

DIARY OF THE COMING WEEK		
<i>Morning Prayer Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs and Friday at 9.15am</i>		
Tues 21st	2.30pm	'Tea pots'
	7.00pm	Music Group
	7.30pm	Lent Group at the Vicarage
Weds 22nd	11.45am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Sunday Ministry Team meet at the Vicarage
Thurs 23rd	9.30am	Finlay Primary School Easter Service
	12Noon	Burial of Ashes service
	6-6.30pm	Vestry Time for wedding and baptism enquiries
Fri 24th	2.15pm	Lent Group at Rosemary's
Sat 25th	10.00am	'Mothering Sunday Posies workshop in church
Sun 26th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Sunday Worship with Communion
	4.00pm	Evensong

Please remember in your prayers this week:

For our church:

- Ministry Team: Clergy and Readers.
- Open the Book teams and their leaders Lesley, Sue and Janice.

For the wider church:

- Mbale, Uganda.
- Clergy in the Stroud Deanery with the Bishop's Permission to Officiate.

For our community:

- Pine Tree Court Nursing Home and Ribston Hall School.
- Health Care and Social Workers.
- Those who live in Hazelton Close and Headlam Close.
- The sick: Dermot Brown, Michelle Hyett, Janet Powell, Suzie Laughton, Rose, Alex Bayliss, Dennis Ellison, Richard Lawrence, John Singleton, Keith Elton, John George and Aiden Horsley.
- Those who have died: Revd Lynne Holland and David Parker, and those who grieve.

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St Barnabas

March 19th
2017

Church Matters

Welcome to St Barnabas.

If you are visiting, or with us for the first time, do please introduce yourself to members of the church and to the clergy. We are delighted to welcome you and hope you enjoy worshipping here. Please fill in a yellow "welcome card". Coffee, tea and cold drinks are served after the worship. If you have a particular need on your heart for which you would like prayer, please make your way to the Lady Chapel after the service where a member of the team will be available to pray with you.

Welcome to Worship

- 8.00am** Holy Communion
- 10.00am** Family Praise 'Open the Book' 10 Year Anniversary Celebration
- 11.30am** Holy Communion - A short said service in the Lady Chapel

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Reading for Sunday 19th March

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

John 4.5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship

the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

News and Events

Open the Book 10 Year Anniversary - Sun March 19th 10am. We celebrate ten years of 'Open the Book' ministry in our local schools and show our appreciation of our team members.

Lent Groups have begun but not too late to join in. Revd Janet leads a group on Tues evenings 7.30pm at the Vicarage, Revd Michael leads a group on Fri afternoons 2.15pm at Rosemary's. Do come even if you cannot come every week. Have a chat with Janet or Michael.

Facebook Lent Group - New for 2017 See Sarah for more details.

Mothering Sunday Posies - We make Mothering Sunday posies on Sat 25th March in the Church at 10am. Do come along and help, its good fun. Donations of greenery or flowers are welcome.

Experience Easter w/beg April 3rd. Come and support this privileged outreach to our Primary Schools, and be blessed as you tell the story of Holy Week and Easter Day. Please sign up.

APCM - April 9th at 11.30am. We ask you all to attend.

Elections We need to elect 2 Church Wardens, 3 Deanery Synod Members & 4 PCC Members at this meeting. Information and nomination forms are on the board at the back of church. Please return nominations forms to Sheila Jewell or leave in the Church Office.

Electoral Roll - The Electoral Roll is a list of names of those who come to worship at St. Barnabas. Membership of the Electoral Roll requires no financial commitment or expectation, it is just a way of our membership list truly representing the members of our church family, and a way of ensuring you are kept up to date with all that is happening. All those on the Electoral Roll have full voting rights at our APCM. If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to join, please complete an Application Form (available at the back of the Church) and return to Lynda Leslie or the Church Office no later than **Sunday 19th March 2017**. Lynda Leslie – Electoral Roll Officer

Holy Week Meditations Mon 10th April - Weds 12th April 7.30pm - Each evening a reflection for Holy Week followed by a short Service of Compline. Come....lets walk to the cross together.

Maundy Thursday - 13th April 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, the stripping of the sanctuary, and an Easter Vigil to follow in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Messy Easter - April 14th 10-12. Please speak to Steph if you would like to help.

Good Friday - 14th April 2pm - 'At the foot of the Cross' a reflective service to mark the last hour of the life of Jesus.

Easter Day Celebration - Said Holy Communion at 8am and an All Age Communion Service at 10am.

Important dates:

26th Mar	Mothering Sunday
3rd - 6th Apr	Experience Easter
9th Apr	APCM
10th - 15th Apr	Holy Week
14th Apr	Messy Easter 10-12noon
16th Apr	Easter Day
30th Apr	Clodagh's Licensing at Upton St. Leonard's Church