

St Barnabas

December 30th
2018

Church Matters

DIARY OF THE COMING WEEK		
<i>Morning Prayer Weds, Thurs and Friday at 9.15am</i>		
Weds 2nd	10.00am	Holy Communion
Fri 4th	4.00pm	Hymn Singers
Sun 6th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion
	12Noon	Baptism
	5.30pm	Informal Worship

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.

'1st Sunday of Christmas'

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.00am Sunday Worship with Communion

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Next Sunday: 6th January 'Epiphany Sunday'

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.00am Parish Communion
- 12 Noon Baptsim - We welcome Khyan and Judith Nestola, and Marnie Denman
- 5.30pm Informal Worship

Please remember in your prayers this week:

For our church:

- Ministry Team: Clergy and Readers.
- That our faith may grow as we ponder again the birth of our Saviour and Lord.

For the wider church:

- Partnership Parish of Kimobwa, Western Tanganyika.
- Our Bishops - Rachel and Robert.

For our community:

- Youth for Christ and Calton Playgroup.
- For all returning to work and everyday routines.
- Those who live in Evenlode Road and Finlay Place.
- The sick: Dermot, Michelle, Janet, Suzie, Rose, Alex, Richard, John, Colin, Malcolm, Tim, Mick, Joan, Noel, Julia, Rachel, Fin, Christopher, Ray and Ruby.
- Those who have died: Irene Wright and Jaccie Stone, and those who grieve.

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The Collect and Readings for Sunday 30th December

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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The Collect

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

Readings for next week:

Psalm 72.10-11,19

Isaiah 60.1-6 Matthew 2.1-12

Luke 2.41-end

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

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News and Events

Christmas Stocking Appeal - Helen and Douglas House Hospice for Children and Young Adults. It is a home from home for terminally ill babies and children up to the age of 18 and their families. They are based in Oxford but support families from surrounding counties. 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.

Christmas Flowers - Donations towards the cost of flowers for Christmas would be gratefully received by Rosemary Watkin. Thank you.

Midnight Mass Dec 24th 11pm - A traditional Midnight Communion service capturing the wonder and beauty of Christmas.

Vestry Time - There will be no Vestry Time on 3rd Jan.

Informal Worship - Sun 6th Jan 5.30pm with Communion.

Volunteers needed for the Night Shelter - St Barnabas are on the rota for the first Monday of the month, (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).

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 20 persons. All expenses paid. Please speak to Janet if you can help from Jan 2019.

'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service' - Jan 20th 6pm at Gloucester Salvation Army, Eastgate Street. Let's all come together!

Dementia Friendly Songs of Praise - Weds 2-2.45pm at St. Mary de Lode Church, Archdeacon St. A once a month service with refreshments - 9th Jan, 13th Feb, 13th March, 10th April, 8th May and 12th June.

Important dates:

6th Jan

Epiphany service

6th Jan

Informal Worship with Communion

20th Jan

'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service' 6pm - Gloucester Salvation Army

Feb 3rd

'Presentation of Christ in the temple'