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Rev'd Lerys is on Annual Leave until Tuesday 21st September.

Please direct all enquires, offers or requests for help and prayer to
Rev'd Rachel for the next couple of weeks.

BOTH our services this week will take place in INSIDE our respective churches.

St Mary's celebrates their Patronal Festival with Holy Communion at 10am and will also be
here online: <https://youtu.be/0l8XMeqS2kU>

And 10 am Family Worship from St Barnabas will be online here:

<https://youtu.be/Cm4TC5y4xdA>

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Forthcoming Services:

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

Sun 3rd Oct 8am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's
10am Morning Worship at St Barnabas
10am Morning Worship at St Mary's

Sun 10th Oct 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 at the moment to ensure we can do things as safely as possible. **We ask people to continue to socially distance wherever reasonably possible, and to wear masks indoors unless consuming food or drink.** We are using individual cups for communion, however in a change to the previous guidance, we are now able to sing even if the service is indoors. Some people are gradually become more comfortable moving back to closer contact with others following the relaxing of the rules. However, equally as many people want to maintain distancing and reduce the risk of transmission as much as possible, to keep themselves and others safe, **especially given the high rates of infection we continue to see.** 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.

RE-OPENING 13th SEPTEMBER 7.30pm: First Steps Café – the place for young people to talk things through.

Take your "first step" to wellbeing – come and chat. Monday nights 7.30-9pm in term time for ages 12-25.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

25th September 2021 in the morning with
the St Bee's Café



Harvest Afternoon Tea at St Barnabas

Saturday 2nd October 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Where we will be accepting financial donations towards our Harvest Festival Appeal:

Harvest Festival Appeal: Hart Foodbank and [food.gives](#) (in association with the Barnabas Fund)

For our Harvest Festivals on 26th September this year, both our churches will be supporting 2 charities:

[Hart Foodbank](#) has been at the forefront of our ministry for years, supporting local people who have reached crisis point with food, cleaning materials, and encouragement. Their current shortages list is below, but as we know it changes week for week, so please keep an eye on requests. They also accept financial donations via the blue hyper-link above.



Currently our urgent needs are:
**Sponge-puddings, Instant mash,
Pasta sauce, Deodorants,
Tinned: Potatoes, fruit, soup,
custard, pulses, vegetables.**

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).

[Food.gives](#) is an international foodbank project from the [Barnabas Fund](#), a charity which supports persecuted Christians around the world. Because they

are sending food overseas, they **have a very specific list of food items** which are the **only items** which the Barnabas Fund are able to accept.

- Wheat flour
- Rice
- Lentils (dried)
- Chick Peas (dried)
- Soap (bars)
- Salt

For **Food.gives** PLEASE ONLY collect dried food (not tins), and ENSURE the items do not contain liquid, oil, or animal products.

The Barnabas Fund is sending us 30 food boxes which we will then hopefully fill and send back to them and I am hoping between the churches and schools we can fill these, and perhaps a few more as well. The cost of getting a food box into the hands of a recipient is approximately £4, so alongside our physical gifts, we would love to provide financially to this project to help with the logistical costs as well as for Hart Foodbank. Therefore we will be having a collection at each Harvest Festival Service and at our Harvest Afternoon Tea at St Barnabas.

Midweek Communion at St Barnabas – 11.30am Tuesdays

Every week we have a short said Midweek communion at St Barnabas. All are welcome.

Lunch Club at St Marys – Re-start with Midweek Communion 24th September

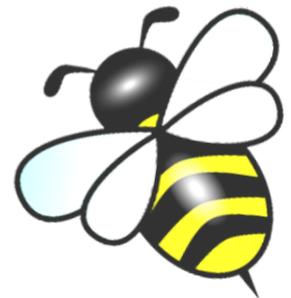
Due to Holidays for the organisers over the first few weeks of September we will resume our Midweek Lunch club at St Mary's on **Friday 24th September 12noon**. This will be preceded by Midweek Communion **at 11.30am**. Lunch Club will then meet weekly, with Communion offered beforehand on a fortnightly basis.

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

Outside - if the weather is nice, 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 please come along.



Seeking the Spirit

Members of both St Barnabas and St. Mary's are encouraged to meet 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 communities. All are welcome to join us.

TOTS - Together on Tuesdays – RE-STARTING 28th September!

This lunch club for anyone who wants to share in fellowship over a meal is going re-start on Tuesday 28th September at 12noon in the Honeycomb. Please talk to one of the clergy for more details. If you're a regular who is able to help support *Pat and Jackie* with restarting this, please do contact them direct.

St. Marys and St Barnabas Rotas are out but MORE help needed!

Both churches now have service rotas again so that we can share more fully in worshipping together. If you think you had volunteered, but haven't received a copy yet, please contact Rev'd Rachel.

However, we are looking for more people to share in this, so please talk to Rev'd Rachel if you feel able to help by reading our Bible passages, leading intercessions, welcoming people and taking our offertory.

Keeping Up with the Cobwebs @St. Mary's – NOT enough volunteers

yet! We had hoped to have this up and running by now, but sadly we don't have enough volunteers to share the load yet! Ideally cleaning should take place once a fortnight on a rota basis, hopefully in pairs. A checklist will be provided, but tasks will be largely dusting, and hoovering/sweeping 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 Rev'd Rachel as soon as possible.

Housegroups – Re-starting in person and online

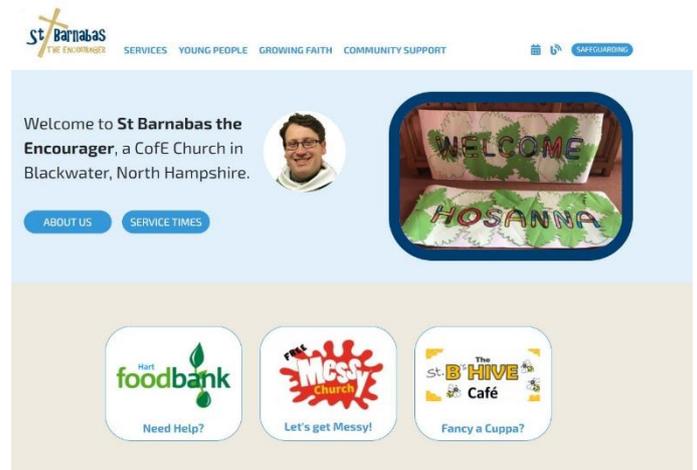
Derek Wilmot's Housegroup will be starting again **THIS Wednesday in the Honeycomb at St Barnabas at 7.30pm.**

There are two other housegroups: one led by Kate Campbell on a Thursday, and one led by Jane Hughes on a Tuesday. They will restart once their hosts have returned from holidays.

New Website – Check out the New St Barnabas Website at

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

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



Alpha Course with St Peter's Church

There will be an Alpha Course starting in September in Café 45. If you would like to know more, please speak to Lerys.

Daily Prayer 10am Online (daily via Facebook) and in person (Wed and Sat)

There are different forms of prayer used through the week (including Common Worship, and Iona), but the two where you can also attend in person use the Ffald-y-Brenin form. Wednesday prayers are hosted at St. Mary's and Saturday prayers are hosted at St. Barnabas. The videos for all these 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/ For St. Barnabas www.facebook.com/StBarnabasChurchFrogmoreandDarbyGreen/ Our dedicated YouTube channel is at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwUN6hbEio3LnrOPzVG7lxw>

Prayer Chains – Supporting you and those you are care about

We have active prayer chains shared across both our churches by email. If you have any prayer requests for them, please contact the clergy. First names are often used during intercessions that form part of our online prayers (without further details) so that people can be encouraged to share in them and know they are being held in prayer.

NEW WINE Evenings @St. Peter's Yateley – John Coles Sun 26th Sept 7.00pm

St. Peter's Yateley are hosting some excellent speakers over the coming few months, starting this month with John Coles of New Wine. These should be excellent evenings of teaching. To help St. Peter's manage space please can you book in advance if at all possible via <https://www.stpetersyateley.org/events-1/new-wine-john-coles>



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](#)

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>

Diocesan News and Activities - 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

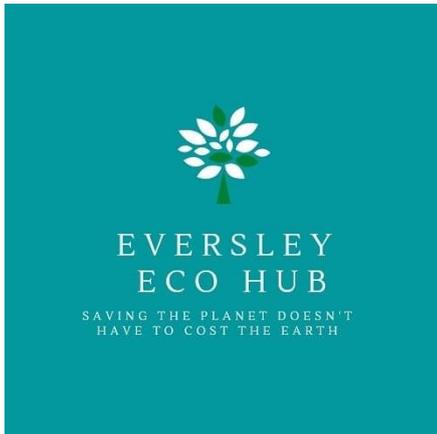
A chance to think about the places and spaces we inhabit and to intercede creatively for those we live amongst.

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



Eversley Eco Hub – OPEN!

The Rectory Room (off Glaston Hill Road by the Rectory in Eversley) is now a shop selling various eco products, as well as serving **hot drinks and delicious cakes**.

Opening times (now term has started) are: -

Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4.00pm

See [Eversley Eco Hub](#) on Facebook.

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

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