



## Christ Church Sutton

# NOTICE SHEET

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020

### Candlemas

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 All-age Worship and Baptism  
**Text:** Luke 2:22-40

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

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February:** 8am Holy Communion; 10.30am Holy Communion  
**Text:** Isaiah 34&35

**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

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**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 7<sup>th</sup> March.**

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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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**Community Wednesdays: Arts and Crafts Mornings resume on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 10am-1pm in the church.**

**Free of charge for time and materials; card making, painting, crocheting and more. No previous experience needed, just turn up for a social session, refreshments and, may be, stay for a light lunch too – all part of Community Wednesday.**

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## **CONFIRMATIONS SUMMER 2020**

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Jonathan will take a confirmation service at Christ Church on **Monday 22nd June, at 7.30pm**. 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 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, meeting every few weeks between the middle of February and the service itself. 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 before Sunday 9th of February. **Frances, David and Phil**

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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: **Mondays - 17th February; 16<sup>th</sup> March; 20<sup>th</sup> April; 18<sup>th</sup> May.**

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: Estelle Ghose 0208 770 7731 (email: [estelleghose@gmail.com](mailto:estelleghose@gmail.com))

## ***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 3: 3<sup>rd</sup> February – 8<sup>th</sup> February:**

#### **Day 1: Isaiah 18 & 19**

This section continues the oracles against various nations; Isaiah 18 is a short oracle against Ethiopia- called Cush, which had an exotic and fearsome reputation. Their envoys were from a 'people feared far and wide', and yet God dismisses them; one day (vs7) people from far and wide who bring their gifts to God. Isaiah 19 is a longer oracle against Egypt: it expresses the truth that God smites in order to heal. First, Egypt will be brought to its knees (vs 1-17). The next section (vs18-25) looks ahead to the day of the Lord, when Isaiah shows a glorious renewal; proper worship (vs19), a saviour and defender (vs 20). Given the complex and dangerous international scene at the time, the final section (vs23-25) is staggering- a picture of universal fellowship under God.

#### **Day 2: Isaiah 20 & 21**

Ashod is a Philistine city which revolted against Assyria; it did not end well for them. In chapter 20, Isaiah warns God's people against doing the same. Chapter 21 returns first to the theme of Babylon (vs1-10); this oracle has a strong visionary quality- Isaiah foresees her downfall at the hands of the Persians and Medes. Likewise, Edom (vs11-12) and Arabia (vs13-17).

#### **Day 3: Isaiah 22**

'valley of vision' is symbolic for Isaiah's own base- he looks around the other nations, but Jerusalem is not exempt; the coming judgement (approx. a century away!) is contrasted with their uncaring, escapist attitude.

#### **Day 4: Isaiah 23**

Tyre had a longer reach than Babylon- her traders were known from the Indian Ocean to the English Channel. And yet foresees anarchy and judgement, at the hands of Babylon (vs13). Each time in history that Tyre went through disaster, she recovered, up until the middle ages; vs 17-18 show that Isaiah could see Tyre re-emerging as an important trading nation.

#### **Day 5: Isaiah 24**

Isaiah 25 is the beginning of a new section, looking at God's final victory over the whole world rather than specific nations. Notice the way that judgement and victory sit together- it is hinted in vs16, and vs23 shows the final Glory of God.



## This year Junior Church will be fundraising for the charity Embrace the Middle East

Embrace is a Christian charity with over 160 years' experience of helping people of all faiths and none to free themselves from a life of poverty and injustice. Together with local Christian communities they are bringing lasting change to the Middle East through healthcare, education and community development projects. We hope that everyone will be as supportive as in the past, as the children begin their fundraising. The first event will be a Money Snake in March - more details to follow.

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**BLUEBIRDS BABY & TODDLER GROUP:** 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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**Winter Shelter – please pray for this – for those volunteering and for everyone who is drawn in to contact with it.**

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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**

**Ash Wednesday:** The traditional service of Ashing to mark the beginning of Lent will be held at St Nicholas' church at 8pm on Wednesday 26th February. There will be a Frugal Supper beforehand, at 7pm in St Nicholas Community Hall. Tickets at £3 each are available from Sheila Collis. Proceeds will go to The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Appeal.

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**St Barnabas Church: Open Saturday - 15<sup>th</sup> February - 9.15am - 3pm.**  
**Short morning worship - 10am**                      **Knitting Circle – 1.30pm – 2.30pm**

Please come along to help with welcoming visitors and carrying out general housekeeping/cleaning/tidying in the Church. Many thanks for your help.

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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)