

Benefice Newsletter 8th August 2021



Today's 10am Holy Communion from inside St Mary's is here

https://youtu.be/kiaUZZp4xSg

And **10 am Morning Worship from inside St Barnabas** is here:

https://youtu.be/MadBeyJrz3E

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Forthcoming Services:

Sun 15th Aug 8am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's

10am Morning Worship at St Barnabas

10am Morning Worship with Baptism at St Mary's

Sun 22nd Aug 10am Morning Worship at St Barnabas

10am Holy Communion at St Mary's

Sun 29th Aug 8am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's

10am Morning Worship at St Barnabas 10am Morning Worship at St Mary's

Sun 5th **Sep** 8am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's

10am Morning Worship at St Barnabas 10am Morning Worship at St Mary's

Changes to Guidelines for our Churches – an update

We have taken the decision to continue with outside worship wherever practical for the next few weeks to ensure we can do things as safely as possible. We will be politely asking people to socially distance wherever reasonably possible, and to wear masks indoors unless consuming food or drink. We will also continue to use individual cups for communion, however in a change to the previous guidance, we will be allowed to have indoor singing, should the service need to be indoors.

Many people will feel comfortable moving back to closer contact with others following the relaxing of the rules, however, equally as many people will want to maintain distancing and reduce the risk of transmission as much as possible to keep themselves and others safe. We ask that everyone respect each other's viewpoints on this as we want as many people as possible to feel comfortable coming to the services. We will review the situation again towards the end of the summer holidays.

Summer Coffee Mornings followed by Midweek Communion

Thanks to all who came on Friday to St Mary's first coffee morning, we will be holding 2 Coffee mornings followed by midweek communion at both churches over the Summer Holidays. These will be being hosted by TOT's / Lunch Club however anyone is welcome and there is no need to stay for communion if you do not wish to do so. These will be on the following dates:

Tuesday 10th August at St Barnabas followed by Midweek Communion at 11.30am Friday 20th August 10am at St Mary's followed by Midweek Communion at 11.30am Tuesday 24th August at St Barnabas followed by Midweek Communion at 11.30am

Praying for South Africa – Message from Margaret Manning

Thank you for your donations I have received. So far I have sent God's Warehouse £235.



Eversley Eco Hub

The rectory room has now been let and is a shop selling various eco products, its opening times are as follows: Monday and Wednesday 9-12 and 2-6:30
Tuesday and Thursday 9-12 and 2-4
Friday and Saturday - Closed
see Eversley Eco Hub on Facebook.

From the Hartlands

Rachel and Graham will be taking some time out briefly across the weekend of Friday 13th - Friday 15th August. Thank you for your understanding and patience whilst she's unable to respond promptly to any inquiries.

Vacancy: St Johns Hartley Wintney Benefice Administrator

We currently have a paid vacancy for a benefice administrator in Hartley Wintney. 20 hours a week, closing date for applications 20th August. Please contact Margaret for full vacancy description.

St. Marys Rotas

With a return to" live" church we need to establish lists of those people willing to carry out the following roles at services.

Welcomer

Before the service stand outside the church to welcome people to the service.

Sidesman

Place and return candles Hand out and collect service sheets hymn books etc, Collect and count offering, organise communicants for Holy communion.

Reader

Read the selected bible passage from the lectern/front of church.

Intercessions

Lead us in our prayers of intercession.

Chalice Assistant

Set up the table for Holy Communion and assist the priest in the giving of holy communion. (You will have to be approved by the bishop.)

I will create a rota of people assigned to each role for each service at the beginning of each school term. The more people who volunteer the easier it will be for all of us. If you are willing to undertake one or more of the roles listed above, please contact me.

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Diocesan News and Activities

Bishop's Commission for Mission

Coming Up this Autumn

This coming autumn term Winchester diocese will be offering four BCM programmes. BCM aims to equip and inspire lay people who feel a calling to, or have already stepped into, an area of ministry in their local church. BCM is not an academic course. Participants will learn practical skills from passionate practitioners but equally importantly be sharing their own accrued wisdom and experience. BCM encourages ministry with a missional focus. For dates and to register your interest contact wendy atkinson@winchester.anglican.org

The opening and closing sessions will be held in person and the topic sessions are mostly online. Prayer Champions and Worship will have one in-person session mid-term.

BCM Worship: For those who have a desire to lead God's people into God's presence. The training will cover the core skills required to lead worship in your church/community and on completion carries an authorisation to lead non eucharistic worship more than once a quarter at the discretion of your incumbent.

BCM Youth & Children's Ministry: This is primarily for those who are leading any form of youth or children's ministry in the church. The training will provide you with a range of creative ideas for building a strong ministry team.

BCM Prayer Champions: This aims to equip you to encourage and promote prayer in your church and community. It will build your personal confidence in prayer and offer you a variety of ideas to help others grow in prayer.

BCM Creation Care: This is for those who want to help their church steward the world's natural resources. It will consider the theology of our calling to care for God's creation, as well as exploring practical actions churches can take.

Further information can be found on the diocesan website.

Prayer and Spirituality

The Joy of Prayer

These Zoom workshops are for anyone who would like to broaden their experience of prayer.

Thursday 16th September 20:00 – 21:00 Praying with Stuff

This session is about praying with our whole selves, using everyday objects in various kinds of prayer.

Thursday 7th October 20:00 – 21:00 Colours and Doodles

In this session we will experiment with the use of colour in reflection and prayer – and we will try Bible doodling.

Thursday 11th November 20:00 – 21:00 Prayer Walking

A chance to think about the places and spaces we inhabit and to intercede creatively for those we live amongst.

Thursday 9th December 20:00 – 21:15 Dare to Share

Come and listen, and be listened to (in small groups), as we reflect on our relationship with God and our experience of prayer.

Led – on Zoom – by the Revd Sally Dakin, Diocesan Spirituality Advisor Enquiries to sally.dakin@winchester.anglican.org Bookings to wendy.atkinson@winchester.anglican.org

St Barnabas weekly phone call initiative

Last autumn, this initiative was set up to help members of the congregation keep in contact with others through weekly phone calls. For many of the people who chose to be involved, this proved a helpful way of keeping in touch with at least two other people. Some got to know people they had not known before, and some said it helped them to feel more connected with the St Barnabas church family.

Now there are more opportunities for us to get together, there is less need for these weekly phone calls. Therefore, it seems appropriate to stop this initiative. However, I am very encouraged to know there are at least 2 groups who wish to continue anyway as they all feel they will continue to benefit from the phone calls. I would like to thank everyone who has been involved, and especially the leaders of the groups.

Jane Lister

St Bee's Pop-up Café – 9.30am to 12noon

Every Saturday (if weather nice outside, otherwise in the back of church) Hot and Cold drinks, cakes and biscuits

Table service and social distancing measures in place. If you've been shielding and would like a safe space to venture out to, or if you'd just like a friendly chat and a cup of tea, then come along.



Seeking the Spirit

We'd love to see more of you if you can. We are meeting weekly at **4pm on a Thursday at St Barnabas to** have a time of quiet and space where we seek to allow the Holy Spirit to meet with us and ask him to guide and shape our community. All are welcome to join us.

Keeping Up With The Cobwebs @St. Mary's

In the past we have had a cleaning rota for St. Mary's which had to fall into abeyance during lockdowns. I am hoping to resurrect it from September, all being well. Cleaning would take place once a fortnight on a rota basis hopefully in pairs. The more people from the community willing to do this, the less often each will appear on the rota. I will try and initiate a checklist too, so that folk know what to look at, but it will be largely dusting, pews and floors. There is a hoover and cleaning materials at church. If you are willing and able to help, whether or not you've done this in the past, please can you contact me.

Midweek Communion at St Barnabas – 11.30am Tuesdays

Every week we have our short, said Midweek communion at St Barnabas. All welcome. If this is something you would like to come to, please could you let me know. *Lerys*

Giving to our churches

We need regular giving to help us to grow our churches, maintain the church buildings and to be able to put on events and activities. Please consider regularly giving to the church if you are able.

We recognise that these are challenging financial times for millions in our country. Our churches alongside many other charities are also facing challenging financial circumstances. As we continue to support our communities and facilitate new ways of worshipping safely together, we continue to see a significant reduction in our income.

We are developing simple online forms of giving,

For St. Mary's: to give £5, £10, £20 or £50 please use this link: https://st-marys-church-eversley.sumup.link For St. Barnabas: to give £5, £10, £20 or £50 please use this link: https://st-barnabas-church.sumup.link/

You may also consider giving online via BACS (banking details are available from our clergy and treasurers) and particularly via the Parish Giving Scheme, which now has a phone service: 0333 002 1271. For more details:

St. Marys - Sue Brooker via giving@stmaryseversley.org.uk 0118 973 0157

St. Barnabas - Richard Ranson via the church office email: office@stbarnabastheencourager.co.uk

Because St. Mary's is a charity it is able to benefit from you using **Easy Fundraising**, and **Amazon Smile** without it costing you anything when you select the appropriate charity. There is more information via www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmaryseversley/ and https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1128040-0

CHANGE of DATE for CAKES! RAF Odiham Families Day to Saturday 14th August 2021

Due to the ongoing restrictions, this event has experienced a date change - sorry to muck you around. Thank you to those who've already committed to making cakes. If you haven't room to freeze them, please let Rev'd Rachel have them before Wed 21st July.

The cakes are a love-gift to RAF personnel, people who will have served us and others in all sorts of largely invisible ways. The stall is greatly appreciated by the personnel and their families who now eagerly come and find it.

Arrangements are fluctuating, and numbers attending unknown, but Mothers' Union members would appreciate as many cakes as possible.

Can you please bake biscuits, cakes, buns, tray bakes, cupcakes etc?

BUT PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY ARE WITHOUT NUTS, FRESH CREAM, OR MARZIPAN.

MU members and other supporters from across the Winchester Diocese bake and help on the day, many from St. Peter's Yateley and across our Odiham Deanery. In the past Graham Hartland has done this and can tell you more about it, though prior commitments prevent him taking part this year.

This year, we are also looking for financial donations to help with the cost of drinks, as Waitrose in Yateley and Alton aren't able to provide consumables for free as they have done in the past. Members of the St. Peter's MU Branch can accept donations of cakes now and freeze them. This includes Rachel and Graham Hartland. They are also very happy to collect donations from you in the days leading up to Sat 10th July. Alternatively, phone Linda or Sue from St. Peter's (below) and they will collect from you.

Linda Hoskins <u>lindahoskins49@gmail.com</u> 01252 671260/07852 590050 Sue Tickell <u>susantickell@gmail.com</u> 01252 875776/07925 591543

Online House Groups

We have two house groups meeting online on a fortnightly basis. One led by Kate Campbell on a Thursday, and one led by Jane Hughes on a Tuesday. Please get in touch with them or the clergy if you would like to join.

Daily Prayer 10am Online and in person

Daily prayer at 10am is on our Facebook pages every day. On Wednesdays, St Mary's is open so you can join inperson. St Mary's then remains open until 12noon. On Saturdays you can now join in-person again at St Barnabas at 10am. Both these services use the Ffald-y-Brenin form of Morning Prayer. The videos remain available for you to access later via our Facebook pages and on our YouTube Channel. For St. Mary's it's: www.facebook.com/StMarysEversley/

and for St. Barnabas <u>www.facebook.com/StBarnabasChurchFrogmoreandDarbyGreen/</u>
Our dedicated YouTube channel is at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwUN6hbEio3LnrOPzVG7lxw

Together on Tuesdays

We have decided to delay the return of Tots until September term. As the indoor seating will prove quite restrictive should weather be wet or chilly. Also, we will not be able to serve our cold table as we would normally do. NOre details on what we will do in September soon.

Pat and Jackie

Prayer Chains

We now have active prayer chains in both churches, shared by email. If you have any prayer requests for them, please contact the clergy. If you are happy for these to be mentioned in our daily online reflections, they can be.











Currently our urgent needs are:
Coffee, Instant Mash,
Tinned Potatoes, Sponge Puddings,
Shampoo, Shower Gel, and
Loo Rolls.

Donations can be made via: Centre Stores Eversley, The Co-op Yateley, the side of

Discoveries by St. Peter's Church, Frogmore Community
College, and direct to St Barnabas Church, Darby Green
(Mondays and Thursdays, 1.30-3pm).





Everythingin-store*
9th-14th August

* excludes church supplies, gift vouchers and items already discounted.

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