

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 1st May Third Sunday of Easter

Today

8.00 Eucharist

10.00 Eucharist

Hymns 293, 355, 211 and Inspired by love and anger

12.00 Baptism of Austin Reid

Barnaby's opening hours this week:

Tue Wed: 2pm – 4.30pm

Thu Fri: 9am – 12 & 2pm – 4.30pm

Sat: 10am – 1pm

Tuesday 3rd

9.30 Morning Prayer on Zoom

Thursday 5th

9.30 Morning Prayer on Zoom

Saturday 7th

10.30 Company and Chat, in Paterson
Centre

Sunday 8th May 4th Sunday of Easter

8.00 Eucharist

10.00 Eucharist

Collect

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

FIRST READING

Acts 9:1-20

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord

said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-end

A reading from the Book of Revelation

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!'

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!'

And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

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GOSPEL READING:**John 21:1-19***Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John***Glory to you, O Lord**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Post-Communion Prayer

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Hymn Inspired by love and anger

Inspired by love and anger, disturbed by need and pain,
Informed of God's own bias, we ask him once again:
"How long must some folk suffer? How long can few folk mind?
How long dare vain self-interest turn prayer and pity blind?"

From those forever victims of heartless human greed,
Their cruel plight composes a litany of need:
"Where are the fruits of justice? Where are the signs of peace?
When is the day when prisoners and dreams find their release?"

From those forever shackled to what their wealth can buy,
The fear of lost advantage provoke the bitter cry:
"Don't query our position! Don't criticise our wealth!
Don't mention those exploited by politics and stealth!"

To God, who through the prophets proclaimed a different age,
We offer earth's indifference, its agony and rage:
"When will the wronged be righted? When will the kingdom come?
When will the world be generous to all instead of some?"

God asks, "Who will go for me? Who will extend my reach?
And who, when few will listen, will prophesy and preach?
And who, when few bid welcome, will offer all they know?
And who, when few dare follow, will walk the road I show?"

Amused in someone's kitchen, asleep in someone's boat,
Attuned to what the ancients exposed, proclaimed and wrote,
A saviour without safety, a tradesman without tools
Has come to tip the balance with fishermen and fools.

Notices

Readings for next week : Acts 9.36–end, Revelation 7.9–end and John 10.22–30

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.

Christian Aid Week 15th May - 22nd May Join us this Christian Aid Week and help turn hunger into hope. To aid one of our chosen charities, we now have an ONLINE giving page specifically linked to St Barnabas for use during Christian Aid week. Please use the following link/ QR code to direct you to a donation page should you wish to support in this way.

<https://giving.give-star.com/online/christian-aid/christian-aid>



Alternatively, I will have a contactless card reader linked up for use in church on 15th and 22nd May. Donations may still be made in cash via the church collection should you prefer. With every gift, every action, every prayer, we share hope with our sisters and brothers facing crisis around the world, from Ukraine to Zimbabwe. Thank you - Wendy (878220)

Congratulations to the Livingstone family on the birth of Tilly and Sam's baby.

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 **Vicarage Lane.**

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, Hayley Mainwaring, David Green and James Cunningham.**

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 8th May pew leaflet by morning of Wed 4th to office@stbarnabas.org.uk