

Ellie is staying at home and....
READING A GOOD BOOK

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire: J. K. Rowling

Although typically seen as book for children, the 4th book of the Harry Potter series has been a source of comfort and familiarity in unfamiliar times. The book is tells the story of a magical tournament with participants from many schools and it provides me with a welcome escape from the challenges of the current situation. It also reinforces the virtues of friendship, reliability and co-operation

Available on Amazon £5.99 (kindle e-book)

Staying at home and....
WATCHING AN AMAZON PRIME SERIES

New Amsterdam

New Amsterdam is an American medical drama television series, based on the book Twelve Patients: Life and Death at Bellevue Hospital by Eric Manheimer. It follows Dr. Max Goodwin as he becomes the medical director of one of the United States' oldest public hospitals, aiming to reform the neglected facility by tearing up its bureaucracy in order to provide exceptional care to patients.

Staying at home and....
KEEPING FIT & HEALTHY

I have started my BBC Couch to 5K app as my one exercise period a day. This is a nine-week programme for beginners and is available on both Apple and Android Devices. We have a treadmill in the corner of the lounge which I also jump on occasionally

What are you all getting up to?

If you would like to contribute to the back page, please email your answers to Sarah on revsarahtodd@gmail.com or give her a ring on 07534 720160

St Barnabas

w/b April 12th
2020

Church Matters

Hello to you all.

Welcome to this week's Church Matters Newsletter This enlarged newsletter aims to keep church family in contact, share prayer requests, strengthen our discipleship and bring us closer together while we are unable to gather. If you are receiving this newsletter but aren't on the mailing list then please contact Sarah on 07534 720160 or revsarahtodd@gmail.com

Sunday Livestream Worship Schedule

12th April 2020: Easter Sunday

**Live Stream on our Facebook Page
Easter Communion with Bishop Rachel
All Age Worship on Easter Sunday**

**7.00 a.m.
10.00 am**

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Next Sunday: 19th April 2020: Easter I

10.00 am

All Age Worship

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www.facebook.com/stbarnabasglos**



News

Coronavirus - Stay at home but continue to pray, to love and to care for the vulnerable.

Sarah's Licensing - Sarah is going to be licensed as Vicar of St Barnabas Tuffley and Priest in Charge of St Katherine's Matson on Monday 27th April at 6pm. This will be a private legal service on Zoom attended by the Bishop, Archdeacon and Churchwardens only. Given the current challenges, it was felt wise to bring the licensing forward. However as soon as we can safely do so, we will gather for a special induction service to celebrate the ministry of the whole church. Sarah will be on leave from Monday 20th April - Sunday 26th April inclusive. Please pray for her - and we will celebrate together on Zoom at some point in the week after the licensing!

The Church Office - Although the Office is closed, Marge is working from home and is happy to answer any of your questions if she can! The "opening" hours are the same Tues and Thurs 10-12.

Barnabas Buddies - Given the current government guidelines we are aware that many of our immediate congregation and those who benefit from our organisations will miss the regular contact and experience of being amongst a community. We are hoping a regular 'Barnabas Buddy' system can be set up in conjunction with already existing visiting arrangements, but all now on a totally phone based operation. If you or anyone you know in the parish feels you could be a phone buddy or you know of someone isolated, lonely and in need of a chat then please call Katherine the churchwarden on 528508 or email katherine@katherinekear.co.uk.

Daily Prayer and Worship - Daily prayer will live stream on the Facebook Page at 10.00 and 21.00. Prayer changes things - and your prayers matter. Worship will be live streamed on Facebook each Sunday at 10.00. If you need help in getting onto social media to get connected, please ring Sarah on 07534 720160. If you can't access these, or indeed even if you can, you are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer together at 09.15 and 21.15, beginning and ending the day in prayer together. There are also prayers for home use included in this news sheet.

Messy Easter at Home - Messy Easter is on Good Friday. Crafts, stories and song will appear on the event page throughout Good Friday morning with a few bonus items on Easter Saturday.

Finance Matters - Like many churches, charities and other organisations, St Barnabas is facing serious financial challenges. Whilst we believe that God will provide for our needs we rely on giving from our church family, grants and donations from others to continue our ministry here in Tuffley, White City and Robinswood. We don't receive any money from the government. We will be looking at ways to make giving easier on line, but if you aren't a member of the parish giving scheme, could you consider giving electronically? If so, our e-banking details are: HSBC, St Barnabas Church PCC Sort Code: 40 43 42, Account Number 91283383

Katherine Kear is hoping as many people as possible make or find a ring and add a ribbon and put it on front doors or prominent windows during the pandemic. The ring symbolises unending and everlasting love, the cycle of life and hope. Add a Green Ribbon for renewal, balance and progress, and/or a Blue Ribbon for the NHS. Pass this on and let's fill the parish with love, support and brightness.

We can with complete integrity proclaim Hallelujah Christ is risen... because it is true. Our voices may waver a little, we may still feel safer behind closed doors - but Jesus will meet us in his risen life all the same.

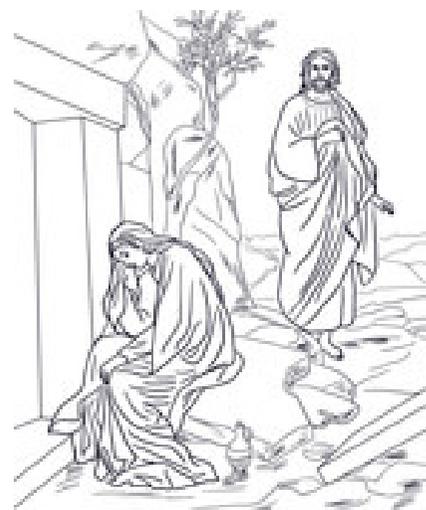
Like our Virtual Family Choir sang to us this morning (a huge thank you to Ellie and all for putting that together!)

Risen, he is risen - Hallelujah!

Let us respond.....

He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!!

Sarah



SAILORS' SOCIETY KNITTED HATS

Can you knit a hat or two for merchant seafarers who work around the globe bringing white goods to our shores? They are best made with Double Knitting (DK) or Aran/Chunky knit wool, but if you have thinner wool, try using two strands, maybe using different colours together - the brighter the better! You will also need size 6 (4.5mm) and 7 (5mm) needles.

In 2 knit 2 purl rib, size 6 needles, work approximately 2 inches for the turn-back edge.

Change to size 7 needles and continue until the work measures about 9 inches, then decrease, as follows:

1st row: work 9 stitches, slip 1, K2 together (K2tog), pass slip stitch over the two knitted together (PSSO). Repeat this pattern to the end of the row.

2nd row: work in pattern to the end of the row.

3rd row: work 7 sts., slip 1, K2tog., PSSO. Repeat to end of the row.

4th row: pattern to end.

5th row: work 5 sts., slip 1, K2tog., PSSO. Repeat to end of the row.

6th row: pattern to end.

7th row: work 3 sts., slip 1, K2tog., PSSO. Repeat to end of the row.

8th row: pattern to end.

9th row: work 1 st., slip 1, K2tog., PSSO. Repeat to end of the row.

10th row: pattern to end.

11th row: as 9th row.

12th row: K2tog along the row.

Draw up stitches, sew side seam.

When we are all allowed out and about again, please let me know if you have managed to make any hats and I'll collect them and make sure they are sent off to the Sailors' Society. On their behalf - thank you so much.

Sheila Bennett (301337)



Please pray...

For our Church family and the wider Church:

- Ellie Todd and the Communications team as they continue making fresh material available to us while we are unable to meet together.
- Sarah as she is preparing for her licensing a lot earlier than expected...see the News for more details.
- The Messy Easter Team as they work out how to help families celebrate Easter at home.

For our community and the world:

- Those in our community who are suffering from loneliness while we are unable to get out and see each other.
- Tuffley Park's Community Grub Hub scheme as they seek to help feed those in need in Tuffley, Podsmead, Linden, Matson, White City and Morelands.
- On this unusual Easter Day for many around the world, and that we will all feel the joy of the resurrection today.

For the Covid 19 pandemic

- The Government as they look at how best to lead the country during the Pandemic.
- All frontline staff, Police, Firefighters and the NHS Volunteers as they work together to support the NHS and our communities.
- Those who are caring for the bereaved in different ways to how they are used to.

For the sick and the bereaved

- Those who are self isolating and those who are supporting them.
- The sick: Janet, Richard, Colin, Tim, Mick, Joan, Noel, Julia, Rachel, Christopher, Ray, Ruby, Clare, Kay, Peggy, Mary
- Those who have died: June James, Susan Hiam, Mary Jordan, Leslie Wisdom, Mary Carter, Bridget Stevens, David Butler, Jenny Perry and those who grieve.

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Prayers at home A short service at any time of day

You may wish to light a candle and have some reflective music playing in the background

The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. God is close to those who trust in him.
Nahum 1.7

Opening Prayers

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, "I am with you always". Be with me today as I offer myself to you. Hear my prayers for others and for myself, and keep me in your care.

O God help me to trust you
Help me to know you are with me
Help me to believe that nothing can separate me from your love
Revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord

Intercessions

For those who are affected by Covid 19, through illness, isolation or anxiety, that they may find relief and recovery
Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

For those who are guiding our nation at this time and shaping national policies, That they may make wise decisions
Lord hear us,

Lord graciously hear us

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers, that through their skill and insights many will be restored to health
Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

For the vulnerable and the fearful,
For the gravely ill and the dying,
That they may know your comfort and peace:

Lord hear us

Lord, graciously hear us

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

Amen

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Prayers with children A prayer for a friend that is ill

Dear God, *N* is ill.

They are not able to play or have fun
I'm sad because I miss them and am worried.

They must feeling sad and lonely

Please be close to them

Please be with the people who are looking after them

Please help them to get better and know that you love them

Amen

Prayers before bedtime

God you are always with me

Today I am feeling (*name how you are feeling*) because (*name reasons why*)

Help me to remember you love me and are with me tonight and every day.

Amen