

Rosa Speyer is staying at home and...

READING A GOOD BOOK...

I have been enjoying audio books so I can get on with little jobs round the house whilst getting lost in a book. This week I am enjoying the Mill on The Floss read by Anna Maxwell Martin on the BBC sounds app.

WATCHING A GOOD FAMILY FILM...

How to train your Dragon. The wonderful story of the little boy who decides to do and look at things differently from the rest of his village. Instead of fighting the dragons that live in their lands he befriends them and sticks to his new path against the will off all his family and friends until they realise that his new way is actually brilliant. I first saw this at the cinema but loved seeing it again so we will be working our way through the sequels.

KEEPING FIT AND HEALTHY...

I join Mr Wicks for a PE session every other day and have found some online dance classes too. Oti from Strictly is doing some. great little half hour classes for young and old alike. I have also dusted off my rebounder and sometimes just put on some happy music and dance and bounce around on that.

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 26th
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

26th April: Easter 2

Live Stream on our Facebook Page

**10.00 am
11.00 am**

All Age Worship on Easter Sunday
Zoom coffee
Meeting ID: 755 789 5516

7.45 pm

Zoom Bible study and prayer with Hilary and Ian.
If you would like to join email hilarypentycross@yahoo.com

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Next Sunday: 3rd May: Easter 3

1000 am All Age Worship

Sign up at:
www.facebook.com/stbarnabasglos



Reading for Easter 2: Sunday 26th April

Luke 24.13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these

things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Easter Wordsearch

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JESUS
 JUDAS
 MARY
 PETER
 SOLDIERS
 LAST
 SUPPER
 BREAD
 WINE
 KISS
 CROSS
 TOMB
 ALIVE
 REJOICE
 ALLELUIA
 LOVE
 AMAZING
 GRACE

Eye Spy: If you live near the church, and later when we are all able to drive and walk around more freely, keep an eye open for a special message from the church tower. John W and Katherine K have been In cahoots to make this work. Thank you John & Katherine

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 - The 'Barnabas Buddy' system has been 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. 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.

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

Peggy Whitfield - long time resident of Southfield Road and a long-time member of our Church family, has sadly died. Peggy moved to the Richmond care home in Painswick several years ago and where she ended her days. She had become a member of the community at The Richmond's but she maintained her close connection with St Barnabas, sharing home communion and prayers with us. At this stage no details of her funeral are known and attendance will be restricted. We hope when the restrictions end, we may gather as her friends to celebrate her life

Reflection from Dave Stevens (Reader)

Are we witnesses to the Resurrection?

Have we experienced Divine intervention?

I have often heard people certain they experienced an Angel, a Messenger from God, but it's all the same, it's all from God. If the Queen sent us a personal Telegram we would not be disappointed because it came through the postman or a messenger. Your experience had come with direct authority from God, or just a coincidence you may believe, but I was once told a coincidence is just an incident where God wishes to remain anonymous. He delights in joining in, coming alongside us, like the two followers, hearing us working out His ways and building relationship with us.

The warmth they felt in their hearts is a common phenomenon, it was enough to convert John Wesley to belief in Jesus, forgiveness of sin and Eternal Life. When Jesus shows up, warms our heart, we know it's Him, as did Cleopas and his friend.

They shared their experiences as soon as they reached the Disciples, It's difficult to keep to ourselves, news of Jesus participating in our day, it is exciting. Especially in these difficult times, we have the Hope of Christ, something valuable we can pass on. I was once told as Christians we do not fear. I don't believe it frees us from fear, I'm glad I have fear, it would enable me to take an alternate route where there's a sleeping lion, it prevents me walking out in front of cars, we need a healthy amount of fear to survive, and at present plenty of reason to fear for the safety of loved ones, but as Christians

what we have is faith, we have courage which is the ability to step into situations where fear is present, knowing Christ is with us to the end, we have Hope, the Hope of the Resurrection, knowing there is no end. So let's share our experiences of Christ, He will be joining in and listening as we walk our Emmaus road together as Witnesses to the Resurrection of Christ.



Please pray...

For our Church family and the wider Church:

- Sandra and the finance team as they look into ways to keep the Church solvent during the Pandemic.
- Sarah's Licensing tomorrow, a lot earlier than expected...see the News for more details.
- The members of our family who have become a Barnabas Buddy.

For our community and the world:

- The Benefice of Bishop's Cleeve and Woolstone with Gotherington and Oxenton Team Ministry, Malc Allen, Richard Reakes (Parish Clergy), Sallie Mumford, Colin Saxelby, Katie Higham, David Horton, Kathryn Lea (Readers).
- That we will find new depths to our personal spiritual growth during this time.
- For all the Clinics and GP surgery's in our parish as they continue to help serve those in need.

For the Covid 19 pandemic

- The World Health Organisation as they help countries around the world battle Covid 19.
- All frontline staff, Police, Firefighters, Armed Forces 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, Ruby, Clare, Kay, Mary, Phil, Terry.
- Those who have died: Leslie Wisdom, Mary Carter, Bridget Stevens, David Butler, Jenny Perry, Peggy Whitfield, June Hull, Audrey Fielding, Avril McNulty, Ray Etheridge, Ann Harries 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

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

Today I am feeling (*name how you are feeling*) because (*name reasons why*)
Help me to remember you love me and are with me every day.

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.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I am giving you worship with all my life,
I am giving you obedience with all my power,
I am giving you praise with all my strength,
I am giving you honour with all my speech.
I am giving you love with all my heart,

I am giving you affection with all my sense,
I am giving you my being with all my mind,
I am giving you my soul,
O most high and holy God.
Praise to the Father,
Praise to the Son,
Praise to the Spirit,
The Three in One.

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

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