



Christ Church Sutton

NOTICE SHEET

Sunday 15th March 2020

Lent 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 Morning Worship

Text: *Isaiah 55*

TODAY - 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.

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

Sunday 22nd March: 8am Holy Communion; 10.30am Morning Worship

Text: *Isaiah 60:1-22*

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

Loving one another and Coronavirus

*Being the body of Christ together means caring for one another as best as we can.

*We can keep each other safe by being careful with our own hand-washing, binning tissues, and maintaining distance if we have a cold/cough. We need not fear one another, and we can sensibly and safely continue to gather for public worship.

Until further notice, we will:

* Celebrate Holy Communion at 8am each week, but in one kind (i.e. bread only). We will run any midweek Communion Services in this way as well.

*Celebrate Holy Communion at 10.30am only on the second Sunday of each month. We won't do all-age Communion for the time being. This means our pattern at 10.30am will be: 1st Sunday- All-Age (not Communion:) 2nd Sunday- Holy Communion (Communion at this service will also be only in one kind:) 3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday- Morning Worship.

*When sharing the peace (either before Communion, or at the end of Morning Worship) we will refrain from shaking hands.

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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 April.**

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.*

Community Wednesdays: Arts and Crafts Mornings, 10am-1pm in the church. Next on - 1st 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.

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: 16th March – 21st March:

Day 1: Isaiah 53

It is unbelievable to a disbelieving world; the servant to come is a King like no other. He's not especially beautiful or majestic, and he's going to be rejected (vs1-3). Yet this servant-king did something utterly unique; he voluntarily took the punishment due to each of us- pierced for our transgressions, and 'cut off from the land of the living', despite his innocence (vs4-9). It was the Lord's will to do this, yet it was also the Lord's will to give him all the fullest blessings- a portion among the great, because he poured out his life all the way to death for the sake of others (vs10-12). This passage of staggering grace is all the more staggering when you consider it was written hundreds of years before Golgotha.

Day 2: Isaiah 54

Isaiah 54 & 55 declare the results of the sacrifice of Isaiah 53; the exuberant peace and security that springs forth from the dereliction and death. This passage uses two images to do that; that of the estranged, barren wife knowing God's everlasting (vs1-10), and then of the peace and security of a Gem-built city (vs11-17).

Day 3: Isaiah 55 & 56

The call to the needy is unsurpassed in scripture for its warmth of welcome- the first section (vs 1-5) offers the gift- already paid for- of living water, true satisfaction. Vs 2 asks a penetrating question; why do we run after things that don't bring us true satisfaction? The invitation is clear. By contrast, God's free grace is close at hand (vs6-9). God's grace is portrayed in terms of food (vs10), his Word (vs11) and then the everlasting joy of creation fully and finally restored- enjoying God forever (vs12-13). Isaiah 56 is the beginning of the final section of Isaiah- fixing our eyes on the homeland. The grace is again lavish- outcasts are welcome (vs1-8). The final section (vs9-12) returns to the familiar theme of God's judgement on those who turn away from him; the watchmen are asleep; or worse, predators and drunkards.

Day 4: Isaiah 57

This passage calls out flagrant apostasy- the watchmen have allowed evil to flood in. This could well correlate with bad king Manasseh (2 Kings 21:16). Even as the innocent are killed, people don't care. The rest of the passage shows a world gone insane with evil (vs1-13). By contrast the final section (vs14-21) shows the abundant grace that will build up again- for those who are contrite in heart.

Day 5: Isaiah 58

What's the point of formally obeying the law and doing the right rituals if your heart is far from God? (vs1-7). Instead, when you turn to God properly it will result in right action- (vs8-14)- then you will know the peace and prosperity of God.

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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



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

Easter Craft Activity Afternoon: Saturday 4th April, 2-4pm. Lots of craft activities for children – Butterfly prints, Easter garden, flowers, keyrings, Easter egg baskets and much, much more...All ages welcome. No charge. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments provided.

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.

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.

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 - 16th March; 20th April; 18th 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)