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Today's **10am HOLY COMMUNION** from inside **St Mary's** is not being streamed as Tim is on Holiday

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

<https://youtu.be/NpckNeGpQCg>

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Forthcoming Services:

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 Holy Communion at St Barnabas 10am Morning Worship at St Mary's
Sun 12th Sep	10am Morning Worship at St Barnabas 10am Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sun 19th Sep	8am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's 10am Morning Worship at St Barnabas 10am Morning Worship at St Mary's
Sun 26th Sep	10am Morning Worship at St Barnabas 10am Morning Worship at St Mary's

Guidelines for our Churches

We have taken the decision to continue with outside worship wherever practical until the end of the summer holidays 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.



Please print off this advert and display it or share on social media with friends and neighbours.

New Website – Check out the New St Barnabas Website at

<https://www.stbarnabastheencourager.co.uk/>



SERVICES YOUNG PEOPLE GROWING FAITH COMMUNITY SUPPORT



SAFEGUARDING

Welcome to **St Barnabas the Encourager**, a CofE Church in Blackwater, North Hampshire.



ABOUT US

SERVICE TIMES



Need Help?



Let's get Messy!



Fancy a Cuppa?

After months of work behind the scenes by Michael Hughes, to whom huge thanks, we are now able to launch our new website. Check it out and give us your feedback.

Summer Coffee Mornings followed by Midweek Communion

Thanks to all who came on Friday to St Mary's coffee morning, we will be holding our final Coffee morning of the summer followed by midweek communion at St Barnabas on Tuesday. This is being hosted by TOT's however anyone is welcome and there is no need to stay for communion if you do not wish to do so. **Tuesday 24th August at St Barnabas followed by Midweek Communion at 11.30am**



Messy Church Summer Picnic - **Cancelled**

Sadly as many of our families are away and we haven't had anyone let us know about coming to Messy Church this afternoon we have decided to cancel this months. We will be back with Messy Church from September with more news soon.

Let's get Messy!

Lunch Club at St Marys – Returning with Midweek Communion 24th September

Due to Holidays for the organisers over the 1st few weeks of September the plan is to resume our Midweek Lunch club at St Mary's on **Friday 24th September 12noon**. This will be preceded by Midweek Communion at **11.30am**.



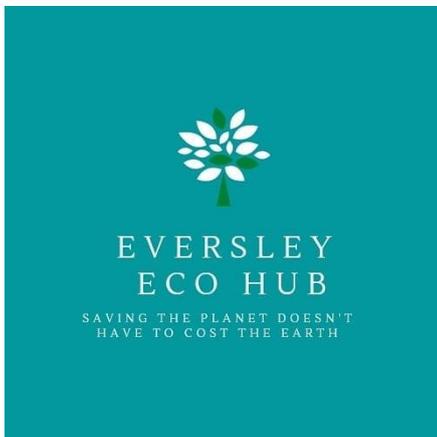
Facebook post from Joni Eareckson Tada on 17th August .

Hours ago, as the Taliban took control of Kabul, Afghanistan, my friends and I sat and stared breathless at my iPhone – the BBC showed hundreds of terrified people racing across the airport tarmac, pleading for help and hoping to climb onto U.S. Air Force planes leaving the country. It was pandemonium and I wept at the sight.

The church in Afghanistan is the second fastest growing church worldwide – and now, our brothers and sisters in Christ are facing vicious retaliation from the Taliban. Please join me in praying that God will strengthen them, pouring out courage, and mercy, and comfort... and that the Afghanistan church will be bold in witnessing to panicking neighbours and friends.

May Jesus Christ protect and defend the widow, the orphaned, and the disabled (please join me in

interceding for the weak and vulnerable in that forsaken country). And may Christians in that horribly broken nation hold fast to Psalm 59:1-2, 10-11, "Deliver me from my enemies, O God; protect me from those who rise up against me. Deliver me from evildoers and save me from bloodthirsty men.... oh, my Strength, I watch for you; you, O God, or my fortress, my loving God." [#PrayForAfghanistan](#) [#Intercession](#)



Eversley Eco Hub – Now re-open

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.

St. Marys and St Barnabas Rotas

Please let Tim know if you would be willing to join one of our Rotas for st Mary's via tim.j.ellis@ntlworld.com or Lerys for the St Barnabas rotas – email above.

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.

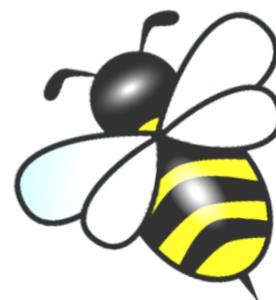
Led – on Zoom – by the Revd Sally Dakin, Diocesan Spirituality Advisor Enquiries to sally.dakin@winchester.anglican.org Bookings to wendy.atkinson@winchester.anglican.org

St 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.

St Barnabas Cleaning – Saturday 5th September 9.30am

A huge thanks to some of the members of the Ghanaian church who came during the café at St Barnabas Yesterday to do some cleaning of St B's. We are hoping to have a tidy and clean of the building ready for Spring to come back during the café on the 5th September. We will start at 9.30 and then pause for morning prayer at 10, before finishing up afterwards. It should be a fairly relaxed affair and we will be availing ourselves of the café's refreshments during the morning so we'd love to have you pop along and help if you can. Please talk to Ierys or Derek for more information.

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. **Lerys**

House Groups – Online and in person

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.

Our midweek bible study, Encouragers, at St Barnabas will be beginning again on Wednesday mornings in September – Date TBC.

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>

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 in-person. 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 www.facebook.com/StBarnabasChurchFrogmoreandDarbyGreen/
Our dedicated YouTube channel is at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwUN6hbEio3LnrOPzVG7lxw>

Together on Tuesdays

More details coming 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).

Please contact the clergy if you are viewing this newsletter online and would like to receive this weekly update and Zoom link direct.

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