

ST BARNABAS WITH CHRIST'S CHAPEL

Sunday 29th March 2020
Fifth Sunday of Lent



WORSHIPPING

Following guidelines from the Church of England, St Barnabas and Christ's Chapel are no longer open for private prayer and all services are suspended. We endeavour to continue live streaming Morning Prayer and a Sunday service unless circumstances prevent us from doing so. A link to live stream can be found on our website here: <http://stbarnabasdulwich.org/> **and on the St Barnabas with Christ's Chapel Facebook page here:** <https://www.facebook.com/stbarnabasdulwich/live/>

WORSHIP IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

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

Sunday 5th April
Palm Sunday
10:00am - Parish Communion
(Live stream ONLY)

SUNDAY'S WORSHIP

Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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. Am en.

First Reading

Ezekiel 37.1-14

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

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

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

Second Reading Romans 8.6-11

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

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

Psalm 130

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.

2 If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

3 My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

4 Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed God will redeem from all its iniquity.

Gospel Reading John 11.1-45

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was

going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

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.

At this time, we pray especially for those suffering from coronavirus, both known and unknown to us. We pray for all those working in the NHS, teachers, care workers, our Prime Minister and government, scientists, and the many volunteers helping the most vulnerable in our country.

- 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 kept 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.



NURTURING

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. We invite you to join us through an online community which can be found at sites.google.com/view/2020lentscourse.

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>.



STEWARDING

CHOIRS ARE SUSPENDED but it is possible to rehearse online.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

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ENGAGING

For 125 years Welcare has served vulnerable babies, children and parents. We want to continue finding ways to give hope to the most in need of support at this time of great anxiety and uncertainty.

Schools have closed and we have all been asked to avoid situations where we come together in order to slow down the risk of cross infection.

Many of the families we support will be self-isolating and we are concerned for those who were already struggling financially and emotionally including children in poverty whose home lives were already unsettled and filled with anxiety. These families will wonder how they can provide a simple lunch and daily essentials for their children.

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Welcare staff are already distributing supermarket vouchers previously donated by generous church and community supporters to the families we are working with and who are in greatest need. With your help we can provide more vouchers to help families in need.

Welcare have launched a digital campaign to help provide more supermarket vouchers for the families that urgently need our support. Could you help provide daily essentials for vulnerable families? Please visit

<https://welcare.org/getinvolved/donate/> and forward the link to your friends and family.

Send a letter of hope to a family in need here: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/send-a-letter-of-hope-to-a-family-in-need>

There is also a dedicated fundraising page on Facebook.

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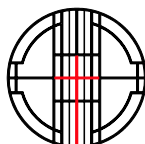


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