

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 7th April 2024.

Second Sunday of Easter

Today

8.00 Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion

Hymns 272, 221, 346 and 143

Barnaby's is closed for Easter

but will be open at the following times

Thu 11 April 10-12 & 2pm - 4pm

Fri 12 April 10-12 & 2pm - 4pm

Sat 13 April 10 - 1pm

Tuesday 9th

9.30 Morning Prayer on Zoom

Thursday 11th

9.30 Morning Prayer on Zoom

Saturday 13th

10.00 Company and Chat

Sunday 14th April

8.00 NO Communion

10.00 Holy Communion

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 4.32–35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need..

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 John 1.1—2.2

A reading from the first Letter of John

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may

have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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 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 3.12–19, 1 John 3.1–7, Luke 24.36b–48

Communion arrangements: you are invited to come up to receive bread and wine starting with the back rows and working towards the front rows. This means the front row people will be the last to receive. At the altar, please queue to the left if you would like to drink wine from the common cup, and queue to the right if you would prefer to receive bread dipped in the wine (intincted). A friendly reminder that the bread may only be intincted by the president and not by individual communicants.

The APCM is taking place on 24th April at 7:30 pm in The Paterson Centre. Nomination forms can be found at the back of the church in the red folder. Also included in the folder is a PCC member role description sheet, and a sheet to take away regarding safeguarding obligations and training requirements for PCC members. Please leave any completed forms at the back of the red folder.

Christian Aid Challenge 2024 - 70k in May! Dates 12th - 18th May
Most of you will remember the Christian Aid Walk many used to do. This year we have been given a new challenge! You seek sponsorship to complete **70K in May** (split over the entire month) either by yourself, between a couple or between a group. You can walk, run, cycle or even swim if you have the inclination! Maybe a mix of all? Why not combine with a visit to other churches? It's your choice. (A CA rep from Chandlers Ford is planning to cycle out to Barnaby's during the week as part of his challenge)

Sponsorship forms and details can be sent to you -**Please let me have your email.**

wendyupthehill9@gmail.com

07821236480 Wendy Christian Aid Rep

Red Hot Chilli Peppers - I have a small number of chilli plants of varying degrees of red-hot that I was growing to sell at Open Gardens. Now that the April event has been cancelled, I need to get rid of them so let me know if you fancy growing your own curry ingredients or they will make ornamental plants. John Sharpe

Swanmore Wind Band - Tickets (£7.50 under 15s free) are now available from me or Sarah Woodman for their concert in the Church on Saturday 18th May. John Sharpe

Meon Valley Food Bank Food Donations Thank you for your continued support. We will be open next Monday between 10 and 12 to receive food donations. The items we require for the coming week are: tinned fruit, tinned and instant potato, tinned meat meals, tinned chick peas, kidney beans and lentils, desserts, ketchup and brown sauce. Thank you, The Meon Valley Food Bank Team.

The church laptop is beginning to show its age, and a couple of times recently, the school has had problems with the audio-visuals / music that they wanted to use in church. After consultation with the school and others, I am wondering if anyone might be in a position to donate a new (or nearly new) Apple Mac laptop / MacBook for use in the church?

Award! At the Swanmore Parish Council AGM, there is somebody from the church community who is to receive a Community Award this year. We know they will appreciate your attendance (though they don't know who they are . . .) The meeting is on 16th April at 7.00pm. It is a public meeting so feel free to tell anybody else who might like to come.

Royal British Legion jigsaw puzzle sale Saturday 27th April 2024 from 10.30-12 noon in the Paterson Centre. If you have any puzzles to donate please make sure that they are complete and then seal the box.

St George Foundation is one of St Barnabas charities for 2024. The charity raises funds and supports their sister charity in Sierra Leone, rescuing street children. So, Philip Dean and Richard Green-Wilkinson have been given the opportunity to talk about the wonderful work that Justina and her staff carry out in Freetown, as part of the **10am Service on Sunday 28th April** (the Sunday after St George's Day). This year is the 20th Anniversary since the charity's work started, and this is being celebrated both here at The Garden Party on Saturday 22nd June, and in Sierra Leone on 15th May (Philip attending).

For Our Daily Prayers

All those who live in **Chapel Road**.

Please remember in your prayers: **Lara, Linda, Christie, Danny, Thomas** and his parents **Lucy** and **Tony**.

Please pray for all who are sick or suffering; for those awaiting the results of tests, lonely or isolated, in hospital or hospice.

All those who have been recently bereaved, especially the family & friends of **John White** and **Phil Gomer**.

Please send all items for Sun 14th April pew leaflet by morning of Wed 10th April to office@stbarnabas.org.uk