

St Barnabas

**March 1st
2020**

Church Matters

DIARY OF THE COMING WEEK		
<i>Morning Prayer Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs and Friday at 9.15am</i>		
Tues 3rd	2.30pm	Teapots
Wed 4th	10.00am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Community Choir
	7.30pm	Family Choir
Thurs 5th	12.00pm	Funeral of Joy Hanman
	6.00pm	Vestry Time
Fri 6th	9.15am	Messy Little Church
	2.00pm	World Day of Prayer Service
Sun 8th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Sunday Worship with Communion
	7.00pm	Youth Alpha

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.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

For our church:

- Ministry Team: Clergy and Readers.
- For those exploring new paths of serving and ministry.

For the wider church:

- **The Iglesia Anglicana de Chile**, Archbishop Hector (Tito) Munoz.
- The Diocesan Registrar, Jo Moule.

For our community:

- The Knoll and Tuffley Primary School.
- Local Shops and Businesses.
- Those who live in Hillborough Road and Holst Way.
- The sick: Janet, Suzie, Richard, Colin, Tim, Mick, Joan, Noel, Julia, Rachel, Christopher, Ray, Ruby, Clare, Mary, David, Kay.
- Those who have died: Joy Hanman, Eric Keyse and those who grieve.

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion

3.00pm Craft & Worship
5.30pm Informal Worship
7.00pm Youth Alpha

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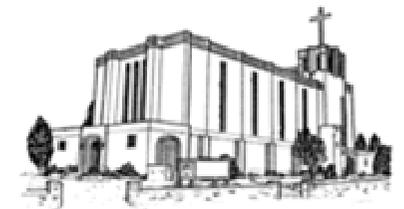
Next Sunday: 8th March

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Sunday Worship with Communion

7.00pm Youth Alpha

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The Collect and Readings for Sunday 1st March THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Romans 5.12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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Readings for next week:

Psalm 121

Romans 4.1-5,13-17 John 3.1-17

Matthew 4.1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' ' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' ' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' ' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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The Collect

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert; help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**

News and Events

Experience Easter - We are hoping to run Experience Easter as usual this year but will need a team to make this happen. Experience Easter is an opportunity for children of pre and primary school age to explore the Easter story together. The sessions will run on Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March. If you can help, please sign up on the sheets at the back and let Sarah know.

Coronavirus - The Church of England has issued advice regarding coronavirus: "The virus not been declared a pandemic and at present the risk in this country is assessed as moderate' Parishioners with coughs and sneezes are encouraged to receive Communion in one kind only (the bread) and to refrain from handshaking during The Peace. We also advise against the practice of dipping your wafer into the wine - as this could be a means of transferring infection, it also makes the wine undrinkable for those who have coeliac disease. Alcohol gel will be used by celebrants and assistants. If you have any more questions, please ask Sarah.

World Day of Prayer - Friday 6th March at 2pm. It's our turn to host the service this year, which as been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. Please do come along to enjoy the service and the refreshments with an African flavour.

Quiz night - Linda and Elaine are running a Quiz night in the small hall 6th March - please do put your names down on the list or catch us at the end of the service: we would like to get teams of 4 or 5, for a fun evening's entertainment. The cost is £5 per head including refreshments, and it starts at 7.30pm, We hope to see you there!"

Cheltenham Science and Literature Festivals - Did you know that a team from the Diocese of Gloucester runs family activities at the Cheltenham Festivals each year? We're aiming to give people a good experience of the Church of England, even if they would not normally step into a church building. It's a great chance to connect with new people from across the county and beyond. We would love to recruit some more volunteers to our fun and friendly team - if you can chat confidently with children and their parents and teachers and would like to be involved, get in touch with Kerry Pateman kpateman@glosdioc.org.uk for details.

Rose Garden Community Day - The next working party in the Rose Garden is 14th March 10am-12pm.

Important dates:

6th March	2pm World Day of Prayer event in the Church
6th March	Quiz night in the Hall
17th June	The Rev. Sarah Todd's Installation