ST BARNABAS WITH CHRIST'S CHAPEL

Sunday 22nd March 2020 *Mothering Sunday*





10:00am HOLY COMMUNION (Live stream ONLY, follow the link on our website, www.stbarnabasdulwich.org and you will be taken to our Facebook page where you'll find it)

WORSHIP IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

(22nd — 29th March 2020) Monday to Friday 10:00am - 3:00pm The Church is open for private prayer.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am Morning Prayer (Live stream ONLY)

Wednesday 26th March 10:30am - Holy Communion (Live stream ONLY)

Sunday 29th March Fifth Sunday of Lent 10:00am - Parish Communion (Live stream ONLY)

SUNDAY'S WORSHIP

Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading Exodus 2.1-10

A reading from the book of Exodus. Let us listen for the word of the Lord.

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your

wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

For the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians. Let us listen for the word of the Lord.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

For the word of the Lord, Thanks he to God.

Psalm 34

1.Come, my children, listen to me and I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Which of you relishes life wants time to enjoy good things?

2.Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies.

Turn from evil and do good seek peace and pursue it.

3. The eyes of God are on the righteous and his ears towards their cry.

The Lord sets his face against wrongdoers to root out their memory from the earth.

4. The righteous cry; the Lord hears it and frees them from all their afflictions.

The Lord is close to those who are broken-hearted and the crushed in spirit he saves.

Gospel Reading

John 19.25b-27

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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

Post Communion Collect

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER MATTERS

If there is anyone you would like us to pray for in church, or whose anniversary of death you would like remembered, please email or call the Parish Office, or see one of the clergy. Likewise, if you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit, or Home Communion, please get in touch.

- From the Parish Cycle of Prayer: The residents of Lytcott Grove, Playfield Crescent, Colwell Road, Dulwich Rise Gardens and Townley Road.
- In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui and The Most Revd Paul Kwong, Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island.
- For the Suffering Church: We pray for the Church in Somalia where Islamic extremists (Al-Shabaab) have declared they 'want Somalia free of all Christians' and will execute believers to further this aim. This is one of the reasons why Somali Christians have keep their faith completely secret. Leaving Islam to follow Christ is seen as a huge betrayal of Somalia's Islamic culture and those who do so face re Good news! A Christian in China, Gou Zhangcan, affiliated with a church in Chengdu, Sichuan has been sent back to his hometown after 7 months in custody. He has already spent 10 years in prison for his human rights work.
- For those who have asked for our prayers: We pray for Christ's strength and healing to touch upon all those who suffer, among them: Sheila Riddle, Caroline & Robin Sherlock, Malcolm White, Barbara Hollis, Irene Hogan, Maricel Gomez, Aaron Bent, Nicole Pryce, Ian Hunter, Claire Benson, Martha Jones, Olive Norton, Kate Cameron-Reid & family, Penny Tattersall, Promila Kelay & family and Eileen Davies (also known as Molly). We hold before God those whose struggles are known to Him alone.
- For those who have died: We pray for the family members who have lost loved ones and thank God for their lives. Among those who have recently died we pray for: Vic Adams, Jill Lewis, Anthony Reid, Sylvia Hughes, Win Bishop and Ken Atkinson. We pray for those with no one to pray for them, and for those whose year's mind falls at this time.



THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN

St Barnabas Church is be open during the day for private prayer between the hours 9:30am to 3:00pm from Tuesday to Friday.

LENT COURSE

This year's Lent course is an opportunity to explore how the Psalms can help us in our preparation for Easter and beyond. Each session will begin with a simple soup supper. We invite you to join us through an online community which can be found at sites.google.com/view/2020lentcourse.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS THIS LENT!

This Lent, why not reflect on the impact of climate change around the world, and work to stop the crisis? Christian Aid have created Lent calendars for adults and children to support prayer and action. Printed copies are available in the welcome area, or please follow online here: https://www.christianaid.org.uk/lent-easter-appeal/count-your-blessings-online.



CHOIRS ARE SUSPENDED but it is possible to rehearse online.

Choir members can email Dan Collins in case they haven't yet received details.

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EMILY SHANE (INTERIM)

Very sadly Emily had to return to the US in the light of the Coronavirus pandemic. Her organisation in the States cancelled the global programme and withdrew all participants immediately. Emily sends her love and tears to us all. She says "I will miss you terribly and hope to be in touch soon."

Light a candle of hope:

A national call to prayer

Presidents of Churches Together in England have issued a call to prayer in the light of the Coronavirus pandemic. This is for all churches and people of prayer to join on Sunday 22nd March, Mothering Sunday.

They write....

This Mothering Sunday, 22nd March, we are calling all churches to a National Day of Prayer and Action. At such a time as this, when so many are fearful and there is great uncertainty, we are reminded of our dependence on our loving Heavenly Father and the future that he holds.

At 7pm this Sunday, light a candle in the windows of your homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer. Pray the Lord's prayer and read Psalm 23 out loud.

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