



Christ Church Sutton

NOTICE SHEET

Sunday 15th December 2019

Advent 3

Welcome to all who gather in our church today.
Please ask one of the welcomers if you are unsure of
anything or would like 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. Please ask the clergy about non-alcoholic wine.

Today: 8am Holy Communion; 10.30am **Nativity Service**

Nativity/carols

Sunday 22nd December: 8am Holy Communion; 10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Carol Service

TODAY - Third Sunday Prayer - from 12.00 to 12.30pm in the side chapel there will be a time of prayer: for the World, our nation, our community and Christ Church, and individuals. All are welcome.

Morning Prayer: 8-8.25am, Monday to Thursday, at church. Please use the side door (entrance from the car park via side door, adjacent to the office, on the north side).

Praying for the service - every Sunday morning at 10am in the side chapel. All are welcome. We'll pray for that morning's service. The prayer will last no more than ten minutes.

Community Wednesdays: 9am-1pm

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PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL NOTICES FOR THE NOTICESHEET SHOULD BE EMAILED, BY 5pm ON TUESDAY EACH WEEK - suttonteam23646@gmail.com.

PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICESHEET WITH YOU AS A REMINDER OF DATES AND EVENTS

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Lord, hear our prayer

A monthly prayer meeting held on first Saturday of each month at 9.30am in the church office. Join us to pray for our world, our nation and our parish on 4th January.

Community Wednesdays: 9am-1pm

9.00-11.30: Serving tea, coffee and biscuits

11.30-12.00: Morning Prayer (Communion on last Wednesday of month)

12.00-12.45: Serving a light lunch

*Can you help? Please sign up on the rota at the back of church.
Ask John or Catherine if you have any questions about helping.*

The Silent Prayer Group has resumed and will next be meeting at **11.30am** in the office at Christ Church on the following dates: **Monday 16th December; Monday 20th January.**

Thirty minutes of silent prayer will be followed by refreshments and a time of fellowship. Everyone is welcome and if you have any enquiries please contact Sheila Collis 0208 661 9487 (email: sheilacollis@hotmail.com).

New Home Group at Christ Church: Verna and Arthur Baguley have started a new church home group at their home (on Christchurch Park) on Wednesday evenings. All are welcome to join for fellowship, Bible study and prayer. No experience of home groups is necessary! Please be in touch with Verna and Arthur in church, by email on bags@iafrica.com or telephone 02086433198 if you are interested.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020: A united service for this will be held at the Salvation Army, Benhill Avenue, Sutton on Sunday 19th January 2020, 6.30pm. Organised by Churches Together in Sutton and Cheam.

Advent and Christmas Services

There is an 8.00am: Holy Communion (BCP - no hymns, in traditional language) every Sunday.

Sunday 15th December: 10.30am: Nativity/Carols

**Sunday 22nd December, 10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm: Carol Service. A traditional service of carols and readings by candlelight, followed by refreshments**

Tuesday 24th December, 6.00pm: Christingle. A traditional Christmas service for all ages

Tuesday 24th December, 11.30pm: Midnight Communion

Wednesday 25th December, 10.30am: Holy Communion- an accessible and joyful service of celebration for all ages

Sunday 29th December, 10.30am Morning Worship

Nativity costumes: Thanks to Sutton South Hello for these, especially Vicky and Margery.

Christmas Craft Activity Afternoon: Thank you to everyone who helped with this. A 109 children came (a record number) plus adults.

Welcare Christmas Sale: Thanks to everyone who supported Junior Church, we raised a total of **£325.91**.

Christingles: We will be making Christingles on Monday 23rd December from 9.30am in the hall. We would be very grateful if you would be able to help. It should only take about an hour and a half. Tea, coffee, and mince pies will be provided. If you require any further information, please speak to Jean Carver.

Church rotas...

As many people are now aware, Simon, I and the kids are preparing to move to Cambridgeshire in the summer. This means I am starting to find people to take over the various things I do at church. I intend to stop preparing the rotas for services from January. If you would be prepared to take this on then please do let me know, or speak to Phil about it. I will of course give full support initially. Catherine Keen

Christmas Cards: Please check the pigeon holes near the coffee table as you may have cards left there for you.

Confirmations Summer 2020

We are hoping to soon announce details of a Confirmation Service to be held in Sutton in the summer of 2020. Confirmation is a special service in which a person makes for themselves the promises that were made when they were baptised; it is a significant step in the Christian faith. We will be running preparation groups from the new year- most likely with a group for younger people, and a group for adults. These will be open to anybody of secondary school age or above. These preparation groups would be ideal for anyone exploring the Christian faith. Times and details TBA - please see a member of the ministry team to register interest. **Frances, David and Phil.**

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Sutton Community Works: Sutton Foodbank – pray for the foodbank, and all who volunteer and support it.

SUTTON NEW TOWN CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: is now open at St Barnabas.

29th November - 30th December - Opening Times:

Weekdays:

Mondays 4pm - 6pm

Tuesdays 11am - 1pm

Wednesdays 4pm - 6pm

Thursdays 11am - 1pm

Fridays 4pm - 6pm

Weekends:

Saturday 10am - 2pm; Sunday 12 noon - 1pm

Chris Skilton, the Archdeacon of Croydon, will be retiring in February 2020. His farewell service will be at Emmanuel, South Croydon on Saturday 1st Feb at 6.00pm. Should any members of the congregation wish to make a contribution to his leaving present, please speak to Colin or Phil.

Dream Festival Choir: This is a newly formed choir to allow deaf and hearing people of all ages and abilities have fun while making music together. **Where:** St Barnabas Church Halls, St Barnabas Road, SM1 4NP. **When:** 4:30pm to 5:30 pm Wednesdays in Term Time. FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT: THEDREAMINGTREEPROJECT@GMAIL.COM or SUTTONNEWTOWN@GMAIL.COM

Winter Shelter – please pray for this – for those volunteering and for everyone who is drawn in to contact with it.