

**Easter Sunday 8 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

**Sunday Services****8.00am Holy Communion** at Christ's Chapel**10.00am Parish Communion** at St Barnabas

With groups for children and a crèche

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** at Christ's Chapel

On the first and third Sundays of each month

**6.30pm Holy Communion or****Choral Evensong** at St Barnabas

A sung service on the first Sunday of each month

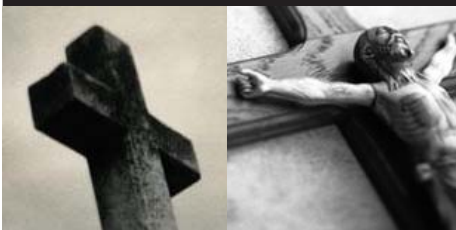
**6.30pm Evensong** at Christ's Chapel

On second and fourth Sundays of each month

**Where they are****St Barnabas Church** Calton Avenue SE21 7DG**Christ's Chapel** Gallery Road SE21 7AE**Website**[www.stbarnabasdulwich.org](http://www.stbarnabasdulwich.org)Directed by **Tricia Thorns****The Passion Players** (amateur) present**SON OF MAN**

**Friday 30 March and  
Saturday 31 March at 8.00pm**  
St Barnabas Church, Calton Avenue

**Admission free, first come, first served**  
*Arriving donations in aid of St Barnabas invited*

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St Barnabas Church Calton Avenue London SE21 7DG • 020 8693 1524 • [www.stbarnabasdulwich.org](http://www.stbarnabasdulwich.org)**Around the corner****Dianna Gwilliams** Vicar and Foundation Chaplain

This *villager* comes to you with warm greetings from the staff team of the parish of St Barnabas. The Church of England, of which we are a part, exists to serve the whole population and everyone is welcome at all services and social events.

Easter is just around the corner and details of services during Holy Week and Easter as well as those of regular services are in this edition. The theme of our Holy Week addresses will be 'People of the Passion'. Each evening between Palm Sunday (1 April) and Maundy Thursday (5 April) we'll focus on those who were closest to Jesus during his three-year public ministry. On Good Friday (6 April) our observance will take the form of three services, the first at St Barnabas at 10.00am, the second at 11.00am at Christ's Chapel and the third at St Barnabas, beginning at 2.00pm which will include Requiem by Durufle. This will carry us over the most solemn hour of 3.00pm at which point Christians remember the death of Jesus. On Holy Saturday we gather at evening to remember Jesus and to await the light of Easter and the celebration of Jesus' resurrection to new life. If you're planning to come to St Barnabas on Easter Sunday, do bring some flowers or a small posy to add to the Cross of Celebration which we

will make outside the church.

Easter is the most important festival in the Christian year and is the pivot on which the Christian faith rests. At the heart of Easter is the celebration that death and darkness can be transformed into light and life. In the northern hemisphere this imagery is particularly marked because Easter falls in the Spring when we see signs of new life in the flowers and newly budding trees.

The members of St Barnabas and Christ's Chapel seek to bring something of this light and new life to this parish through service and prayer. We pray for all the residents of the parish throughout the year. In addition St Barnabas is open each day between 11.00am and 3.00pm for personal prayer.

You will be very welcome at St Barnabas or Christ's Chapel. We wish you a peaceful Easter.

**God's Gift  
at Dulwich****Alan Broomhead**

The Parish is blessed with two centres of worship, but it is remarkable how many Dulwich residents are unaware of the location of Christ's Chapel and there are even fewer who seem to be aware that it is a functioning place of

worship. In fact there are more parish services held there than at St Barnabas. So the wardens and Sidespersons at Christ's Chapel are keen to remedy this, hence the prominence of this item in this edition of *the villager*.

Specifically we want people to be aware of Christ's Chapel as

- A place of worship where the Book of Common Prayer is used
- A vital piece of Dulwich and London history
- A place that offers great scope for social and educational opportunities.

Let's begin by enumerating the services and so justify the claim that there are more parish services here

- Holy Communion every Sunday at 8.00am
- Morning Prayer every other Sunday at 10.00am
- Evensong every other Sunday at 4.00pm in Winter and 6.30pm the rest of the year

In addition there are regular schools' services to which all are welcome

- Dulwich College Choral Eucharist once per term at 10.30am
- Dulwich College Choral Matins once per term at 10.30am
- Dulwich College Choral Evensong once per term at 6.00pm

Christ's Chapel was consecrated in 1616 by

George Abbot, Archbishop of Canterbury, as part of the Dulwich College foundation. The Elizabethan actor Edward Alleyn built his College of God's Gift (comprising chapel, school and almshouses) on Dulwich Green as an act of thanksgiving to God for his talents as an actor and his ability in business. Since then it has been in use continually as a spiritual focus for the almshouses and three Dulwich Schools of the Foundation: Alleyn's School, Dulwich College and James Allen's Girls' School.

By Alleyn's specific provision it has also been available as a place of worship for the inhabitants of Dulwich Village. This was important when Dulwich was a far-flung outpost of the Parish of Camberwell. In order to provide for increasing population St Barnabas Church was built in 1894 and in 1915 a new independent parish was created with two congregations, one at St Barnabas and the other at Christ's Chapel. This was further consolidated in 1957 when the Vicar of St Barnabas was also licensed as Foundation Chaplain of Alleyn's College of God's Gift.

We seek to bring some of this history alive by opening the Chapel for two hours every Friday afternoon from 2.00pm to 4.00pm (1.30pm to 3.30pm in Winter), when guided tours are available. Likewise the Chapel always features in the London Open Houses weekend, when there is a musical programme too.

The Chapel has been used for a number of events, usually musical such as the Concordia carol service, and sometimes to help out the Picture Gallery with its educational programmes. Currently the Gallery is considering how to widen its use of the facilities as fresh minds appreciate the potential of what might be achieved. Aside from this we would

like to see other appropriate uses and these are being defined in conjunction with a tariff to help the Organ Fund and ensure that what is offered is complementary to the facilities and charges at St Barnabas.

So come along. In future articles read about the magnificent organ, currently being restored, and the music programme.

## Renewal of the Church Electoral Roll

The Church electoral roll is the nearest thing St Barnabas has to a membership list. Only those on the roll are eligible to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for members of the Parochial Church Council and the Deanery Synod. Anyone wishing to be a PCC member or a steward needs to be on the roll.

The roll is being renewed this year, and anyone already on the roll needs to complete a new form in order to be listed on the new roll.

The renewal of the roll has already begun, and ends on 8 April. Application forms are available from St Barnabas and Christ's Chapel. After 8 April the roll will be closed and no new names may be added until after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 29 April.

Any member of the Church of England resident in the parish and aged 16 or over is entitled to be on the roll, together with those resident outside the parish who have "habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment".

Any questions may be addressed to the

Electoral Roll Officer, David Beamish (020 8693 8047, david.beamish@lineone.net

## Holy Week and Easter Services

### Palm Sunday 1 April

8.00am Holy Communion at Christ's Chapel

10.00am Communion Together at Ten at St Barnabas

6.30pm Evensong at St Barnabas

### Monday 2, Tuesday 3, and Wednesday 4 April

8.30pm Compline and Address at St Barnabas

### Wednesday 7 April

10.30am Holy Communion at St Barnabas

### Maundy Thursday 5 April

2.00pm Children's Workshop at St Barnabas

### Maundy Thursday 5 April

8.30pm Holy Communion at St Barnabas

### Good Friday 6 April

10.00am Worship Together at Ten at St Barnabas

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

### Good Friday 6 April

11.00am Good Friday Liturgy at Christ's Chapel

A quiet service to reflect on the cross of Christ using both readings and reflections

### Good Friday 6 April

2.00pm Meditation at the Cross at St Barnabas

with Durufle's Requiem

### Easter Eve Saturday 7 April

8.30pm Easter Vigil and Service of Light at St Barnabas