

Sunday Services

8.00am Holy Communion Christ's Chapel

10.00am Parish Communion St Barnabas

With groups for children and a creche

On the **first Sunday** of the month this is replaced by '**Communion Together at 10**', during which there is a crèche but no children's groups

10.00am Morning Prayer Christ's Chapel

On the first and third Sundays of each month

6.30pm Evensong Christ's Chapel

On second and fourth Sundays of each month

6.30pm Holy Communion St Barnabas

A sung service on the first Sunday of each month.

Organ Concert

Saturday 15 May 6.30pm Tim Harper, Allyn's School will be playing on the Lewis Organ at

St John the Evangelist, Auckland Road/ Sylvan Road, Upper Norwood SE19. Admission £7
For further information contact Adrian Adams
020 8653 3305.

St Barnabas Day Gala Concert

The Choir of St Barnabas will be presenting a Gala Concert in aid of church funds at 7pm on Sunday 13 June in St Barnabas. The concert will form part of the church's patronal festival celebrations. Entitled *Music for the Church's Year*, the programme will reflect the wide repertoire that is sung at St Barnabas each Sunday by the 70-strong mixed choir of adults and children. More details available closer to the time from St Barnabas Parish Office, telephone 020 8693 1524.

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Spring Forward

Dianna Gwilliams Vicar and Foundation Chaplain

This Spring issue of *the villager* goes to press as the crocuses are in full flower and the bright yellow of daffodils can just about be seen in gardens and in the park. This is no guarantee that spring has arrived of course, but they are hopeful signs that it will.

With the arrival of spring there is a burst of new energy and activity around the parish. We see more joggers in the park, more For Sale signs, more enthusiastic gardeners with strained muscles . . . All this and more point to the hopefulness inherent in our community. Hope is what keeps us going, especially when times are difficult.

Even when times are difficult we can't help but be aware that we live in relative luxury compared to the majority of the population of the world. Some of the features inside highlight ways that, with very little effort on our part, we can make a great deal of difference to others. The work of the Fairtrade Foundation and Traidcraft are written about by Jim Hammer. Jim and his wife Meg organise the Traidcraft stall at St Barnabas and Christ's Chapel, and can order any of the merchandise which isn't kept in stock. Traidcraft products are available on Sunday mornings approximately once a month at St Barnabas and one a term at Christ's Chapel. Also more than 180 fairly

traded products are available in our shops and supermarkets. By buying items with the Fairtrade mark we are contributing to lasting change for thousands in communities in the developing world. You can read more about the lives which have been changed through the work of the Fairtrade Foundation see www.fairtrade.org.uk

May 9 marks the beginning of Christian Aid Week 2004. You will find a Christian Aid envelope dropping through your door and a volunteer will call the collect your envelope during the week. You can also drop any envelope into Reception at St Barnabas. Any donations to Christian Aid are worth almost a third more if you sign a gift-aid declaration (if you are a UK taxpayer). For more information about the work of Christian Aid, ask the volunteer who calls or drop into St Barnabas. Much more material is available from their website www.christian-aid.org.uk

Closer to home and also improving the quality of life for hundreds is the work of Dulwich Helpline. You can read more inside, and in particular of the work of Ruth Olney, co-ordinator of the HomeLink project. The HomeLink project is one of four ways Dulwich Helpline contributes to the well-being of elderly people in our community, and provides for a variety of interesting groups, most of which take place in members' homes or in communal

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areas of sheltered housing. Ruth retires this term at the end of ten years with the helpline. There are many who have cause to be grateful to Ruth for all she has done and wish her well in her retirement.

As Christian congregations at St Barnabas and Christ's Chapel we meet for worship and study throughout this season of Lent, and look forward to the wonderful celebration of hope that is Easter. As we work with, and pray for, these organisations which bring hope to others, so we're joining with the good news we believe we've received in Jesus. The good news is that light will always conquer darkness, joy overcome sadness and hope will keep us from despair. St Barnabas is open daily for prayer and quiet, between 11.00am and 3.00pm, and Christ's Chapel open to visit from the Picture Gallery on Friday afternoons.

Easter is the most important festival of the Christian year. We prepare for it during the weeks of Lent, and especially during the final week of Lent, which is called Holy Week. This year our Holy Week services will be led by the Revd Howard Jones and are on the theme of 'Jesus's last words from the cross'. As part of our Good Friday observance we will have a dramatised presentation of Stainer's *Crucifixion* sung by St Barnabas Choir and staged by Tricia Cowley. Details of all daily and Holy Week services are inside and all are welcome.

At the heart of the Easter message is new life, and just as the bulbs push through the dark, hard earth so we most clearly discern new life in the very dark places. We wish you a very peaceful Easter, and a term full of hope.

Stainer's Crucifixion

The focus for the Good Friday meditation at St Barnabas will be a performance of *The Crucifixion* by John Stainer. This highly dramatic work was written in 1887 and is very much in the tradition of Victorian church music, influenced by Bach, Handel and Mendelssohn. Once a staple of the repertoire of every parish choir, it was sung frequently in the old St Barnabas Church but this year's performance will be our first since the fire of 1992. Unusually, it will be accompanied by a series of dramatic tableaux presented by the Passion Players, directed by Tricia Cowley.

The work will be sung by the St Barnabas Chamber Choir, conducted by William McVicker, Director of Music at St Barnabas. Tenor soloist will be Tim Kermode, Director of Music at Alleyn's School, and baritone soloist is Gavin Cranmer-Moralee, who was head boy of St Barnabas Choir in the early 1990s (during which time he won the Royal School of Church Music's Choirboy of the Year Competition). Gavin recently graduated from Trinity College of Music. The organist will be Tim Harper, currently Organ Scholar at St Barnabas and Organ Scholar-elect of Clare College, Cambridge, who has recently been awarded Associate of the Royal College of Organists, winning all the prizes.

The Meditation takes place at 2.00pm on Good Friday 9 April in St Barnabas.

Holy Week and Easter 2004

8.30pm Monday 5, Tuesday 6, and Wednesday 7 April
Compline & Meditation at St Barnabas

10.30am Wednesday 7 April
Holy Communion at St Barnabas

2.00pm Maundy Thursday 8 April
Children's Workshop at St Barnabas

8.30pm Maundy Thursday 8 April
Holy Communion (St Barnabas)

10.00am Good Friday 9 April
Worship Together at Ten at St Barnabas

A short service particularly for children to follow Jesus through His final journey

11.00am Good Friday 9 April
Veneration of the Cross at Christ's Chapel
A quiet service to reflect on the cross of Christ using both readings and reflections

2.00pm Good Friday 9 April
Meditation at the Cross at St Barnabas
A performance of Stainer's *Crucifixion* with a moving tableaux with St Barnabas Chamber Choir

8.30pm Easter Eve Saturday 10 April
Easter Vigil and Service of Light at St Barnabas

Easter Sunday 11 April
8.00am Holy Communion at Christ's Chapel
10.00am Holy Communion with Hymns at Christ's Chapel
10.00am Festival Eucharist at St Barnabas

The talks during Holy week will be given by The Revd Howard Jones and will be based on our Lord's seven last words from the Cross

Goats save lives

St Barnabas Prisoners of Conscience Group

A goat can change lives? Perplexed? Initially so were we. The St Barnabas Prisoners of Conscience group received this information from Jubilee Campaign a charity which provides support for vulnerable children and persecuted Christians worldwide.

Jubilee Campaign is very concerned about the suffering endured by the Karen people in Burma. The military's genocidal policies have forced men, women and children to hide in the jungle; they are shot on sight.

Finding sufficient daily food is an enormous challenge. Pastor Philip, in partnership with Jubilee Campaign, has secured a hundred-acre piece of land just inside Thailand. The aim is to breed 270 goats every year to provide a regular supply of milk and fresh food for hundreds of displaced families as well as to a hospital and a school just across the border in Burma. The farm will also provide fruit and vegetables.

The St Barnabas Prisoners of Conscience Group felt that if between us we could pay for one goat (£50), this would be a contribution. Jubilee Campaign's thank-you note made the point that "We can all be agents of change against injustice". Indeed, many drops of rainwater soon make a flood.

Please look at the table by the Prisoners of Conscience Board in Reception at St Barnabas for more information about how you and goats can change lives!

Social Responsibility

Ted Salmon Social Responsibility Steering Group

The Group meets three times during the year to plan those occasions when our worship focusses on social issues, and to look at opportunities for charitable giving and practical ways of responding. £9000 was by the given by the congregation to charity appeals during the year. We also distributed gifts brought to Harvest Festival to projects supporting the homeless and people in need, and toys brought to the Christingle service were given to local children's projects. In Advent we launched our 14th appeal to support a group of local projects working alongside homeless people - support which continues throughout the year. We were asked by the Oasis Trust to do a special collection of pants

and socks for their Health Centre, and the response was great. A leaflet describing the work of these projects and their needs is available in reception at St Barnabas where there is a box for gifts of clothing, bedding and non perishable food. We encourage people to volunteer their time to help these and other projects we support.

Also in reception there are envelopes for sending away surplus mobile phones which are recycled for the benefit of the Children's Society.

The Children's Society

This year's House to House collection for The Children's Society takes place 13-27 April. The money collected will boost the Society's Safe and Sound campaign.

Christ's Chapel News

Jim Hammer Joint Congregation's Warden

Since Christmas congregations at Christ's Chapel have enjoyed some fine choral liturgies. Under the leadership of Michael Ashcroft and accompanied by John Carnelly or the organ scholar, the Dulwich College Chapel Choir, which is in particularly fine voice this year, has this term sung a Choral Matins, an Evensong and two Eucharists, one of which included a most moving rendering of Franck's *Panis Angelicus*. In February Marilyn Harper led the staff and pupils of JAGS in a joyful Choral Evensong, which included a setting of Psalm 100 by Helen Palmer. And finally our regular visitors, the Wimbledon Chamber Choir, sang an Evensong including a demanding Introit by

their conductor Peter Smith. Meanwhile there continues to be a well supported Holy Communion at 8am every Sunday, and for those who value the 1662 Prayer Book services, there is Morning Prayer at 10 am on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, followed by coffee, and Evening Prayer at 6.30pm on the 2nd and 4th. All are of course welcome on all these occasions.

Services over Easter are shown elsewhere in this Villager. Looking further ahead, the Dulwich College choir will be singing a Eucharist at 10.30am on 9th May and a choral evensong on 20th June. The Foundation Commemoration Service will be at 7pm on 2 July.

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Traidcraft

Meg and Jim Hammer

We have been part of this phenomenal grass-roots movement

Twenty five years on from when the goods first appeared and 10 years from the launch of the Fairtrade Foundation, March 1st saw the start of Fairtrade Fortnight. In the last 6 years the two congregations in this parish have spent just short of £30,000 on fairly traded tea, coffee, foods, chocolate and craft goods. With annual sales nationally now running at £100 million, we have been part of this phenomenal grass-roots movement - concerned individuals doing their bit to see that hard working farmers and craftspeople in the third world are not exploited, but get a fair deal, a fair price and a living income. Although we enjoy the fruits of harvests around the world, it is too often at the expense of the grower or picker. For example only about 5p in the £1 of what we spend on instant coffee from the two multi-nationals goes back to the farmer. Fair trade means however that they can invest in areas to wash and dry the beans, develop better plants for higher quality coffee and also improve their homes, pay for medicines and send their children to school or university. We do, of course, like you to buy from us, but any purchases from the growing number of supermarkets selling Fairtrade goods, encourages them to keep supporting the movement. In the last 6 years we have also, on your behalf, been able to donate £1400 to Traidcraft Exchange - the associated charity which advises on product development, quality and marketing.

So many thanks again to all of you who support this very practical Christian initiative, and who show by what they buy that they are aware of, and help, those who are at risk of suffering poverty.

Dulwich Helpline

The Helpline, which provides friendly volunteer support for isolated older people who find it hard to manage on their own, celebrated its 10th anniversary. This was marked by the Southwark Civic Association naming us Community Services Group of the Year. St Barnabas was a founder member of this scheme and continues to provide volunteers who help in many different ways, occasionally or regularly, under the guidance of paid staff. Neighbourhood Care helps with transport, practical support and advice. Side by Side offers befriending. Home Link arranges 14 small groups to pursue a wide variety of interests. These groups and a series of outings to places of interest are extremely popular. Alone in Hospital is a visiting and hospital discharge project. These schemes depend critically on volunteers to support them. Please phone Julian Altshul 020 8299 4594 for information about ways of volunteering, or ring the project that interests you.

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Alone in Hospital 020 8299 9288

London Children's Ballet

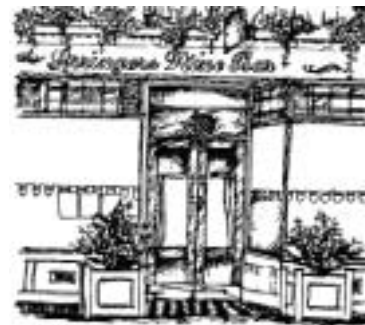
London Children's Ballet will be presenting *A Little Princess* at the Peacock Theatre, Kingsway, WC2, with a premiere evening on Thursday 20 May (for which tickets are priced £40-£100, available direct from LCB, tel 020 8269 1555) and further performances Friday 21-Sunday 23 May, (tickets £8.50-£40 from Sadlers Well's Box Office, tel 0870 737 0337). LCB has been in existence for ten years and its productions are an ideal way to introduce children to ballet and classical music. The performers are aged nine to 14 and are trained by some of the top professionals in the world of ballet and theatre. *A Little Princess* is an adaptation of the children's book by Frances Hodgson Burnett, choreographed by Vanessa

Fenton with music by Timothy Hammond. For more information about the production or about the LCB summer courses T: 020 8969 1555 or email info@londonchildrensballet.com

Beckenham Chorale

Beckenham Chorale will be presenting Dvorak's *Stabat Mater* in St George's Church, High Street, Beckenham, on Saturday 1 May, with the Albemarle Orchestra, conducted by James Blair. Tickets price £8.50, £7 and £5 available on the door.

Springers Restaurant Wine Bar



Springers is one of the longest established restaurants in the area and with an emphasis on quality of food and wine, we have catered to the varied tastes of the local residents for over eighteen years.

There is a wide range of options to choose from, from the full A La Carte menu to the lunchtime special and the bar snacks.

The wine cellar at Springers has a diverse and interesting list, especially the South African selection. Most of the wines are young but are of the highest quality and offer satisfaction to most discerning palates.

The walled garden at Springers is extremely popular throughout the summer for eating al fresco so it is advisable to book early if you want to enjoy its secluded splendour.

Children are welcome

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