



## Christ Church Sutton

# NOTICE SHEET

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### Lent 2

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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  
**Text:** *Isaiah 52:13-53:12*

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

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March:** 8am Holy Communion; 10.30am Morning Worship  
**Text:** *Isaiah 55*

**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).**

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**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.**

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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 4<sup>th</sup> April.**

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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, 10am-1pm in the church. Next on - 1<sup>st</sup> April.**

**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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## **Guidance on Coronavirus and worshipping together:**

Coronavirus has been assessed by the Chief Medical Officer as a 'moderate' threat. The risk to individuals remains low. We can serve one another at church by being careful about using good hygiene practises. Some of these are general:

\*carrying tissues and using them to catch coughs and sneezes- then binning the tissue.

\*washing hands with soap and water, or using hand sanitiser gel to kill germs before eating, after using public transport- etc.

there is no need to avoid one another when we are well. However, it is worth reminding ourselves of good hygiene practise in worship:

\*please use hand sanitiser when necessary- we have provided a few bottles at the back of church.

\*if you have a cough or a cold, refrain from shaking hands during the 'Peace', or at other times.

\*if you have a cough or a cold, please only take bread during communion.

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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 - 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: 9<sup>th</sup> March - 14<sup>th</sup> March:**

#### **Day 1:** Isaiah 48

'Love to the loveless shown'- Israel loves to talk of the 'Holy City' yet persistently worship idols; they have been treacherous from the very beginning (vs1-8). This reveals God's patience. God still affirms his love for Israel, for his name's sake (vs9) and shows that their time of testing is for their good (vs10). If only God's people had listened from the beginning- their peace would have been like a river. But it is not too late- leave Babylon! (Vs9-22).

#### **Day 2:** Isaiah 49

Another servant song- the first section (vs1-13) show another portrait of the one who was to come. This servant is called and chosen, equipped for The Lord's work- the one in whom God will 'display his splendour'. In spite of the challenges of this work, and apparent defeat (vs4), this servant will be the new Israel, and gather the true Israel around himself. This will be good news for people from all nations. The second section (vs14-23) are set in the ruins of Zion- personified as a bereft woman; however she has not been forgotten and her best days are ahead of her.

#### **Day 3:** Isaiah 50

Isaiah announced comfort for the captives- God is well capable of rescuing Israel (vs1-3). Then follows the next of the servant songs- in this case, the servant faces the active spite and fury of evil; in the midst of it the servant has set himself to learn and to give, as one dedicated in mind and body. Notice the shadow of the cross over this song- the servant faces real opposition (vs4-9). Verses 10-11 can be read as an epilogue to the preceding song; will we the readers choose to obey the servant or live by our own light?

#### **Day 4:** Isaiah 51

Faith is nourished by hearing God- notice 'listen' (v1, v4) and to 'hear' (v7). The first section (v1-8) gives sustenance to a believer's faith. Good things are coming. Even the exodus will be surpassed (vs9-11). The oppressed will be comforted (vs12-16). The 'cup of the Lord's wrath' is an image of God's destruction (vs17-23), and yet it is taken from Israel's hand (vs22). Christ himself would drain it to the dregs (vs17- see Matthew 26:42).

#### **Day 5:** Isaiah 52

The good news of peace- Jerusalem will know redemption, rescue is coming. (v1-12). The second part of the chapter is the beginning of another poem about the one who is to come- he will be wise, and exalted (vs13), but also appalling to some (vs14). He will be a sacrifice, and his blood will 'sprinkle' the nations of the world (vs15- see Leviticus 4:6 etc.).

# Christ Church Services in Holy Week

## Sunday- April 5th (Palm Sunday)

8.30pm- Evening Prayer with two hymns and a Homily.

## Monday 6th April

8.30pm- Evening Prayer with two hymns and a Homily.

## Tuesday 7th April

8.30pm- Evening Prayer with two hymns and a Homily.

## Wednesday 8th April

8.30pm- Evening Prayer with two hymns and a Homily.

## Thursday 9th April (Maundy Thursday)

8.30pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

## Friday 10th April (Good Friday)

10.00am Sutton Town Centre - **Walk of Witness** (organised by Churches Together)

1.30pm Church open for prayer and quiet reflection.

2.00pm Liturgy of Good Friday



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

**Junior Church would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Money Snake. We raised £70.66 for Embrace.**

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.

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**BLUEBIRDS BABY & TODDLER GROUP:** Are you a parent or grandparent looking after under-4s at home? If you're free on Monday afternoons in term-time, come and join us at "Bluebirds".

We meet in the Church Hall from 1.45-3.00 pm and provide lots of fun things for the children to do, which gives you a chance to meet and get to know other parents and grandparents locally. We are a friendly group and always welcome newcomers. Do ring Denise (0208 642 8957) for more information or just turn up on a Monday afternoon, remembering that we don't meet in school holidays.

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**Clearing afternoons:** Future dates will be: Saturday 28th March, Saturday 25th April, Saturday 30th May. We meet at 2.00pm, tea and cake is provided at about 4.00pm.

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

**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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