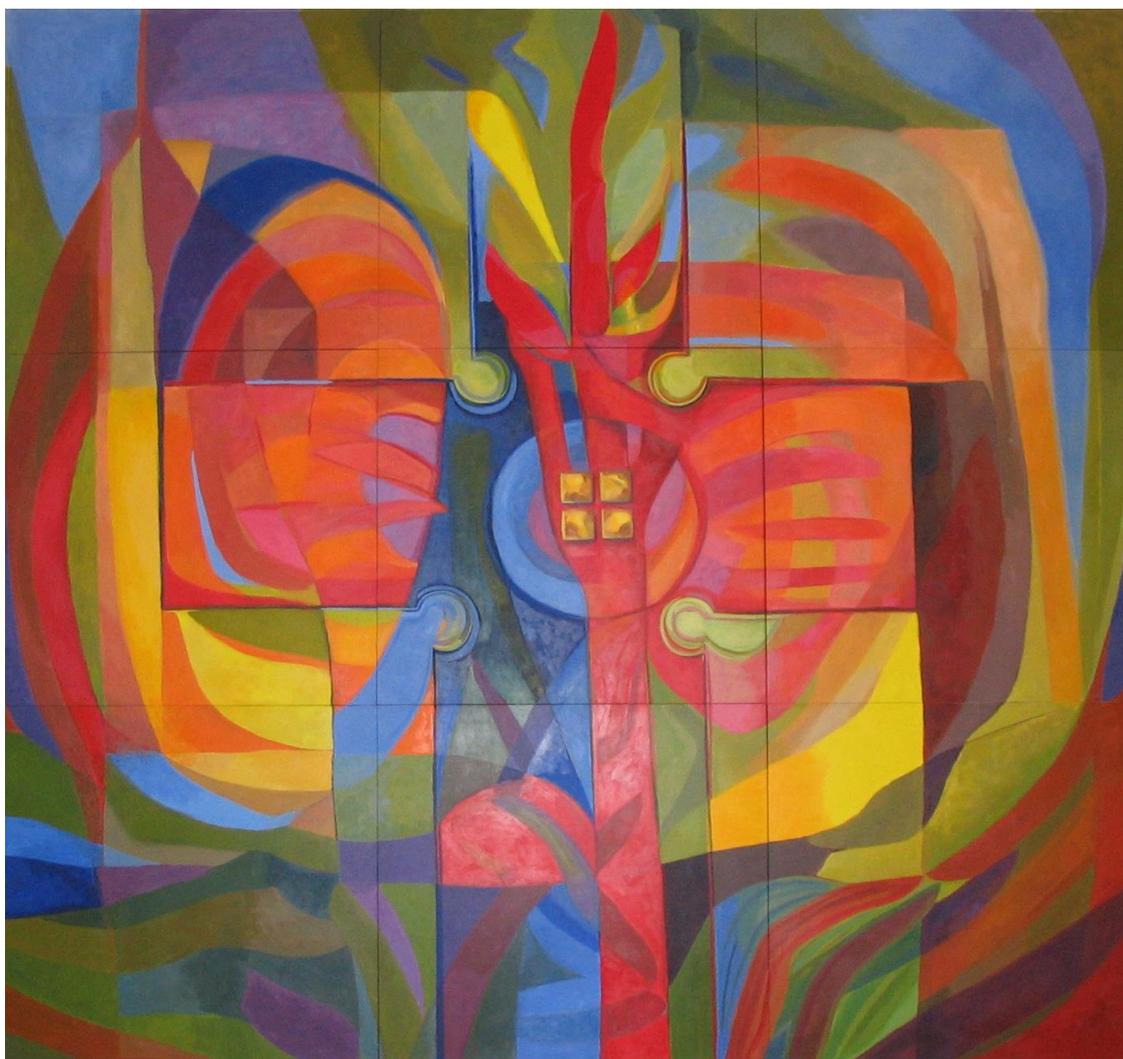


St Barnabas Church

Temple Road, Epsom KT19 8HA

*Parish Information News
Sheet*



January 2020

Events in January: *(Unless stated otherwise services take place at St. Barnabas Church)*

Thursday 2	11.00am	Coffee Morning
Sunday 5	8.00am	Holy Communion (St Martin's Church)
	10.15am	All Age Worship
	11.30am	Traditional Holy Communion - Christ Church
Monday 6	11.00am	Christ Church Monthly Knit and Natter in The Cricketers
Sunday 12	8.00am	Holy Communion (St Martin's Church)
	10.15am	Parish Eucharist
Monday 13	10.00am	Christ Church Knit & Natter in Upper Hall
	8.00pm	Parish Prayers
Friday 17	2.00pm	Knit & Natter – St Barnabas
Sunday 19	8.00am	Holy Communion (St Martin's Church)
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Sunday 26	8.00am	Holy Communion (St Martin's Church)
	10.15am	Parish Eucharist
Monday 27	8.00pm	PCC Meeting

Lectionary for January:

Sunday 5 th	Epiphany:	Matthew 2.1-12
Sunday 12 th	Baptism of Christ:	Isaiah 42.1-9 Matthew 3.13-17
Sunday 19 th	Epiphany II:	Isaiah 49.1-7 John 1.29-42
Sunday 26 th	Epiphany III:	Isaiah 9.1-4 Matthew 4.12-23



WARDENS' WORDS:

Happy New Year! The wonderful thing about a new year is that it is full of hope of what is to come. Even on a dark rainy day in January, we know that it won't be too long before we see snowdrops and crocuses, the days staying a little lighter for longer, and we know that Spring and everything that it has to offer and the wonder of creation as it starts to wake up from winter, is not too far away, we just have to be patient!

With a new year comes new opportunities for us as individuals and collectively too. It is perhaps a chance to review our faith and how in touch we are with God and to be receptive to hear him more clearly. How can we prioritise taking some time each day, to step aside from our busy lives and make that special time to connect with God?

Our interregnum gives us at St Barnabas new opportunities too. So many people have said how much they have enjoyed having different Ministers lead our services and the opportunity to think of things perhaps from a different angle. We are sometimes taken out of our comfort zones on a Sunday morning, but that can also help us to grow in our faith.

We are really pleased that the Archdeacon of Dorking, Martin Breadmore will be leading our service on 12 January. Martin has made it clear that he wants to have an opportunity to get to know us by worshiping with us and to celebrate the Eucharist. At some point when it is right for him, he will then want to sit down with us as Churchwardens to discuss our future, but the 12 January is that initial saying "hello", and worshiping time.

Also on the 26 January we have Des Williamson as Area Dean and Vicar of St. Mark's Church, Tattenham Corner, leading our worship. The last time we saw Des at St Barnabas was at Michael Roper's induction, so he has a bit of catching up to do too!

At the beginning of January, as we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany and the wisemen's gifts to the infant Jesus, so let us think of our "gifts" to God and the talents that HE has given us.

God has given each and everyone of us talents to benefit others, not ourselves. God also made sure that other people's talents benefit us.

We're all a part of the body of Christ, and each part matters. There are no insignificant people in the family of God. You are shaped to serve God, and he is testing you to see how you are going to use the talents he gave you.

At St Barnabas we are so thankful that so many people already do a lot to help and to use their talents, but there are times when we would really appreciate more assistance, our resources are small in number, both financially, and in people power!

There are all sorts of ways that you possibly could consider using your talents, being a sides person, helping with refreshments after the service, leading the intercessions or maybe being a reader. All important roles and all are necessary to help keep St Barnabas functioning on a weekly basis. So please have a think and come and have a word with us, we would dearly love to hear from you!

When was the last time you had an opportunity to look at your gifting of your money to the Church? Maybe this is something that you too could have a look at, and if you are not sure then please see Isobel Johnson our Stewardship Rep, or please see us so that we can contact Isobel on your behalf.

On a monthly basis, financially we are struggling to make ends meet and have a monthly shortfall of £1,000. So we need to see if there is any way that we can try and help to close that gap, to see if we can assist, even in a small way.

Whatever the outcome of our interregnum our priority is to try to make sure that St Barnabas is able to grow in its faith, grow in its mission and work with the community, grow in resources both financially and people, so that we are able to have a secure future.

Everything that we are able to do now to help us use our “gifts” in whatever way that is possible, is all done to the Glory of God and in HIS holy name.

Helen and Sarah

Coffee Morning: This month's coffee morning will be Thursday 2nd at 11am. Please do join us.

Cabaret and Dinner: The cabaret went off very well and was enjoyed by all – good food, good entertainment, great raffle prizes, and craft stalls which were very much appreciated. We made over £ 900. Thank you for your support and to all those who helped on the night.



Carols round the piano was very well organised by Sarah and Helen and thoroughly enjoyed by all there. Readings from Kathy, Pam, Rachel, Janet, Janice and David sang a solo. After singing our hearts out to some well-known songs, we then enjoyed mulled wine and party eats to finish off the night. Many thanks to Sheila King for arranging the eats.





Crib Service: The crib service was led by David Fox-Branch and was thoroughly enjoyed by both children and adults. David also led our Christmas morning service.



Christmas Angel Project 2019



On behalf of our Sure Start Children's Centre and the children of Epsom Primary School, we are very grateful to all who took "angels" from the Angel Tree this year. Children, who otherwise may not have received even one present, now had a lovely gift to open on Christmas Day. Thank you so much for your support!

Local Schools at St Barnabas

Epsom Primary School has grown in size so much that they had to split their annual Christmas concert into two. Their choirs were indeed something worth hearing.

In addition, for the first time, Blenheim High School held their Carol Service at St Barnabas on Monday, 16th December with their school choir and band and many very talented solo performances by pupils.

Clean Up: Thank to all who helped with our clean up day. Even a few people can achieve a lot when it comes down to it!! Evidence below!



Christmas flowers: Donations for Christmas flowers came to £50.61.

Soup Lunch: Our Soup Lunches, organised by Viviane every second Thursday, have proved very popular. They will return again in February - 6th and 20th and March - 5th and 19th.

Knit & Natter: Our next date is Friday 17th at 2pm. Please come along to natter even if you can't knit!!

Churches Together in Epsom Rep: We still have a vacancy for this post and would be grateful if anyone who is interested contact either one of the Church Wardens or Janet Roberts for further information.



BIRTHDAYS

16th

Isabel Lobo

We welcome another arrival into our fold – Isabella Skye Mey - entered the world on 11th December at 9.21pm.

Parish Prayer Chain: *Together We Can Make a Difference*

Please sign up to prayer triplets – list in the narthex.

Sick List: We pray for Nigel, Vanessa, Lilly, Tom, Eileen Lambie and Julie.

Rev Michael Preston

As many of you already know, Rev Michael Preston, our former vicar, sadly suffered a heart attack during the last weekend in November. He is now back home taking things very easy for a while. Please do pray for Michael and for his family: Clare, Tim, Richard and Sophie.

Gluten Free Wafers

We now have gluten free communion wafers, available every time we celebrate the Eucharist. If you would prefer to have one please advise the Server or the Minister, if possible perhaps during the Peace, or if not possible just before you receive Communion and one will be obtained for you.

Recycling the “non-recyclable”

Every year, countless pieces of waste end up in landfill sites or incinerators across the UK because most local authorities don't recycle them. We can work with a company called TerraCycle, which operates across 20 different countries, and can collect and recycle almost any form of waste, from coffee capsules to pens or plastic gloves. We can help to end this enormous loss of resources and protect the environment by starting to collect crisp packets through the Crisp Packet Recycling Scheme. St Barnabas now has a collection box for any brand of crisp packet, plus multipacks from which we just ask to have crumbs removed.

Readers and Intercessors: The January-March list is in the narthex. Please sign up if you can assist. Thank you.

LAUGH

A child asked his father, "How were people born?" So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on." The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now." The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!" His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family."

Teacher: "If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and another 2, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "No, listen carefully... If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Six."

Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven!"

Teacher: "Johnny, where in the heck do you get seven from?!"

Johnny: "Because I've already got a freaking cat!"

Mr. and Mrs. Brown had two sons. One was named Mind Your Own Business & the other was named Trouble. One day the two boys decided to play hide and seek. Trouble hid while Mind Your Own Business counted to one hundred. Mind Your Own Business began looking for his brother behind garbage cans and bushes. Then he started looking in and under cars until a police man approached him and asked, "What are you doing?" "Playing a game," the boy replied. "What is your name?" the officer questioned. "Mind Your Own Business." Furious the policeman inquired, "Are you looking for trouble?!" The boy replied, "Why, yes."

A boy asks his father, "Dad, are bugs good to eat?" "That's disgusting. Don't talk about things like that over dinner," the dad replies. After dinner the father asks, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy says. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."

There was an elderly couple who in their old age noticed that they were getting a lot more forgetful, so they decided to go to the doctor. The doctor told them that they should start writing things down so they don't forget. They went home and the old lady told her husband to get her a bowl of ice cream. "You might want to write it down," she said. The husband said, "No, I can remember that you want a bowl of ice cream." She then told her husband she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream. "Write it down," she told him, and again he said, "No, no, I can remember: you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream." Then the old lady said she wants a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top. "Write it down," she told her husband and again he said, "No, I got it. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top." So he goes to get the ice cream and spends an unusually long time in the kitchen, over 30 minutes. He comes out to his wife and hands her a plate of eggs and bacon. The old wife stares at the plate for a moment, then looks at her husband and asks, "Where's the toast?"

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Clubs and Organisations at St. Barnabas Pastoral Support

Love Me Love My Mind: Various meetings throughout the year with *Epsom Mental Health Week* in October.

Drop-In: Mondays from 4.00 – 7pm (*meal and activities*)

Let's Talk Epsom: Support group for people dealing with depression and anxiety issues. *Run by Love Me Love My Mind.*
Wednesdays 7:30pm

KITES Club: Social and support group for adults with learning disabilities and their friends. Every Thursday from 5pm – 8.00 pm.

The Brigitte Trust: support for people with life-changing illnesses. Meets 2nd Tuesday on alternate months at 7.00pm.

The Meeting Room: Lunch for all. Wednesdays 11.30am – 2.30pm.

Children's Groups and Activities

NCT Toddlers Group: Friday mornings 9.30 – 11.30am *in term time.*

Jo Jingles: Toddlers' group Tuesday 9.30 – 12 noon and Thursdays 9.30 – 12.15pm *in term time.*

Rainbows: Tuesdays at 4.15pm *in term time.*

Brownies: Wednesdays at 5.45pm *in term time.*

Social Groups

Epsom Gardening Society: 3rd Monday at 7.30pm (*except January, February and August*)

Epsom W I: 2nd Tuesday at 7.30pm (*except August*).

A Prayer for our Interregnum

Loving God, as we journey together through this period of Interregnum, we thank you for your everlasting faithfulness to us.

At this time of uncertainty and change we ask that you send us your Holy Spirit, to fill us with your vision, energy, and faithfulness in prayer.

We ask that you will help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need and have courage to face our future and embrace the unknown, with praise in our hearts, in loving obedience to you.

Amen.

**I pray that happiness be at your door.
May it knock early, stay late and leave the gift
of peace, love, joy and good health behind.**

