

Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

FIRST READING

Acts 4.5–12,

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 John 3.16–end

A reading from the first Letter of John

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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GOSPEL READING

John 10.11–18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as

the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

This the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notices

Readings for next week:

Acts 8.26–end, 1 John 4.7–end and John 15.1–8

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.

Sacristan duties I shall be away for three consecutive weeks in July/August, and therefore unable to do my duties as sacristan. I would be most grateful if someone could step in for me during that time. It will take 3/4-1 hour each week in church, and a little home laundering, and I will happily provide a guide as to what is required! Please contact me on 07717 790053 if you are able to help. Thank you! Vicky Cronin

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

Christian Aid Challenge 2024 - 70k in May! Most 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 address

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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 meat balls, tinned pulses, tinned vegetables, tinned rice pudding, UHT oat milk, sweet biscuits, snack bars, ketchup and Rice Krispies. Thank you, The Meon Valley Food Bank Team.

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).

Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) The PGS is the smart and efficient way to support your church financially. Most regular members of the congregation are now members and since we joined in 2016 we have received £250,000 via PGS. If you are not a member, please consider joining. Look online for <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors> or take one of the leaflets by the card machine or speak to Andrew.

Ascension Day Choir This year the Deanery Ascension Day service will be at Hambledon on Thursday 9th May at 7.30 pm. This is always a lovely service with a choir made up of singers from across the Deanery and led by David Burgess. This year the choir will be singing parts of Vivaldi's Gloria at different points in the service. There will be a practice on 3rd May at 7pm at Wickham Church and one at 6.15 pm before the service at Hambledon. If you would like to join the choir please contact Andrew.

Online Shopping. Many retailers will make a contribution to the church when you do your online shopping through a website called Easy Fundraising. Over the last few years church members have raised over £2000 in donations for St Barnabas. To use it, please follow this link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stbarnabasswanmore/> then complete the registration process with your name and email address. If using a mobile 'phone you can download the app. When you shop online, log into the easy fundraising website or app and it will take you to whichever online retailer you want and show you what donation will be made.

Funeral of Brenda Smith Brenda grew up in Swanmore. Her funeral is Friday 26th April at 11.00am, followed by West Hoe, then reception in the Paterson Centre.

The Funeral of John White will take place on Saturday 4th May at Chesil House Winchester SO23 0HU Arrival from 10am, Service -(celebration of life) at 10.30am (Wake) refreshments also at Chesil House afterwards until 14.00 All are very welcome to attend.

Artistic request! For many years Vera Tribbeck's designs on tea towels, tea cosies and shopping bags have sold in hundreds, bringing a much welcomed contribution to our church funds. Vera has suggested that it would be good if someone else could take over this fundraising effort with some new designs and perhaps new items. If any artistic person feels they would like to embrace this, they could contact Vera on 894526 to find out all that is involved.

For Our Daily Prayers

All those who live in **Spring Vale**.

Please remember in your prayers: **Sammy, Christopher, 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, Brenda Smith** and **Phil Gomer**.

Please send all items for Sun 28th April pew leaflet by morning of Wed 25th April to office@stbarnabas.org.uk