAY/CHRISTINGLE MAKING The church will be open from midday to 4pm. In addition to welcoming all into church, we will offer coffee and mince pies. From 2pm we will prepare the Christingles for the Christingle Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve. Please do come along to help.



Notices from other churches

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.

Deanery Synod have asked churches to advertise these community events

Mental Health Brunch
At The Centre
St Michael's and All Angels Church
Milton Road SM6 9RP

10am-1.30pm
Saturday 8 December 2018

A day of workshops, Q&As and presentations by experts and practitioners in mental health and wellbeing hosted by the Parish of South Eddington and Roundshaw

Guest speakers Alistair Park, Sutton Counselling Talking Helps
Priscilla Toussaint-Bourne, South London and Maudsley NHS Trust
Nicole Miller, Priory Group Practitioner

Finishing the day off with mindfulness techniques, Yoga, relaxation and guided visualisation exercises.

Free refreshments kindly provided by CO-OP Roundshaw
vegetarian options available

RDPV Mtv Martha 07901568549 and Eventbrite

CHRISTMAS CAROLS
LET'S CELEBRATE

16th December 2018
3 - 4 pm

Hosted by St. Paul's Church, Roundshaw together with Roundshaw Community Network
Location: Outside St Paul's Church / Phoenix Centre forecourt, Roundshaw SM6 9NZ

Refreshments will be served inside St Paul's Church

www.stnicholas.suttonteam.org.uk

Contact details: Ginny Haizelden (Parish Administrator)

email: administrator@suttonteamministry.org Tel: 020 8643 8271

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

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