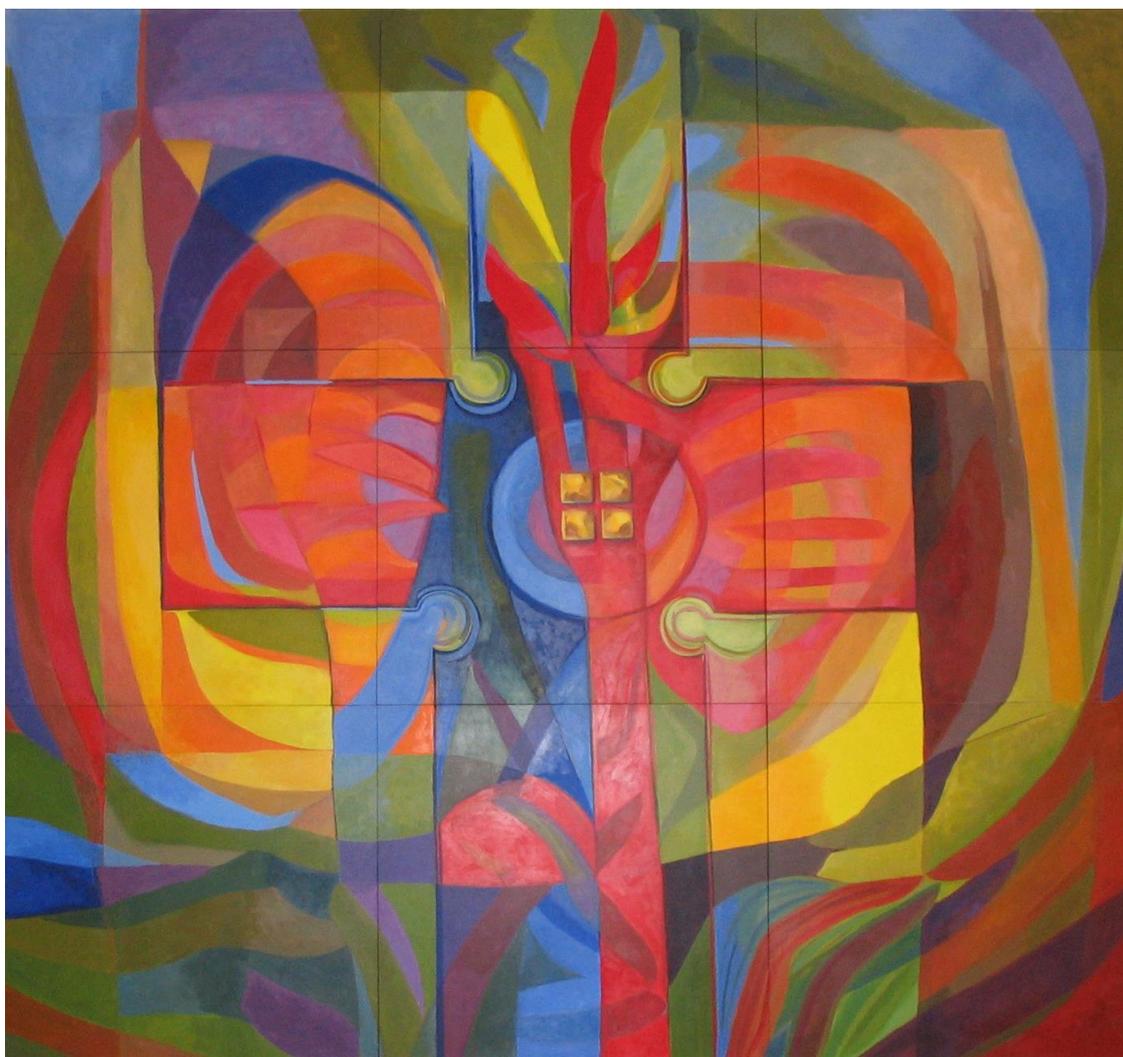


St Barnabas Church
Temple Road, Epsom KT19 8HA

*Parish Information News
Sheet*



October 2019

Wardens' Word

We have completed the first month of our time of vacancy and what a month it has been! We are already experiencing God's faithfulness and continued blessing of our church: we have celebrated the Eucharist with our visiting ministers – some known to us and others joining us for the first time. We have had a wonderful barn dance enjoyed by church members and newcomers alike; welcomed the Brownies to our harvest service and donated 12 bags of food and other necessities to the Epsom and Ewell Foodbank. We are very grateful to everyone who helped make these occasions happen: thank you all for your generosity.

Even more exciting have been the words of encouragement we are hearing every week, both from our visiting ministers and members of the congregation. We have been reminded to trust and seek God, to “shepherd” and care for one another and to listen to God's word to each of us as he invites us to step up and participate in His work here at St Barnabas.

The challenge to us in this time of interregnum is to maintain both an inward and outward focus. What does this mean? Firstly, the inward aspect, we need to look into our own hearts and endeavour to seek God and hear His word to us personally and as a church. We also need to look inward at our church community making sure we care for and nurture one another: we can ask for help when we need it and support those around us as we journey on.

The outward focus again has two aspects. We need to think about our profile in the Deanery and the Diocese and how we can serve those around us in the parish. Sarah will now be representing us at Deanery Synod and we are hoping she can use this opportunity to spread the word about St Barnabas. We have three key people from the Diocesan hierarchy visiting the

parish during Epsom Mental Health Week: the Archdeacon of Surrey is preaching and celebrating with us, the Bishop of Dorking is giving a talk and the Dean of Guildford is participating in a panel discussion at the Islamic Centre. Epsom Mental Health Week is an occasion when many people from the parish and beyond come into St Barnabas. How can we show God's love to each one of them as we meet them through the week? What about when we are out and about in the parish? What opportunities have we to live out the Gospel in our words and actions?

We wardens don't have the answers to these questions, although we might have a few ideas. God is inviting each one of us to enter into deeper relationship with Him and be guided into His plan for our lives and our church.

We pray that, as individuals and as a church, we can all accept God's invitation and see His will for us unfolding in the weeks and months to come.

Helen and Sarah

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Will be held at St Barnabas on Thursday 3rd October at 10.30am. Please add this to your diary and invite friends and relatives along. We hope to have the Mayor of Epsom in attendance.

Parish Prayers: Our next prayer meeting is on Monday 14 October from 8-9pm. Please join us to pray for our future, pray for the interregnum, pray for community matters and also for any personal prayers. It is informal and an opportunity to pray together, either silently or out loud. Do join us.

Knit & Natter: Our next date is Friday 18th at 2pm. We will also continue upholstering the church chair seats in future get-togethers. Please try to come along to help.

Music for Services: If you have any new songs that you would like us to learn, then please let Anna or Sarah know so they can include them in our early Worship or when choosing the music for the service. In addition, is there a song that we have not sung for a while that you would like us to sing, then please add it to the list in reception.

Deanery Synod Representative: We are very grateful that Sarah Ford has agreed to take on the position of Deanery Synod Representative.

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.

Charities: The charities for 2019 are:

Vision People in Mission
Mid-Surrey Mencap
Epsom Riding for the Disabled
Epsom & Ewell Refugee Network.

Each charity will receive £500. Due to a reduction in our income this year, we have chosen four instead of five charities.

Servers: We are always on the look-out for more servers. If it is something you might be interested in please speak to Helen or Sarah.



1 st	David Anthony
4 th	Poppy Hirsch
6 th	Anabel Hindmarsh
12 th	Hilary Batt
13 th	Mike Johnson

BIRTHDAYS

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 Ford, Vanessa and family, Trina, Eileen Lambie, Jill Cowling, Lilly, Tommy, Julie, Catherine.

Barn Dance: Our barn dance was again a very enjoyable event with good music, energetic dancing, good food and great raffle prizes. Thank you to all who helped in the preparations.





Harvest Festival: Our harvest festival was presided over by Revd David Candlin, curate at St Martin's. It was good to also have the Brownies in attendance. Thank you to everyone for their donations of food etc. - all of which will be going to the Food Bank.



Soup Lunch: Our popular soup lunches will commence on Thursday 24th October at 12.30pm. Soup and bread will cost £4. Soup, bread, cheese and cake £5. Please support our fundraising event.

Gardening: If you are buying Spring bulbs for your own garden, window box or tubs, please could you donate any left overs for us to use in the St Barnabas gardens. On Thursday and Friday these can be dropped off at the office or bring them along with you to church on Sunday mornings. *Thank you from The Gardening Team.*

Marie Harman: We gathered on 17th September to give thanks for Marie's life. Michael returned to take the service. We offer our condolences to Jo, Nick, Pauline and the rest of the family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.



Churches in Epsom:

14th October at 10am:

Christchurch's monthly Knit and Natter.

Churches Together in Epsom website: CTiE is forming a sub-group to discuss the vision for its website. We need to decide what we want the website to do and how we want it to function. If you would like to help CTiE with this project and join this group, please email Judith Mitchell at secretaryCTiE@gmail.com

Dates for your Diary: (at St Barnabas unless otherwise stated)

5-12 October		Epsom Mental Health Week
3 November	5.00pm	All Souls Memorial Service (at Christ Church)
10 November	10.15am	Remembrance Service with uniformed groups
30 November	10am-1pm	Clean up day
1 December	6.30pm	Advent Carols (at St Martin's)
1 December	5.00pm	Sunnybank Carol Service
3 December	7.30pm	Metropolitan Police Choir Concert. Admission free - donations to Love Me Love My Mind
7 December	7.30pm	Dinner and Cabaret
15 December	5.00pm	Carols Around the Piano

LAST LAUGH

Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?

Nope — just an apple.

Why did the unemployed man get excited while reading his Bible?

He thought he saw a job.

Does God love everyone?

Yes, but He prefers “fruits of the spirit” to “religious nuts!”

What’s so funny about forbidden fruits?

They create many jams.

Why couldn’t Jonah trust the ocean?

He just knew there was something fishy about it.

What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?.

Absolutely ruthless.

The good Lord didn’t create anything without a purpose.

Mosquitoes come close, though.

What kind of car does Jesus typically drive?

A Christler.

What excuse did Adam give his children about why he no longer lived in Eden?

Your mother ate us out of house and home!

Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson go on a camping trip. After a good dinner and bottle of wine, they retire for the night. Some hours later, Holmes wakes up and nudges his faithful friend. He says “Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see”.

“I see millions and millions of stars, Holmes,” replies Watson.

“And what do you deduce from that?” asks Holmes.

Watson ponders for a minute. “Well astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Meteorologically, I suspect we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are a small and insignificant part of the universe. What does it tell you, Holmes?”

Holmes is silent for a moment. “Watson, you idiot!” he says. “Someone has stolen our tent!”

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Helen Dyke	Sarah Ford
Wendy Hurst	PJ Jansen
Ruth Mey	Craig Mey
Frank Sinnock	Muriel Stafford

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*) and **Wednesday mornings** at 10.00am for coffee.

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 3rd Tuesday 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.

