

# St Barnabas

February 3rd  
2019

# Church Matters

DIARY OF THE COMING WEEK		
<i>Morning Prayer Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs and Friday at 9.15am</i>		
Mon 4th	4.15pm	Hymn Singers
Tues 5th	2.30pm	Teapots
	7.30pm	Music Group
Weds 6th	10.00am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Worship Prayer and Planning meeting at the Vicarage
Thurs 7th	6 - 6.30pm	Vestry Time for wedding and baptism enquiries
	6.45pm	Deanery Synod meeting in church
Sun 10th	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.

## Presentation of Christ in the Temple 'Candlemas'

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.00am Parish Communion
- 3.00pm Sheltered Living Service
- 5.30pm Informal Worship

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**Next Sunday: 10th February**

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.00am Sunday Worship with Communion
- 6.30 - 8pm Youth Group - 'Sunday Night is Music Night'

### Please remember in your prayers this week:

#### For our church:

- Ministry Team: Clergy and Readers.
- Our uniformed associations as they plan for 2019

#### For the wider church:

- Burundi, Makamba.
- The many parishes struggling financially in the deanery and the diocese.

#### For our community:

- Oliver Close and Finlay Primary School.
- Those who are especially fragile and at risk in the cold weather.
- Those who live in Goddard Way and Grange Road.
- The sick: Dermot, Michelle, Janet, Suzie, Alex, Richard, John, Colin, Tim, Mick, Joan, Noel, Julia, Rachel, Christopher, Ray, Ruby, Clare and Mary.
- Those who have died: Gary Evans, Rose Hall and Gillian Gifford, and those who grieve.

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## The Collect and Readings for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February PRESENTATION OF CHRIST AT THE TEMPLE - CANDLEMAS

### Hebrews 2.14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Page 209 in the Church Bible

### Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and

praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Page 55 in the Church Bible

### The Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,

light of the nations and glory of Israel; make your home among us and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father your God, and our God.

Amen

Readings for next week: Psalm 138.1-3

Isaiah 6.1-8 Luke 5.1-11

## News and Events

**Revd Janet and Martin's News** - Janet announced that she has accepted a new post as Rector of the four churches in the Hook Norton Benefice, in the Diocese of Oxford. Janet has been vicar here just short of 7 years. Janet's final Sunday is **April 28th**. Please save the date! Janet's announcement script is at the back of church for any who missed the announcement and who are not on the Nsheet mailing list to have received the attachment.

**60's/70's Evening** - Sat Feb 9th, 7pm in the hall kindly arranged by Katherine Kear. Cost £7.50, bring your own drink and glasses, tea, coffee and snacks will be available. This will be a fun evening, back to listening to some favourite songs, dancing if you choose, maybe a chance to dust off those forgotten dance moves or just sit and watch how it used to be done. If you choose to look the part as well then great. Our entertainers for the evening will transform the hall with lights, melody and a trip back in time. An evening not to be missed. See you there. Tickets now available from Church Office. Katherine Kear.

**Taize Service** - 24th Feb 4.00pm at St. Barnabas Church. A quiet and reflective service.

**Ash Wednesday 6th March** - Services at 10am and 7.30pm. Come together to mark the beginning of the journey of Lent.

**Save the Date: Palm Sunday 14th April** - A special afternoon service with Bishop Rachel.

**Thank you to Lorraine and Ross** - for the 'Rain and Shine' theatre performance which raised £289 for the Hall Stage Refurbishment Fund. Truly appreciated by all.

**Pinetree Court Nursing Home** - are looking for someone to take Holy Communion. Communion has been regularly provided in the past by members of the congregation. Training can be provided. Please speak to Janet.

**Tuffley Festival** - Sat 6th July. I have been a representative on the planning committee, we have monthly meetings to organise events. I don't feel able to commit to the role this year. Please contact me if you can help and I will tell you more. It is great fun especially coming together with others from the churches and schools in our parish. Thank you Hazel Williams.

**World Day of Prayer - [previously Woman's World Day of Prayer]** - Fri 1st Mar 10.30am at English Martyrs Church in Tuffley. All are welcome!

**Messy Easter** - We are looking for someone to coordinate Messy Easter on the morning of Good Friday 19.4. Huge thanks to Steph who has organised this for many years. This is an essential outreach tool for our mission and ministry. Can you be the new coordinator? Find out more from Janet or Steph.

### Important dates:

3rd Feb

6th March

14th April

28th April

'Presentation of Christ in the temple' (Candlemas)

Ash Wednesday Services 10am and 7.30pm

Palm Sunday Service with Bishop Rachel afternoon/evening

Janet's final Service