

Newsletter

Sunday 14th April 2024



Charity No. 1127144
Serving God, Serving the Community

Dear Friends,

I have just had an incredibly busy Saturday in the Village Centre. First, I attended the wonderful cooked breakfast which was prepared by Linda Hughes and Sue Jones, with help from Zoe and Thelma. It was busy all morning with a procession of people calling in. I gather it will be regular but not every month. Our special thanks to them and all who attended as part of the reason is to raise money for church.

From breakfast, a number of us went to the monthly prayer meeting – moved from the first Saturday as I was away. We had so many things to be thankful for. The Car Boot Sale raised £558.63 which includes £100 from the village Centre takings. Thanks to Julie Gordon and team and Thelma for her help in making the Centre catering happen. Sadly, the Silent Disco that was planned for the end of the month has been cancelled. It was not specifically aimed at church people but because of Easter and the school holidays it didn't capture the necessary interest. The new date is 26th July 2023. You will hear more in future.

We also able to give thanks for the small but slightly increased number of children at the 11.00 am service on Sunday. Read in the notices about the extra help that is needed to support this growth. We can also be thankful for the number of people who attended events and worshipped with us over Easter. Where the general trend is for the shrinkage in size of churches, ours is very slightly moving in the opposite direction. We are growing. We have a way to go to get back to the numbers in 2019 but Sunday is only part of our ministry. We hold services on Wednesday and Thursday every week as well as our monthly Messy Church. Praise God for the movement of his Spirit in our community and remember that you are part of that growth too. Pray for opportunities to invite others, sustain the wonderful welcome that we have but make sure it doesn't just end at coffee but continues during the service and into the week.



There are things for us to pray for as a church too. Our Annual Church Meeting will take place on Sunday 28th April after the 11.00 am service. At this meeting, we need to elect 2 new Churchwardens. I have had one serious volunteer and a couple of 'might do it' people. I don't want to be bending any arms up people's backs but equally we cannot work as we are with just one warden. There are also new people needed for the PCC which meets once per month except August. Could this be you? Pray too that we will be able to nurture and develop our growing and skilled group of lay leaders. The next step is to find a way for us to meet, perhaps quarterly. Our finances will continue to need our prayers – there will be more on that next week and some of the news is good. And finally, for now at least, please keep our CMS link missionaries Marcio, Naomi and their children in your prayers. News about them comes to you with this newsletter.



After prayers and a short break, many of us then gathered to celebrate Anne Ellis's 90th Birthday. She has been a faithful servant of St Barnabas throughout her whole life, carrying on the legacy of family members for generations before her (there are a lot of Ellis's in the churchyard). We all wish her a very happy birthday when it happens on

Tuesday. I for one am the richer for knowing her.

The Easter Anthems, which are traditionally sung in the church at this time of the year, begin thus: 'Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us, so let us celebrate the feast.' May you continue to celebrate the joy of Easter in your lives throughout this week.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Denny'.

What's on this week

Sunday 14 th April	9.15 am 1662 Holy Communion 11.00 am Contemporary words and worship
Monday 15 th April	9.00 am- 2.00 pm The centre is open Mon- Fri
Tuesday 16 th April	12-2.30pm The Club House meets in the Village Hall. All welcome 2.00 pm St Barnabas Mother's Union meets in the centre
Wednesday 17 th April	10.30am Holy Communion in the Centre
Thursday 18 th April	Little Church meet in Church 12 -2.30 pm 'The Club House' in the Village Hall All welcome
Saturday 20 th April	Men's breakfast at The Royal Oak 9.00 am All men are welcome.
Sunday 21 st April	9.15 am Holy Communion with 11.00 am Words and Worship

Sunday 14th April Easter 3

*Acts 3: 12-19
1 John 3: 1-7
Luke 24: 36b-48

Wednesday 3rd April

Acts 8: 1b-8;
John 6: 35-40

Sunday 21st April

Acts 4.5-12
*1 John 3: 16 - end
John 10: 11-18

*Denotes 11.00 am Reading

Notices

Easter flowers

Many thanks to all who donated money and to Jenny Hope for arranging them.

Easter Thanks

My personal thanks to all who made Easter such a wonderful celebration. It takes a big team with people laying tables, making food, sorting services, dealing with extra money, helping out at events and attending. Well done. There were more at the Good Friday events than for some time. Our 9.15 am service was over 20 and the 11.00 am 47. Not long ago I was praying for 40. Now wondering if we can get to 50?

Car boot sale Saturday 6th April

A fantastic success. The group are looking at doing it again soon. Thanks to all who made it happen

The Children's Corner – Sunday 11.00 am

For some time we had no children in church but gradually we have a little group joining us each week. Thanks to Thea for many weeks and last week Barbara Baxter who went into the space to be with the children. It is not fair to leave this ministry to just one person, neither is it fair that the children miss out. So, we are planning to set up a rota. The more people who volunteer the fewer weeks you will need to be there. For the time being, we just need one person each week. You are not there to police the children but rather to interact with them. They might bring their busy bags or we can provide other resources. In the long term we hope to get our Sunday club going again. 8 volunteers would mean once every two months. There is a sheet at the back to sign if you can or speak to me if you want more detail. Thank you Gill Walker

Silent Disco is cancelled

New Date is 26th July.

APCM meeting on Sunday 28th April

The Electoral roll is a list of the names and details of all those who are eligible to vote at the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) More practically, it affects the number of people on PCC (Parochial Church Council) and whether you can be on the PCC or not. It also helps me to have your contact details. You are entitled to be on the roll if you are baptised (in any recognised Christian Church) and live within the Parish or attend the church regularly. If you are not on the roll, ask for a form or look on the table at the back of church. Last chance until after the APCM.

A note about regular donations and Gift Aid

Do you give regularly using a white envelope or by cash into the plate? Would you consider paying by standing order instead? All you need to do is fill in a standing order form (available at the back of the church) and take it to your bank. If you bank online you can set up the payment online direct to the church bank account: HSBC sortcode **40-15-04** account number **10183334** name of bank account: **Bromborough PCC**. You are in control of what you send. You can change the amount, up or down (but we hope up!) You can pay weekly or monthly. If The funds will come straight into the bank account and if you are a Gift Aider, we can automatically tag your donation to claim Gift Aid. If you have made donations on the tap to give device that we could claim gift aid on, please let me know. I need the date and the amount. I don't need to tell anyone else if that is a concern for you. Thanks all! Julie

Donate to St Barnabas as you shop online!

Sign up with GiveAsYouLive.com and choose 'PCC of St Barnabas, Bromborough' as your chosen charity. If you need help ask Julie Watts or Thelma McGorry.

For our Prayers

We continue to pray for good health and healing for Gordon, Hilary Griffiths and Craig Dillon. We pray for our church family at home: Josie Davies, Thelma Williams and Pat Porter. We pray for the families of the Lt. Carl Huxley and the Lt. Bill Beckley. We pray for our link Missionaries Marcio and Noemi and their children in Brazil. We thank God for the work that they are doing in Indaiatuba. They are hosting a huge event 22nd -26th April for missionaries across Latin America. Pray for its success. More info next week. Please also pray for two new churchwardens and the people we need on PCC.

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