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10am Holy Communion service at St Barnabas is also online here: <https://youtu.be/tBUsdYe8e-k>

10 am Baptism at St. Mary's is also online here: https://youtu.be/O_CXkyudaAY

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Forthcoming Services:

Tues 12th Oct 11.30am Mid-week Holy Communion at St. Barnabas (before TOTS)

Sun 17th Oct 8am BCP Holy Communion at St. Mary's
10am Holy Communion at St. Barnabas
10am Family Worship at St. Mary's

Tues 19th Oct 11:30am Mid-week Holy Communion at St. Barnabas (before TOTS)

Sun 24th Oct 10am Morning Worship at St Barnabas
10 am Morning Worship at St Mary's

Sun 31st Oct 10am Family Worship at St. Barnabas
10am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Yateley Society Talk on St Barnabas Church(es) at St Barnabas

On **Wednesday 27th October at 7.30pm** Abby Roper from St Barnabas is giving a talk for Yateley Society on the history of St Barnabas Church. We have agreed to host them in the church and they would love people from the congregations to come along to join them for the evening.

Mini Church at St Mary's

Starting on Tuesday 2nd November we will be starting a new Parents and Toddler/Babies group at St Mary's on Tuesday mornings – this will run from 9 to 10.30am. We'll begin with loads of toys and games for the children to join in with and then at 10ish we'll stop for tidy up time, snack and then some bible stories and songs. Coffee available throughout the morning to help us all stay awake! If you might be willing to help, or have young children and would like to come along then please contact Rev. Lerys.

Breakfast at Barnabas

We will be holding a free (but donations welcomed) breakfast at St Barnabas on Saturday 6th November for anyone from the community to come along to help us re-connect with one another and enjoy time together. All welcome. If you think you'd like to come, please sign up in church or contact Lerys, Cheryl or Pat R. More details and advertising to follow next week.

Remembrance Day service

Once again this year we will be joined by uniformed organisations for our remembrance service at St Barnabas and due to expected demand, we will be ticketing the inside part of the service to allow us to limit numbers inside the church to a reasonable level. I wanted to make sure our regular congregation got first refusal on this so if you'd like to come along, please let the church office or Lerys know. We will be opening it out to the community from next week.

The Sunday Afternoon Service

2nd and 4th Sunday every month 4.30pm

Come to St Barnabas and join us for our new family time with activities, crafts and games, followed by an interactive service with stories, songs and cake! ALL WELCOME!



Today! Sunday 17th October

Now on 3rd Sunday of each month. Come along and join us for crafts, games, bible stories, songs, food and lots of fun. If you want to let us know you're coming, then call 01252935120 or email Rev. Lerys vicar@stmaryseversley.org.uk

Services of Thanksgiving - remembering loved-ones



St Mary's
EVERSLEY



You may have lost loved ones and friends in recent months and been unable to remember them formally, or would like to mark again the important part they played in your life. If so, please consider attending our All Souls services this year. There will be a chance to light a candle and reflect quietly as you are held prayerfully in God's presence.

4.00pm Sun 31st Oct 2021 – St Mary's Eversley

4.00pm Sun 7th Nov 2021 – St Barnabas Darby Green

If you plan to attend and/or have loved-ones and friends remembered by name please contact

Rev'd Rachel 0771 794 2669 in advance

revdrachelhartland@gmail.com

or fill in a small slip of paper with details as you arrive.

We do ask you to wear masks in church, and please note our buildings remain well ventilated and cool.

NEW - Playground Pastors – We need your help!

We are looking to start a new initiative with Charles Kingsley School, which we will also hopefully be rolling out with our link schools in Darby Green soon:

What? – Twice a week – on a Tuesday and a Friday – a small group of volunteers from the church will hang around the school playground wearing church clothing from shortly before to just after school pickup time to engage the parents and children in conversation.

Why? – During the pandemic, and even before, many parents will come to the school gate at pick up time needing to talk to someone about things which are happening in their lives. Often these conversations have ended up with parents talking to teachers. The idea of the Playground pastors would be to offer a listening ear and a friendly face for people to come and talk to about whatever is going on. The conversations may be mundane to begin with, but as people get to know us they will feel able to share more important things.

Who? – Anyone who can listen. We aren't looking for people who are especially skilled or trained in either pastoral care or evangelism – instead we'd love a few people who would be willing to be available to people and engage people in conversation. Primarily this is for the parents rather than the children, but inevitably they will engage with you too.

When? – Ideally we would love to get 6-12 people who would be willing to do either once a week or once a fortnight. The time commitment is only from 2.30 – 3.30pm on either a Tuesday or a Friday and we would offer some basic training beforehand. We would like to start in November if possible.

If you want to know more, or think you could get involved please contact Lerys – 01252 935 120 or by email.

CREATIVE CONNECTIONS



Refresh • Remember • Re-use • Relax

Over the last couple of years some very talented folk have helped to create angels for school staff, flowers for medical practices and are now working on some book bags for a school. There's at least

one further commission waiting for them when those are done!

It's long been a dream of mine to have a regular gathering of 'crafty types' to work on such projects, share their skills and enjoy each other's company as we creatively connect with our communities. I'm hosting these sessions at home, with refreshments, and all are welcome.

Rev'd Rachel

Lunch Club at St. Mary's this week. The Next Mid-week Communion at 11.30am is Friday 22nd October

Lunch Club at St. Mary's 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.



Opening St. Mary's to Visitors

We're once again able to leave St. Mary's open for visitors who might want space to pray, be interested in its history and architecture, or just be curios as they walk past on the public footpath.

It is open during the day on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

We will open on other days of the week if we get more volunteers to unlock and lock up. If you can help, please let Lerys or Rachel know.



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).

Poppies of Remembrance

Over the last few years St Barnabas has had a 'waterfall' of poppies hanging outside from the Cross Window. We would like to repeat this again this year. I am in urgent need of 2l cooldrink bottles. Please cut them as shown in the picture, (I need the bottom part of the bottle) and drop them off at church. Thank you.

Margaret



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I need the bottom section

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 – Continues this week

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.

House groups – in person and online

Derek Wilmot's House group has started again in the Honeycomb at St Barnabas on Wednesdays at 7.30pm.

There are two other house groups: one led by Kate Campbell on a Thursday, and one led by Jane Hughes on Tuesday 28th September, please contact her on 01189731489 for more details. They will restart once their hosts have returned from holidays.



EVERY JOURNEY STARTS
WITH ITS FIRST STEP.

Signposting individuals to the next step.



All welcome aged 11-25

Take your first step to wellbeing by making an appointment or chat via office@vision4youth.org.uk or join us on Monday nights 7.30pm - 9pm @ St.Barnabas, Brinns Lane, Darby Green GU17 0BT

www.vision4youth.org.uk



First Steps Café re-started last week

YOU might not be between the ages of 11 and 25 but you may have children, grandchildren, friends and neighbours who are, or know young people in that age group struggling to make sense of how they relate and cope with the world as it is today. This drop-in café is for them, so please do encourage them to reach out for help and support to people who can help them.

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.

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>

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.

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 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.

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