



# ST NICHOLAS CHURCH SUTTON

## 23 DECEMBER 2018 4<sup>TH</sup> 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 Carol Service - St Nicholas**

**Next week:** 9am Holy Communion; 10.30am Holy Communion at which we will be joined by friends from Trinity Church and Sutton Baptist Church; There is **NO** United Evening Service.

**Lectionary Readings: Today:** Micah 5.2-5a; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45

**Next week:** 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26; Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-end

### PRAYER LIST - Please pray for *Eddie, 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](mailto: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**

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS

**Sunday, 23 December** Carol Service at 6.30pm (with Trinity Church and Sutton Baptist Church),

led by Revd Dave Dickinson with the Trinity Festival Choir.

**Monday, 24 December (Christmas Eve)** Christingle service at 4pm,

led by Revd Naomi Whittle

**Monday, 24 December (Christmas Eve)** Midnight Communion service at 11.30pm,

led by Revd Naomi Whittle

**Tuesday, 25 December (Christmas Day)** Holy Communion at 10.30am,

led by The Venerable Chris Skilton, Archdeacon of Croydon

- ❖ **FUNERAL OF GRACE BROADBRIDGE** - The funeral of Grace Broadbridge will take place at North East Surrey Crematorium at midday on Friday, 4 January. To give the family an idea of numbers, if you plan to attend, can you please let Richard West know.
- ❖ **FLOODLIGHTING 2019** - Marking an anniversary, celebration or just a simple dedication. If you would like to sponsor our floodlighting during 2019, 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.

## Revd Sarah Sewell

Sarah is wearing the stole which was a gift to thank her for her many years at St Nicholas.

### And a message from Sarah:

*"I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year from Oxford. I am sure that next year will be a very exciting one in the life of St. Nicholas church with your new rector the Revd Frances Arnold. I hope and pray that this year will be one of challenge, excitement and fun for all of you. I miss you all very much but be assured that you are all in my prayers on a regular basis. Also I have now received from Richard West the lovely stole that you all gave me as a leaving present and it is lovely so thank you very much indeed. Revd Sarah Sewell"*



## HOW CAN I HELP ST NICHOLAS?

Many of us undertake various jobs to help our church carry out its mission in Sutton. There are, however, a number of tasks which need new people, or more people, to carry them out or lend a hand.

Please have a look at the list below and if you think you could assist with any of these please speak to Richard or John who will be able to let you have more details and, where necessary, arrange training. Thank you!

1. Preparing monthly Sunday duty rotas
2. Organising Church open day rotas
3. Drafting weekly service notices for notice boards
4. Administering the floodlighting sponsorship
5. Organising bring and share lunches
6. Teller – counting cash
7. Banker – banking cash
8. Emptying and counting Charity of the Month box
9. Welcomers
10. Sidespeople
11. Flower arrangers
12. Serving coffee/tea on Sundays
13. Deputy wardens – to look after 10.30 am Sunday services
14. Open the Church and Sidesperson for the 9am service.
15. Sound desk

### 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.

[www.stnicholas.suttonteam.org.uk](http://www.stnicholas.suttonteam.org.uk)

**Contact details: Ginny Haizelden (Parish Administrator)**

**email: [administrator@suttonteamministry.org](mailto: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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