

St Barnabas

January 6th
2019

Church Matters

DIARY OF THE COMING WEEK		
<i>Morning Prayer Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs and Friday at 9.15am</i>		
Tues 8th	2.30pm	Teapots
	7.00pm	Band Practice
Weds 9th	10.00am	Holy Communion
Thurs 10th	2.15pm	Tuffley Ladies Fellowship
	6 - 6.30pm	Vestry Time for wedding and baptism enquiries
Sun 13th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Sunday Worship with Communion

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.

'Epiphany Sunday'

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

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Next Sunday: 13th January 'Baptism of Christ'

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

Please remember in your prayers this week:

For our church:

- Ministry Team: Clergy and Readers.
- For the Holy Spirit to guide and bless St. Barnabas as the New Year unfolds.

For the wider church:

- Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.
- Churches in Gloucester City Deanery.

For our community:

- Westbourne Nursing Home and Shooting Stars Day Nursery.
- All staff and pupils as they return to school.
- Those who live in Finlay Road and Firwood Drive.
- 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, Jaccie Stone and Evelyn Ash, and those who grieve.

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The Collect and Readings for Sunday 6th January

THE EPIPHANY

Isaiah. 60.1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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The Collect

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star to worship the
Christ-child;
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end in Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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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.

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
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20th Jan
Feb 3rd

Epiphany service
Informal Worship with Communion
'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service' 6pm - Gloucester Salvation Army
'Presentation of Christ in the temple'