

# Newsletter

Sunday 16th June 2024



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Serving God, Serving the Community

Dear Friends,

I am sorry to be late with the newsletter this week. There seems to have been so much happening of late and many things that have needed and still need to be done!

The Summer Fair this year was almost washed out which given the amount of effort that was put in to making it a success was very sad. Having said that, we still managed to raise around £600 (more accurate figures in due course) and one person generously donated money instead of time and help. I think next year I may well pay so I don't have to get soaked with cold water! My thanks to all who took part with both the stalls that we ran and providing food in the centre. The band sounded great and the Mersey Morris dancers got to dance outside once.



The Summer Fair is an event organised by the Bromborough Village Community Association. Quite a few years ago we invited them to use our land. Sadly, not all the traders liked having Allport closed and the cost to shut down the road became prohibitive. However, though the event happens in our square, most of the work and effort is still theirs. They invite us to be a part of that.

The main reason for holding the Summer fair is to bring the Bromborough community together. A byproduct of this is that we can make some money but it is not our primary focus. As people of God, we are often planted to help to create community and draw people closer to each other and ultimately to God. I am very pleased that the Scouts also want to be a part of the day – that has always been a hope for those of us organising the event.

It is inevitable that when different groups try to work together there is some friction. The last thing that should happen though, is to see our fellow organisers as competition. On a warm sunny summer day like it was last year, there is space for us all to thrive. What's good for one is often good for all. More happening, brings more footfall and more footfall usually leads to more money.

The gospel commands are often upside down. Those who have more in this life are likely to end up with less in the next. What I know about this in relation to the Summer Fair is that if we begin with a desire to make money, it will fail. However, if we work together for the good of Bromborough and recognise we need each other's contribution, if as a church our focus is to be faithful to Jesus and to give of our resources and ourselves sacrificially, it is likely that we will profit materially, spiritually and emotionally. Proverbs 11.24 reminds us of this fact: 'Some people spend their money freely and still grow richer. Others are cautious, and yet grow poorer.' (Good News Translation).

I don't want you to think that I am feckless and have a disregard for the importance of money. I am not, I hope, a 'head in the clouds' kind of priest. Not least because the principal of tithing is Biblical and because giving money is one of the most significant parts of discipleship. Nevertheless, I am mindful that we are commanded by Jesus to Love God first with 'all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' and then our 'neighbour' as we love ourselves. (Mark 12.30-31). When we get this right, individually and as a church, in my experience amazing things happen. 1 Samuael 2. 30 reminds us of one of the promises of God, that 'Those who honour me I will honour.' The churches that often collapse are the ones that are spiritually dead long before the money runs out.

It will be a blink of an eye before I write to you again. In the meantime, in the words of that well known hymn by Helen Lemmel (1922) 'Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and grace.

Wishing you every blessing in the week ahead,

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

# What's on this week

Monday 17th June	The Centre is open Monday-Friday 9.00 am – 2.00 pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30 am -12.00 pm In the Centre. Caritas drop in. Drink and a chat. All welcome. 12 noon Funeral for Lt. Vivien Cavell in Church 2.30pm Mothers' Union 12-2.30pm The Club House meets in the Village Hall. All welcome
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am Holy Communion in the Centre 1.00 pm The Bible Course at The Rectory
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00 am Little Church meet in Church 12 -2.30 pm 'The Club House' in the Village Hall. All welcome 7.30pm at Hooton. Archdeacon's Visitation. Pray for Thelma and Ian as they are formally sworn in as Churchwardens.
Sunday 9th June	9.15 am Morning Prayer 11.00 am Holy Communion

## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June St Barnabas

Ezekiel 17:  
22-end  
2 Corinthians 5:  
6-10, 14-17  
\*Mark 4: 26- 34

## Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June

2 King 2: 1, 6 – 14  
Matthew 6: 1 – 6, 16 - 18

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Trinity 4

Job 38.1-11  
2 Corinthians 6.1-13  
Mark 4.35-end

\*Denotes 11.00 am Reading

# Notices

## Thanks

To the BVCA for making the Summer Fair happen – thank you. To Natalie Friel and to all those who donated towards and/or worked on the church's parts of the annual Summer Fair, thank you. To the volunteers in The Centre – thank you. To the scouts for getting involved this year (more next year we hope) – thank you. To those who attended the wonderful evensong, thank you. To Andrew, who got the choir together, found the organist and chose and organised the music, thank you. To all those who got chairs and equipment out on Sunday, thank you. To those who prepared or made cake, set it out and served tea and coffee at that event, Thank you. It really has been a weekend of great celebration.

## Churchwardens

I am delighted that Thelma and Ian will be our Churchwardens this year. We are very fortunate to have two people who are different but between them have the characteristics and qualities to undertake this role. Thelma has done this work for many years. She is supportive of me and a person that I know many people can approach. She keeps a watchful eye over many of you and specifically on the Sunday rota to check all the team are present! She is faithful in the elements of financial administration necessary for her role and a hardworking leader in the centre, working, shopping, mentoring and organising. Ian is new to the Churchwarden's role at St Barnabas but comes with a wealth of experience that he has gained through a life of faith and church engagement. He has already been an invaluable part of the Finance Team and is rapidly get up to speed with all the digital kit we use. Added to Thelma and Ian, we have two deputy churchwardens. Ian Sneddon formalises a role he has had for some time. He is the person who will work in

the warden's team with care for the buildings and churchyard. It doesn't mean he does it all but he does keep an eye on it for us. Helene Kaye is our other deputy warden. Helene's role is to learn the ropes so that she might one day be the churchwarden. She is also responsible for our Feeding Families Project and for the grants that we need to develop our St Barnabas Community Care Network (SBCCN). It is important to understand that Churchwardens have a specific legal role and are answerable to the Bishop. The deputy wardens, though sharing in the workload and part of the wardens team do not share that same legal responsibility.

### **URC Church in Eastham**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2-4pm. Tickets £4.00 from Judith 0151 513 0764 All are welcome.

### **Cake Rota**

Please sign up at the back of church. What do you like to find on the table? Imagine you had not had time for breakfast...what would you choose? That's what we need to offer. Thanks to those who do this regularly. If you prefer to give funds, speak to Pat or Wendy.

### **Churchyard Clean up**

There will be a churchyard clean up on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June. If you are able/willing to help then let Ian Sneddon know. Come along with gardening gloves ready to weed and pick up rubbish.

### **Maureen Coleman**

Chris Pendry spoke to Maureen on Friday. Maureen asked her to let everyone know that she is thinking about you all and sends her very best wishes.

### **Silent Disco**

This is taking place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July in the upstairs room of Bromborough Social club. You pay £10 and get a headset. You listen to the type of music that you like. Most popular music tastes catered for. It's funny watching people dancing to different sounds. Bar available. All welcome but you need to be able to climb the social club stairs! The other good thing is that if you switch off the headset you can talk to each other because the room is quiet!

### **Leader's photos**

Those of you who hold a role at church or who are listed on the website in a position of responsibility... we need your picture. This is your chance to send one you like and have chosen. Please send to [Communications@stbarnabasbromborough.org](mailto:Communications@stbarnabasbromborough.org) If safeguarding issues mean that you don't want your photo used please let Andrew Watts know.

### **We pray for...**

Gordon Simmonds, Val and Pete Jones, Craig Dillon and David Hart (Colin Hart's son. Please pray for him to as he tries to support David.) Our Church family at home, Josie Davies, Thelma Williams, Eddie and Hilary Griffiths, Mr Maelor, Pat Porter, Jan Harper and Barbara Tharme. We pray for the families of the Lt. John Bowers, Lt. Vivien Cavell, Lt. Sarah Holmes. We pray for our link Missionaries Marcio, Noemi and their children and thank God for the work that they are doing in Indaiatuba. We pray for Revd Deborah our brothers and sisters at St Barnabas Church Limassol in Cyprus.

### **Donate to St Barnabas as you shop online!**

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