

# Newsletter

Sunday 21st July 2024



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Serving God, Serving the Community

Dear Friends,

Some good things have happened this week. First, I notice that since our 'emergency' prayer meeting we have had children in church every Sunday. Just one or two but it's a start. I also feel that I have been working under a powerful sense of God's protection around us.

Another good thing that has happened recently, is that we have a full team of Churchwardens who have complimentary skills. They have taken from me so much of the work to do with finance (alongside Julie our treasurer), the maintenance of church and churchyard, organising the sheds behind the centre, the feeding families project and the growth and development of the centre in conjunction with Sue Jones and a wider centre team. We have many others who are responsible for different elements of the life and work of our church. Most of the people in that team now have [stbarnabasbromborough.org](mailto:stbarnabasbromborough.org) email addresses which you can find on our website.

Some of you may wonder what I am doing. I am still the leader and present in as many of those things as require my support, direction and attention. However, I believe God is calling me to do more as teacher and pastor. That is the main spiritual role of the priest though these days, running a parish is about much more than that. I am now leading a home group at my house on a Wednesday afternoon. I will also be picking up the home group which was at Malcolm and Denise's house. Preaching is mostly mine to prepare for on Wednesday and Sunday and it's time to fit in some more visits to people in hospital and at home. It would be good to run another Bible Course too – it is excellent material, and those of you who have yet to do it will find it interesting. Regarding Bible study, I want to reinforce the fact that you are not expected to be good at reading. I don't force anyone to read or pray aloud and most of The Bible Course is done using a TV and through discussion.

Finally, the PCC agreed to the terms offered by the Diocesan Board of Education (DBE) for a new lease on the house, school and land behind. Some of you will recall that these buildings had a 20-year lease and that it lapsed over 8 years ago. Since then, there has been a continual headache in terms of how we might enter an affordable new lease. The proposal offered now is that we will be asked for 70% of the rentable value which is set at £18,000. That is NOT the purchase price but the valuation for rent. There will be a 6 year incremental increase finally ending at £12,600. At that point the amount payable will be reviewed in the light of inflation. The PCC believe that this is a good offer and one which is both sympathetic to our situation but also offering us challenge too. We will also be able to apply for grants to have work done on and in the school and house. We have not been able to do this without an agreed lease.

I marvel at the way that God works. We see this when we are listening, being faithful and are willing to do as he asks. Sometimes working out what that is can be hard. Often, it can feel counter intuitive and certainly in opposition to the values of the world.

Luke 12.31 reminds us to Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need. The point to note there, is the word *need* which is different to *want* (NLT). Sometimes we must adjust our thinking away from *want* and that is not always easy. I am aware that some of you may read this and be suffering from ill health or supporting another who is sick in mind, body or spirit. You need to be well or need them to be well. Why does God not answer your prayers? Sometimes he does but the reality is that we still live in an imperfect world. However, this life is the short bit. Eternity, promised to those who love God, is permanent and without any of the pain and struggling we know now. Therefore, for now, we must in the words of the hymn, 'Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.'

I pray that you will have a good week ahead and know Jesus in your daily life.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dennis', written in a cursive style.

# What's on this week

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	The Centre is open Monday-Friday 9.00 am – 2.00 pm 1.30pm Knit and Natter in the Centre
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	9.30 am -12.00 pm in the Centre. Caritas drop-in. Drink and a chat. Advice. All welcome. 12-2.30pm The Club House meets in the Village Hall. All welcome
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am Holy Communion in the Centre 1.00 pm Bible study at The Rectory
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00 am Little Church meet in Church 12-2.30pm The Club House meets in the Village Hall. All welcome
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Silent Disco in the Social Club
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Big Breakfast in the Centre from 9.30 am
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15 am Holy Communion 11.00 am Word and Worship with baptism

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July Trinity 8

Jeremiah 23: 1 – 6  
Ephesians 2: 11 – end  
\*Mark 6: 30 – 34, 53 – end

## Wednesday 24th July

Jeremiah 1: 1, 4 – 10  
Matthew 13: 1 – 9

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July Trinity 7

2 Kings 4: 42 – end  
Ephesians 3: 14 – end  
\*John 6: 1 - 21

\*Denotes 11.00 am Reading

# Notices

## 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! Don't want to come? That's ok but do you know family members who might be interested? Please let them know. For tickets speak to Carol Jones.

## Big Breakfast on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July

It will be held in the centre from 9.30 am. No need to book, just get the word out and attend. The cost is £5. Do invite friends to come along.

## A notice to those who read in church

Before you read, please look at the Lectionary Bible on the Eagle and check that it is open at the right page. We have had a few embarrassing moments lately. Embarrassing for those who don't check, not for me! Please also check you have got your reading dates in your diary. If you have lost the paper rota it is on the website. Click the tab at the top which says Church Rota. We are moving to this as the main means of communicating the rota so do check.

### **The next Church rota September – November**

Fiona is beginning to work on this rota. Please will you let her know dates you are not available in that time period or when you are if those dates are fewer in number. Please will you also email if you are willing to be added to the rota. We are currently very short in the welcome team (officially known as the sides people.) Your role? To greet people as they enter church, point them towards the collection plate and tea and coffee table. If appropriate invite someone to come and chat to them if they are new or in distress. **When contacting Fiona, please will you use [secretary@stbarnabasbromborough.org](mailto:secretary@stbarnabasbromborough.org)**

**Our Scout Group, the 13th Bebington, will be 70 on Sunday 19th October** An afternoon tea and fun day will be held on that day. All past members & family are welcome to join the celebrations. To book tickets (it's a free event) email [70thbirthday@13thBebingtonscoutgroup.org.uk](mailto:70thbirthday@13thBebingtonscoutgroup.org.uk) Please share this with family members who may have belonged to the Group in the last 70 years.

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

- The growth of our congregation and God's protection around all who attend and serve at St Barnabas.
- Our new government and for all our MPs. Our local MP is Justin Madders.
- In our parish we pray for; Jean Horan, Wendy Walker, Gordon Simmonds, Val and Pete Jones, Craig Dillon, David Hart.
- Our Church family at home, Josie Davies, Thelma Williams, Eddie and Hilary Griffiths, Maureen Coleman, Mr Maelor, Pat Porter, Jan Harper and Barbara Tharme.
- Our link Missionaries Marcio, Noemi and their children and thank God for the work that they are doing in Indaiatuba. We pray for them as they plan their visit to the UK in the Autumn.
- 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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