

The Parish Church of St Barnabas, Swanmore



**St Barnabas, Swanmore – Making Christ known in our community
through care for all, welcoming hospitality and worship for all ages**

Welcome to St Barnabas.....

If you would like more information about our church please speak to
one of the many people helping out.

Information can also be found on our website: www.stbarnabas.org.uk

Please do join us for tea or coffee after the service

Gluten free wafers are available. Please speak to the sides people if you would like one

Sunday 24th Second Sunday of Easter

Today

8.00 No service

10.00 Eucharist with Revd Terry Louden

Hymns 158, 337, 279 and 309

13.00 Open Gardens - Tickets available from 12.30

Barnaby's opening hours this week:

Tue Wed: 2pm – 4.30pm

Thu Fri: 9am – 12 & 2pm – 4.30pm

Sat: 10am – 1pm

Monday 25th

9.00 Swanmore Cygnets Toddler
Group, in Church

Tuesday 26th

9.30 Morning Prayer on Zoom

Wednesday 27th

19.30 APCM, in Paterson Centre

Thursday 28th

9.30 Morning Prayer on Zoom

Saturday 30th

10.30 Company and Chat, in Paterson
Centre

Sunday 1st May Third Sunday of Easter

8.00 Eucharist

10.00 Eucharist

12.00 Baptism of Austin Reid

Collect

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

FIRST READING

Acts 5.27-32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Revelation 1.4–8

A reading from the Book of Revelation

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19–end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send

you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Post-Communion Prayer

**Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen**

Notices

Readings for next week : Acts 9:1-20, Revelation 5:11-end and John 21:1-19

Following the removal of restrictions in England: the wearing of masks is no longer required in the church buildings however we are maintaining the non-pew seated areas at the back and right-hand side as masks-on areas for those who prefer this. Hand sanitiser will continue to be provided. Obviously, everybody should be considerate of others so please sit away from others unless you are of the same household. For communion: people are being invited to come up starting with the back rows and working towards the front rows. This means the front row people will be the last to receive.

The Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting is on **Wednesday 27th April at 7.30pm in the Pat Centre**. All are welcome. Churchwardens are elected annually and both Janet Chant and Dave Lee have indicated their willingness to stand again. There are three vacancies on the PCC for a three-year term of office and one vacancy for a one-year term of office. If you would like to know more about what is entailed, please ask a current member of the PCC. You need to be proposed and seconded and there are forms at the back of church. This is your opportunity to make a contribution to the life and mission of St Barnabas, so please do give it consideration.

Hazel is looking for a **piper** to play outside church on 5th June for twenty minutes before the service at 10am as we celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee. Does anybody know of a local person who might oblige?

Easter Flowers The Flower Team are grateful to everyone who generously gave a donation in memory of a loved one towards our Easter flowers. Thank you.

Swanmore Cygnets Good quality toys for toddlers wanted for the new Toddler Club which will be starting on Monday 25th April in church. Please leave at back of church or give to Jill Phipps.

Swanmore Open Gardens TODAY The St Barnabas website contains more details about the event. So please tell your friends & family about it and twist their arms to come. If you are prepared to help, please speak to John Sharpe (01489-892750 or 07848-839407) or e-mail: jsharpe2016@hotmail.com.

Pastoral Visitors: some of you were in church when we authorised our six Pastoral visitors and you may have seen their photos in the Swanmore Link. This is just a reminder that they are there and if you, or somebody you know, would like a visit, please do contact one of them or me and I will forward the request.

(hazelwhitehead54@gmail.com) If you are a newcomer to the church or the village, are housebound or unwell, or have been bereaved – and would like to make contact, please do.

Sound desk: we are still in real need of help on the sound desk. This makes such a difference to our worship so if there is anybody out there who could go on a rota, please do step forward. Full training given! Please contact Brian Pancott on brianp22g@gmail.com Also, the **coffee making team** needs more helpers – see Anne Pearson Annepearson1@msn.com to find out more.

Calling all young artists! Cover design competition.

We need a cover for our service sheet for 5th June as we celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – that's seventy years – no mean feat.

Your design should be on A4 paper and must include

- the name of St Barnabas Church, Swanmore
- the time: Sunday 5th June 2022 at 10am
- the title PLATINUM PRAISE
- your name, address and age on the back

Apart from that, you have completely free rein. You should put your design in a sealed envelope with PLATINUM PRAISE DESIGN COMPETITION on the front. The Ministry Team (which will include no relatives of entrants) will choose two designs to be used on the front and back of the service sheet – one from a child in year 5 or below and one from a child in year 6 and above. All other entries will be displayed as a collage in church over the bank holiday weekend.

The deadline is **11am on Sunday 15th May** – a 3rd @10 Café Church day. You should give your envelope to Ben Armstrong, Jill Phipps or Nick and Hazel Whitehead or leave it in the box which will be in the Link from 8th May.

A (very) small chocolate prize will be given to all entrants. The prize for the two selected designs will be a book and – more excitingly, seeing your work in print. Prizes will be given at the service on 5th June.

For our daily prayers

The people and leaders of **Ukraine, Russia and Eastern Europe** and for **all those in our country** who will find the current economic crisis **more than an inconvenience.**

All those who live in **Hampton Hill** and **Donigers Dell.**

Please remember in your prayers **Floyd, Joy, Jim, Jane, Norman, Bill** and **Sam.**

Also the family and friends of **Nicholas Hall** who's funeral will be in St Barnabas on 9th May and all those who have been recently bereaved especially for the family and friends of **Mel Smith, Carla, Dulcie Prow** and **Hayley Mainwaring.**

Please remember in your prayers **Betty** whose brother **Victor** died recently; **Liz Newbold** and her mum and family as they grieve for **Liz's** dad, **Robert**; and **Denise James**, grieving the loss of her mother.

Please send all items for Sun 1st May pew leaflet by morning of Wed 27th to office@stbarnabas.org.uk