

DIARY OF THE COMING WEEK		
<i>Morning Prayer Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs and Friday at 9.15am</i>		
Mon 3rd	4.00pm	Hymn Singers
	7.00pm	Experience Christmas meeting in church
Tues 4th	9.30am	Calton Primary - Experience Christmas
	1.00pm	Calton Primary - Experience Christmas
	7.00pm	Music Group
Weds 5th	10.00am	Holy Communion
Thurs 6th	9.30am	Shooting Stars Day Nursery - Experience Christmas
	6.00pm	Vestry Time for wedding and baptisms enquiries
Fri 7th	9.15am	Messy Little Church
	3.30pm	Messy Church at Oliver Close, meet first at church
Sat 8th	3.00pm	Carols at Pinetree Court
	4.00pm	Carols at The Knoll
Sun 9th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Sunday Worship with Communion
	6.30pm	Nine Lessons and Carols

**Please remember in your prayers this week:**

**For our church:**

- Ministry Team: Clergy and Readers.
- Experience Christmas, for our volunteers and those who attend - children and adults.

**For the wider church:**

- Spain.
- The Benefice of St. Catherine Gloucester, In vacancy.

**For our community:**

- The Knoll Nursing Home and Tuffley Primary School.
- Those struggling to afford Christmas.
- Those who live in Cowley Road and Dale Close.
- The sick: Dermot, Michelle, Janet, Suzie, Rose, Alex, Richard, John, Colin, Malcolm, Tim, Mick, Joan, Noel, Julia, Rachel, Fin and Christopher.
- Those who have died: Brian Crawford, and those who grieve.

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# St Barnabas

## December 2nd 2018

# Church Matters

### Welcome to St Barnabas.

We are delighted to welcome you and hope you enjoy worshipping here. Please introduce yourself and fill in a yellow welcome card to keep in touch. Coffee, tea and cold drinks are served after our worship. If you would like to pray with someone, please make your way to the Lady Chapel after the service. Contact the church office if you would like to receive this news sheet on email.

### 'Advent Sunday'

- 8.00am** Holy Communion
- 10.00am** Parish Communion
- 4.00pm** **Christingle Service** with oranges, candles and sweets - Each lit candle signifies hope for children around the world.

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### Next Sunday: 9th December

- 8.00am** Holy Communion
- 10.00am** Sunday Worship with Communion
- 6.30pm** **Nine Lessons and Carols** - a quiet candle-lit service with favourite readings and carols, followed with refreshments.

### Missed a Sermon?

Visit [www.stbarnabascomms.wixsite.com/sermonblog](http://www.stbarnabascomms.wixsite.com/sermonblog)  
or find it on Facebook



# The Collect and Readings for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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### The Collect

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin  
to the light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Readings for next week:

Luke 1.68-72

Malachi 3.1-4 Luke 3.1-6

### Luke 21.25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

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## News and Events

**Parish Christmas Card** - Please take one or two packs to distribute in the parish.

**Christingle Service - Today 4pm.** A fun family service with a Christingle for every child. Do bring neighbours and family along, and together we'll make the light shine in the darkness.

**Christmas Stocking Appeal** - Helen and Douglas House Hospice for Children and Young Adults. Instead of sending Christmas cards to your friends in the congregation, please sign your name on the Christmas card on the notice board and place your donation in the Christmas stocking.

**Volunteers needed for the Night Shelter** - St Barnabas are on the rota for the first Monday of the month, (Dec, Jan, Feb and Mar) 8pm to 10pm to serve food. Come alongside up to 17 homeless who are there for a hot meal. Please contact Dave Stevens if you are interested (07960731396).

**Nursing Home Carols** - 8th Dec Are you able to come along to help us spread the joy of Christmas to those in our nursing homes? Turn up at Pinetree Court 3pm and The Knoll 4pm, or 15 mins earlier if you wish to be part of the nativity.

**Nine Lessons and Carols** - 9th Dec 6.30pm. Take time out to enjoy the candle - lit atmosphere of St Barnabas, along with favourite readings and carols. Refreshments to follow.

**Flowers for Christmas Workshop** led by Katherine Kear on Fri Dec 14th - 2 sessions 2.30pm and/or 7.00pm in the Church Hall. Cost £17 per session. Tickets from Church Office, Sheila Jewell or Kath Lankshear. Cost includes all materials and light refreshments.

**Messy Christmas Sat 15th Dec 10 - 12noon** - If you would like to help with this lovely morning of craft, and telling of the Christmas Story, please speak to Steph Williams (421276).

**Crib Service Dec 24th 4pm** - A fun service for all the family with a nativity play, and favourite carols. All children are welcome to take part. Please speak to Janet if you can help.

**Christmas Day lunch** - Come to St Barnabas Christmas Day Lunch in the Church Hall from 12.30. Book a place by ringing Kathryn or David on 501145. A good day to be together for some Christmas cheer.

**Messy Church** - Are you free on a Friday twice a month between 3pm and 4.15pm to help with refreshments for Messy Church, for approx 20persons. All expenses paid. Please speak to Janet if you can help from Jan 2019.

**Christmas Fayre** - Thank you to all those who helped at the fayre, and to those who came. With special thanks to Sheila. We raised £732.

### Important dates:

Dec 2nd	Advent Sunday
Dec 2nd	Christingle 4pm
Dec 3rd	Experience Christmas Week
Dec 8th	Carols in the Nursing Homes
Dec 9th	9 Lessons and Carols 6.30pm
Dec 15th	Messy Christmas 10-12noon
Dec 24th	Crib service 4pm
Dec 24th	Midnight Mass 11pm
Dec 25th	Christmas Day Communion 9am