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10am Morning Worship service at St Barnabas is also online here: <https://youtu.be/uAl8wBDNIKU>

10 am Holy Communion at St. Mary's is also online here: <https://youtu.be/Dtef359NMJI>

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Forthcoming Services:

Sun 31st Oct	8am BCP Holy Communion 10am Family Worship at St. Barnabas 10am Holy Communion at St. Mary's 4pm Service of Thanksgiving – remembering loved-ones @ St Mary's
Tues 2nd Nov	11.30am Mid-week Holy Communion at St. Barnabas (before TOTS)
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Sun 14th Nov	10am Remembrance Sunday Services at both churches

LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL 2021

Thank you to everyone who brought a filled shoebox to Charles Kingsley's Primary School, St Barnabas and St Mary's Churches. On behalf of the Benefice of Eversley and Darby Green 63 shoeboxes and some monetary donations have been delivered to the charity Link to Hope to support their ongoing work amongst some of the poorest and most marginalised people in Eastern Europe.

Thank you for providing a shoebox full of smiles, enabling a little bit of light into the lives of those less fortunate and letting them know that someone is thinking and caring about them.

Mini Church at St Mary's – STARTS this week

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 – THIS SATURDAY

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.

Remembrance Day services

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!

Services of Thanksgiving - remembering loved-ones



St Mary's
EVERSLEY



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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.



'TIS. THE SEASON. FOR THE

TESCO / CARITAS

ANNUAL XMAS GIFT APPEAL

**PLEASE SUPPORT US BY DONATING NEW,
UNWRAPPED GIFTS FOR 0-18 YEAR OLDS!**

Every item donated will be distributed via
Childrens' Services to local families in
need this Christmas.

**Collection points for gifts & monetary donations:
TESCO Chineham, The Raven Hotel (Hook)
TESCO Hook, TESCO EXPRESS Fleet, Living Stones
(Fleet)**

Please note: All cash donations will be used to buy presents

**This appeal has been running for 6 years, help us make a child happy
again this Christmas, your gifts are always truly appreciated.**

Contacts: Julie (Tesco) 07514 408482 Brita (Caritas) 07464 925699 Jo (Hook) 07795 420222



New Wine Event

Guest Speaker

Paul Harcourt

Sunday - 28 Nov 2021
@7pm

St Peters Church

Reading Rd, Yateley GU46 7LR

stpetersyateley.org/paulharcourt



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



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Refresh • Remember • Re-use • Relax
Create • Community

Bring and share your creative skills and materials

2nd Thursdays in the Month
Thurs 14th Oct
Thurs 11th Nov
10.30am—12.30pm

Rev'd Rachel 0771 794 2669 revdrachelhartland@gmail.com

VENUE: 'Ramtops' - please contact Rachel for details!

You are welcome to join in person for online Morning Prayer first - please arrive by 9.45am.

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

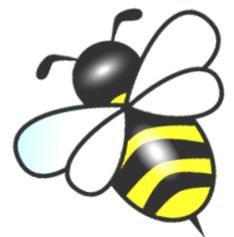
Lunch Club at St. Mary's this week. The Next Mid-week Communion at 11.30am is this week.

Lunch Club at St. Mary's will then meet weekly, with Communion offered beforehand on a fortnightly basis.

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

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 curious 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).

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 is 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.

Daily Prayer 10am Online (daily via Facebook) and in person Wed & 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 to ask people to socially distance wherever reasonably possible, and to **wear masks indoors** unless consuming food or drink. We are using individual cups for communion, and have put in place other measures as well to help control infection. 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

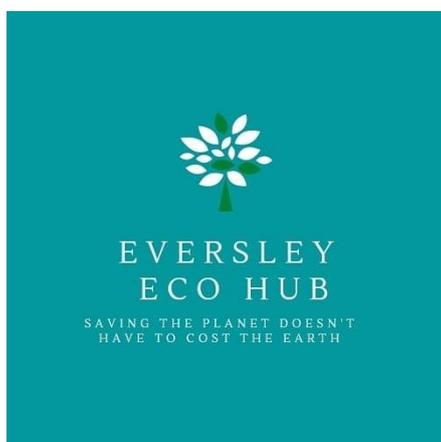
A chance to think about the places and spaces we inhabit and to intercede creatively for those we live amongst.

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.

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

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