



## Christ Church Sutton

# NOTICE SHEET

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### Epiphany I

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**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 Holy Communion

***Isaiah - reading guide for Lent term 2020 is inside this noticesheet***

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January:** 8am Holy Communion; 10.30am Morning Worship

**Every Third Sunday - 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

**Contact details: Vicar: Revd Phil Brooks 020 8642 2757 - vicar@suttonteamministry.org**

**Website: [www.christchurch.suttonteam.org.uk](http://www.christchurch.suttonteam.org.uk)**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL NOTICES FOR THE NOTICESHEET SHOULD BE EMAILED, BY 5pm ON TUESDAY EACH WEEK - [suttonteam23646@gmail.com](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> February.**

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**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.*

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**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 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).

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

## ***Isaiah reading guide: Lent term 2020***

*I encourage you to read Isaiah for yourself at home as we hear it read and preached on Sundays this term. The book is long, so I have divided it into sections, with five reading slots per week. Isaiah is a book of poetry; it is probably best to read through the whole passage to get a 'broad brush' sense of it before choosing particular verses to pay attention to.*

*Note that the pattern of home readings does not sync with the sermon series.*

### **Week 1: 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> January**

#### **Day 1: Isaiah 1**

Isaiah's vision is introduced (v1). God accuses his children Israel of turning their backs on him (vs2-4). Judah's devastation is prophesied (vs5-9). God rejects hypocritical worship and offerings, but offers a better way (vs10-20). God laments the state of his people but promises to remove Israel's evil through his judgement (vs21-31).

#### **Day 2: Isaiah 2**

Isaiah is given a glorious vision of a future city, out of which comes global peace, prosperity and right worship of the one true God (vs 1-5). By comparison, God's people have chosen to abandon God's way (vs 6-9). God's judgement of them will be terrifying (vs 10-22).

#### **Day 3: Isaiah 3**

A vision of exile; God's people will be taken away (vs 1-7). This will be the consequence of turning away from God (vs 8-12). The Lord is judge over all and will pull down all the trappings of human arrogance (vs 12-24).

#### **Day 4: Isaiah 4 & 5**

The Branch is an image of new growth after destruction (4:1-6). God's people are compared to a vineyard (5:1-7). There follows six 'woes' on the 'wild grapes of Judah'- note the headings at verse 8, 11, 18, 20, 21, and 22 (5:8-25). A vision of an approaching army to carry out God's judgement (5:26-30).

#### **Day 5: Isaiah 6**

Isaiah has an image of the beautiful and terrifying glory of God, which causes him to despair (vs 1-5). Isaiah is forgiven, and called to serve God by sharing his message, even if it feels hopeless (vs 6-13).

**A big thank you to everyone who has helped Junior Church raise £1,245.71 for Welcare over the past 18 months.** Thanks to your generosity, this is the largest amount Junior Church has raised for their chosen charity.

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**BLUEBIRDS BABY & TODDLER GROUP:** We are now closed for the Christmas holidays until Monday 13th January. We meet on Monday afternoons in term-time from 1.45-3.00 pm in the Church Hall. If you look after little ones (under 4) and would like to join our friendly group, with plenty of things for the children to play with and a chance to make new friends, do ring Denise (0208 642 8957) for more information.

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#### **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

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**CHURCH LAUNDRY:** The 2020 Rota is now on the notice board awaiting the names of volunteers willing to wash the few items of Church laundry each month. Please consider this job carefully, it only entails laundering the purificators, used for Communion (about ten per month) and a few tea towels. If you can help please speak to Jean Carver.

### **NEWS / WHAT'S ON: AROUND THE CHURCHES**

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

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**SUTTON FOODBANK NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS:** Sutton Foodbank are appealing for more 'meet and greet' volunteers to staff the daytime sessions on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Volunteers are also needed to help with restocking the Salvation Army centre Friday afternoons and Sunday or Monday mornings. If you can spare a couple of hours once or twice a month, or would like to know more, please contact - [admin@suttoncommunityworks.org](mailto:admin@suttoncommunityworks.org)

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**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.