

St Barnabas

March 8th
2020

Church Matters

DIARY OF THE COMING WEEK		
<i>Morning Prayer Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs and Friday at 9.15am</i>		
Mon 9th	11.15am	Funeral of Jack Keyse
Tues 10th	2.30pm	Teapots
	7.30pm	Family Choir
Wed 11th	10.00am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Community Choir
Thurs 12th	6.00pm	Vestry Time
Sun 15th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Praise
	11.30am	Holy 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 a spiritual and meaningful journey through Lent.

For the wider church:

- **The Province de L'eglise Anglicane Du Congo**, Archbishop Zacharie Masimang Katanda.
- Leonard Stanley C of E Primary School, Andrew Green (Headteacher), Kings Stanley C of E Primary School, Derk van den Broek (Headteacher), Lakefield C of E Primary School, Ian Williams (Headteacher).

For our community:

- Cavendish House and Ribston Hall School.
- Our Youth Group and those who lead it.
- Those who live in Ivy mews and Jewson Close.
- The sick: Janet, Suzie, Richard, Colin, Tim, Mick, Joan, Noel, Julia, Rachel, Christopher, Ray, Ruby, Clare, Mary, David, Kay.

8.00am
10.00am

Holy Communion
Sunday Worship with Communion

7.00pm

Youth Alpha

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Next Sunday: 15th March

8.00am
10.00am
11.30am

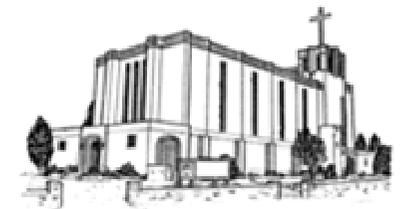
Holy Communion
Family Praise
Holy Communion

7.00pm

Youth Alpha

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The Collect and Readings for Sunday 8th March THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Romans 4.1-5,13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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Readings for next week:

Psalm 121

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17;

John 3: 1-17

John 3.1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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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.

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.

Bookshop Manager wanted - The booksplus shop in the Hospital are looking for a full time manager. If you are interested and wanted more information please contact tom.ratcliffe@books-plus.org.uk

The Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

Important dates:

22nd March Mothering Sunday
29th March Clocks "Spring Forward" 1 hour
5th April Palm Sunday
6-12th April Holy Week
17th June The Rev. Sarah Todd's Installation