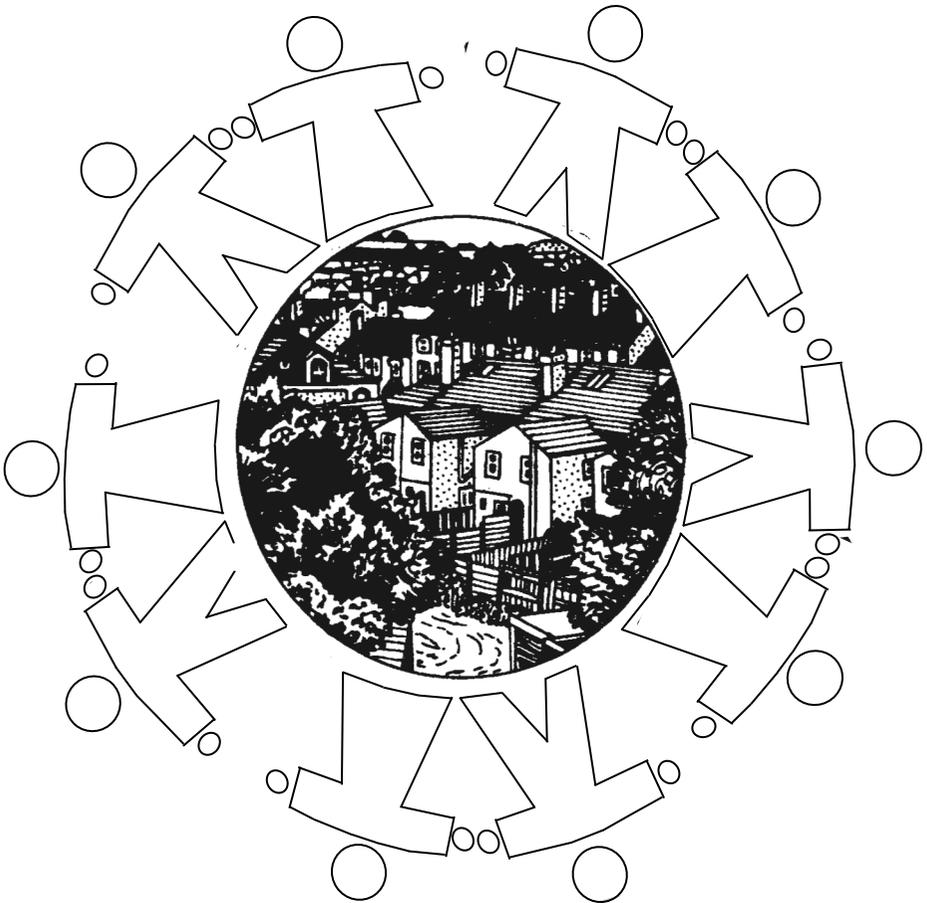

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

St Barnabas

8.00am Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm 1st Sunday-Night Communion/quarterly Memorial Communion

2nd Sunday-Evensong (BCP)

3rd Sunday- Evening service

4th Sunday- Prayers for Healing & Wholeness

Christ Church

10.00am Family Worship

Baptisms (Sundays by appointment)

Baptisms take place in the Parish Eucharist on the first Sunday of the month and at 12pm on second Sunday

WEEKDAY WORSHIP

MONDAY

8.30am

Morning Prayer in St Barnabas

6.00pm

Evening Prayer in St Barnabas

TUESDAY

8.30am

Morning Prayer in St Barnabas

6.00pm

Evening Prayer in St Barnabas

WEDNESDAY

8.45am

Morning Prayer in Christ Church

10.00am

Eucharist in St Barnabas

6.30pm

Tolladine Community Prayers at Mission House, 214a Tolladine Road

THURSDAY

12.30pm

Eucharist at Christ Church

FRIDAY

9.00am

Eucharist in St Barnabas

9.45am

ToddleAlong at St Barnabas

Arrangements for booking banns, baptisms and marriages can be made on Wednesdays at 6.30pm at St Barnabas.

The clergy are available, either by arrangement, or in church, for confessions, confidential interviews, advice, home visits etc. Please contact us if you know anyone who would appreciate this.

Deadline for articles to appear in The Magazine is penultimate Sunday of each month. Please e-mail contributions to jackiecampbell@talktalk.net

The Church Hall is available for private events and parties, including after weddings, baptisms and funerals and for children's parties. Contact Rachel Chalmers (458101) or Julia Adams (610830)

DON'T WORRY!!

We were in Italy in July, travelling around the Bay of Naples, a beautiful volcanic region dominated by the presence of Mount Vesuvius and the remains of Pompeii and Herculaneum.

I was grateful that William did the driving, as most of our Italian fellow road users seemed to have absolutely no regard for life or limb, and entered into the business of travelling from A to B as if there was no tomorrow. One Italian we met mentioned that this might be a consequence of living under the shadow of an active volcano. You really might be dead tomorrow- so there isn't much to be gained by worrying about today!

The scriptures are full of teachings telling us two things:

1: We are told not to worry about tomorrow

Jesus says we should not be concerned about what we will wear or eat, because God's eye is on the sparrow and He clothes the lilies of the field. All the good things that we need are within God's gift, and indeed we receive them as God's gifts.

St Paul says "Be anxious for nothing,

but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus". In our national state of political paralysis, I have been aware of an increasing level of anxiety for many people. We don't know what's coming, or who to believe, or what to do for the best. The scriptures tell us to keep our eyes on God's generosity, and our prayers fixed on the person of Christ.

2: We are told that the we are to bring in the Kingdom of God here and now- today!!

We are not to wait until tomorrow to do the right thing, to show mercy, to display generosity or to be reconciled with one another.

In the old testament the Lord says "*Today I set before you life and death, blessing and curses-choose life!*"

Jesus teaches us that, even in the middle of worship, if we remember that something needs setting straight, we should leave our gift at the altar, and go and be reconciled to our neighbour. He teaches that whenever we meet someone in need, we



are in fact meeting him. We are told time and again that “we do not know the hour” when we may find ourselves out of time- and so each hour is to be cherished as a gift, and used for the purpose of bringing in God’s kingdom of justice and joy.

Now I’m **not** suggesting that you should all start driving like Italians- but perhaps we should spend a little more time living in the moment, and a little less time worrying about what’s coming round the corner!

Blessings

Revd Kalantha

An invitation to all to join us
for the

Worcester East Deanery

Celebration Service

This service of Holy

Communion

will focus on all forms of
ministry

and our guest preacher is

Revd Doug Chaplin.

Everyone invited to the
service & afterwards for a
time of fellowship and
refreshments.

Thursday 19th September

7.30pm St Nicholas Church,

St Nicholas Lane, Warndon

WR4 0SL

MESSY CHURCH

The next Messy Church is on Saturday 21st September (with the theme of Harvest) from 10.30-12.30 in Church Hall.



All accompanied children welcome! Messy Church next month will be on 19th October.

After many years faithfully helping in the kitchen, Diane & Wendy have taken a break. They were each presented with a beautiful plant.



HARVEST

Harvest will be celebrated in Church on Sunday 22nd September. Offerings of **non perishable** food for Maggs and the Food Bank gratefully accepted. Suggested items are:

Tinned meat/fish/potatoes/fruit
salad/tomatoes/custard

Tin openers	Pasta
Crackers	Pot Noodles
Peanut butter	Pasta sauce
Small cooking oil	Meat paste
Small jar coffee	Rice
Rice pudding	Squash
Mash potato mix	Jam
Microwave pasta/noodles	
UHT milk/fruit juice	

Thankyou!

THE FESTIVAL OF MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

We often celebrate the Archangel Gabriel who brings glad tidings of birth and joy. Gabriel, along with the other archangels and the whole host of heaven exist to praise God forever, and to speak on God's behalf. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews tells us that it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God (Hebrews 10: 41): therefore, it is also a fearful thing to find oneself before one of his angels (eg: Luke 1:5-20).

THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

Behold, the Archangel
Michael!

The warrior.

The strong, beautiful mighty
angel;

with gentleness and love
now pulls a veil;
down;

over the eyes,
over the heart,

shielding the soul,
comforting the spirit.

The Archangel Michael can
do this.

His strength overcoming;
his power overcoming;
his sword dividing;
his shield in between.

There is only one reason for
this;

his instruction to me is that I
move away from that which
lays waste my soul;
magnetizes my flesh.

The Archangel Michael's eyes
will not relent.

The pleading in mine is no
match

for his determination,
and I tear my eyes away.

O cruel journey!

How to remove this arrow
from my breast?

The Archangel Michael
persuades me

to give in to the
Surgeon of my heart.

*Revd Julieann
29th September: Festival of
Michael & All Angels*



**HARVEST LUNCH
BRING & SHARE
BRING A FRIEND/FRIENDS**

**SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER
IN THE CHURCH HALL
12 NOON**

*See list in sign up/suggestion
list at back of church*

NEW FAMILY

We are being joined by a family: Steve and Rhianne O'Rourke and their children. They live locally, have three sons – two of whom go to St Barnabas School and one at Blessed Edward's. Steve and Rhianne will be joining us in September this year as they begin their training towards ordination. They will be going to college and studying for 2½ days per week and joining in with us for 2½ days per week, including Sundays. This will be for a period of 2 years.

They will not be curates, like Kalantha or any curate before her – they will be *ordinands*. This means they will not be expected to take on responsibility or leadership. I shall be their Supervisor (rather than their Training Incumbent) and their lines of communication will lie with me and their Colleges. They are a gifted and committed couple so I am sure that during their 2 years with us there will be some mutual learning: however, this will be about observing, listening and reflecting and perhaps as time goes on, be given a chance to try some things and maybe lead some things as their training develops.

Ordination training from the colleges and through the national church guidelines require them to have a whole parish ministry context so they

will not be concentrating on a particular part of the parish; although they may choose a part of the parish as a 'special project' in their second year.

I met with them recently and we had a wonderful time together as we explored their training needs and what our Parish offers. They are excited to come among us and we look forward to welcoming them in true St Barnabas fashion!

A few extra notes:

Steve and Rhianne will be under the supervision of their Colleges and myself - with an occasional touching base with Rich Johnson Vicar of all Saints. This line of supervision is what is expected in normal ordination training. This way of 'contextual ordination training' has become another way in which certain ordinands can be trained. The funds for their training will come as usual from the Ministry Division of the Church of England.

They begin in September. I as their contextual training Supervisor, would go and meet the College's tutors to ensure that between us we can deliver their training needs and curriculum. Over their time with us the Colleges and I shall be in regular contact with each other. Rhianne will be training through

CMS Oxford and Steve through St Mellitus in East Midlands.

Their context is urban ministry and estates, but they also need a wide range of parish ministry experience and learning opportunities. The couple certainly will not be 'taking anything over' although they may want to be involved as any member of the congregation might. As ordinands they are not ordained, given a licence, Permission To Officiate or commissioned in any way until the two years are up: they are not curates or Authorised Lay Ministers. We will simply be providing some context and experience to their training and welcoming them among us.

Exciting times!!

If you have queries talk to me:

Revd Julieann: 01905 23785

julieann.watson2019@icloud.com



Stopping for a welcome cuppa during the Church Hall springclean recently!



Hello! We are Rhiannon and Steve O'Rourke. We have lived in Worcester for 14 years. We have 3 boys, Josh (12), Isaac (10) and Ben (8).

We are both beginning ordination training this September and are excited to be based at St Barnabas, for our 2-year placement. We'll both be studying Theology during this time, Rhiannon in Oxford and Steve in Nottingham.

Rhiannon has worked as a church children's worker and is passionate about intergenerational worship.

Steve has been a web designer and enjoys playing music.

We're really looking forward to getting to know the St Barnabas community and to see how God uses our time together.





ME

Following a plastic

Countryside

gather at the

evening

mission House



SHARING A BOOK

Not long ago I attended what is called a Clergy Training Day – a day called by the Bishop for all licensed clergy to attend (with no excuses!). This particular Clergy Training Day introduced us to Ruth Valerio, who is very involved with the organisation which awarded our church with the Bronze Eco Award – A Rocha UK. Mrs Valerio gave a very interesting presentation about how we may be good ‘climate stewards’ and wrote a book called *‘L’ is for Lifestyle: Christian living that doesn’t cost the earth.*

I had to get this book because of the way it is set out with bite-size chunks to help us continue making good eco decisions as we go about our daily lives; through letters of the alphabet. Bite-size chunks are good because we can only eat one mouthful at a time!

So, I invite you to read a little of the book with me over the next months. I thought I would lay out a few of these alphabetical bite sized chunks of wisdom by beginning with *‘S’ for September: Simplicity*: let’s live a simpler lifestyle. Many who lead complex and multi-faceted, pressurised and stretched lives yearn for simplicity. What does this mean? And what can we do about it? Mrs Valerio reminds us that a simple lifestyle will include one or more of the following:

- Buy things which are useful rather than for status.
- Develop a habit of giving things away.
- Refuse the propaganda of gadgets (a difficult one for me...!)
- Learn to enjoy things without having to own them.
- Be sceptical about ‘buy now, pay later schemes’ - look at the small print.
- Find something each day to thank God for.

All these involve ‘things’: I wonder which one or more of the above I might do.

Next month it will be ‘O’ for?

Revd Julieann

‘L’ is for Lifestyle by Ruth Valerio.

Inter-Varsity Press

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QUIET MORNING

The next Quiet morning at the Mission House is on 28th September 10-1pm, where we'll make bread together, then have quiet, and gather again for soup and homemade bread at 12:30. *All very welcome, contact Kalantha or Sue Martyr for more information*

ELVIS TRIBUTE

It was holiday time. As we drove back from the cricket tour game the noise got louder and more perturbing. The possibility of a puncture shot up to the top of the list of possibilities. We had to stop. Just missing the entrance to the slip road access to a few houses, we drew up on the grass verge. It was relatively near to the brow of the hill ahead. The rear right tyre was flat. In the dusk, having placed our warning triangle on the busy road, we hauled our spare from the boot and tried to jack the car. It kept slipping and at one point the car started moving backwards.

A young man emerged from his car, now parked outside one of the houses and offered to help. He was soon lying in the road in his pristine white t shirt and his girlfriend also came across. She reassured us that she was an expert on tyres, having apparently dealt with three punctures in recent days. A motorbike pulled up next and the girl's brother joined in with advice and bonhomie.

Promises from the breaker's yard that the spare would fit our new car turned out to be misguided. The difference was minimal but it wouldn't fit. The emergency reflate kit came into its own and was examined and discussed. It all seemed quite fun and we extended the party invitation to the next arrival, another friend, a guy with bleached blond hair.

It took a while to work out how to use the kit on the flat tyre and the occupants of a passing car also called out an offer of help. We said no to them but were soon joined by another couple from the road, out together with their lively little dog, Elvis. We still have an LP of that name, somewhere, from teenage days.

Six young people were now our good Samaritans, with a dog thrown in. They couldn't do enough for us, even offering one of their own spare tyres from the same make of car.

When we all agreed the tyre looked good enough to get us the few miles to our caravan site we said our goodbyes and thank yous. This group were neighbours and friends to each other. We were the 'neighbours' of the Good Samaritan story, strangers in need. They not only helped with the tasks but cheered us with their politeness, friendliness and good humour.

The tyre was all but flat again when we parked up and spoke to our neighbouring 'Samaritan' on site. He offered to drive us, plus wheel, to the nearest garage the next morning.

This is a tribute to the inherent goodness of the human race, that makes the wheels go round.

*Margaret Gandon
August 2019*

SHARED GIVING

Talk given by John Dentith on 28th July 2019

It's interesting, isn't it, that one of the first messages from our new Prime Minister should be that we should stop talking ourselves down and be more positive about our future. The future looks brighter than we think; in the words of the old song we should 'accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative'.... All together now.

I say it's interesting, because as I've been preparing this annual renewal of giving this year, I've found myself unusually depressed about our finances, and with some cause. I think it started with the diocesan position, where the diocese had a deficit last year of around a million pounds, chiefly it has to be said because not all parishes paid their parish share as faithfully as we always have. This has resulted in immediate job losses and other proposed cut-backs. Then we were having some difficulties in finalising our own accounts for last year and in setting out our budget for this year, all now sorted thank the Lord, but a bit disconcerting nonetheless.

I've been conducting this annual appeal for more years than I care to admit, during which we've contracted in size as a congregation. As a result, where we used to pay our way financially year on year, for the last four or five years we've been showing a deficit ourselves and have been spending our savings as a result. We've been fortunate that in previous wealthier days, before various recessions and that dreaded word 'Austerity', we'd built up decent reserves which we're now, in part at least, living off. And maybe the Prime Minister is right (though this may be the only time you ever hear me say so), perhaps living through

such a long period of Austerity has left us all a bit negative about our futures and our own finances, a bit too cautious about money and security.

The leaflet I'm handing out to everyone shows that the PCC is already doing its best to control or even reduce costs. If it wasn't for a £4000 rise in our Parish Share payment to the diocese, our projected costs would have been less than two years ago. Parish Share is still good value for us as we get more back from the diocese than we actually pay. The leaflet also shows up the gap between our costs and what we contribute out of our pockets to keep our church alive. It also shows us that around a third of our givers give between £16 and £80 per week to church, whereas two-thirds give between £1 and £15.

In previous years some of us have increased our giving year on year, but some have not, so we are falling behind inflation. And at the present rate of usage, we could run out of reserves in just a few years' time, and then what do we do? Shut up shop and go home?

BUT – there's always a BUT – I started to remind myself that there are positive signs of improvement already. The new boilers are much more efficient and cheaper to run than the old boiler they replaced. We're currently working on ideas for improving the lighting with LED lights which would be much cheaper to run. The audio visual system will reduce our printing costs. Our insurance is much cheaper than it used to be. Most of all, after years of declining numbers our congregation has started to grow again, and if you're one of those newer members of our family you are hugely



Love. Grow. Serve.

welcome.

Most of all, the reason for my returning optimism is YOU. God and his Church are important to you, else you wouldn't be here, and I don't believe you want to go forward in an atmosphere of decline. My firm belief is that you will wish this church to continue to grow and prosper, and restore its finances to an even keel. In this place so much has happened of a positive nature in recent years that we are poised, as if standing on the edge of the diving board, to move forward in confidence.

BUT – there's always a BUT – the question is, can we believe in God and the Prime Minister enough to loosen our purse strings and increase our giving to church? I don't like dealing in averages, because there's no such thing as an average giver, but the weekly shortfall on the leaflet divided by the number of regular givers isn't a huge amount. If you've been fortunate enough in recent years to be able to regularly increase your giving, that's great. If you haven't been able to increase your giving in recent years, maybe this is the year when you can reconsider that the times of Austerity are supposed to be over and we can breathe easier and give more.

Most of all, if you're a newer member of the church family, I need you to ponder carefully what you're giving now, and ask yourself whether it's a suitable commitment. Usually on these occasions I go into great detail about the bible teaching on tithing, ten per cent, and the Church of England's more modest teaching on five per cent, but I've written enough here without going into that amount of detail. BUT – there's always a BUT – I've set it all out in a Questions and Answer sheet, and I'm always happy



to discuss matters in confidence one-to-one if it would help. I need you to promise me that you'll read the sheet carefully and think about it.

It's a matter of us all being fair to one another by aiming to give not a similar amount but a similar share of what we have. It might mean you're being called to give more than you're comfortable with, although you don't have to get there overnight, you can build up to it. It means Gift Aiding if you can. It means joining the Planned Giving Scheme if you haven't already, so that you can give every week and not just the weeks when you're in church. It means having envelopes, or paying by Standing Order, or through a brand new scheme which the PCC has just registered with whereby we can pay by monthly Direct Debit. It means completing and returning a Pledge Form, to say Yes to the above, count me in, I'm on board. It means accepting the principle that we have a giving target to work towards, which is the same for everyone and therefore fair.

Most of all it means 'I recognise that these are serious matters and it's up to me to do something about it. But it's not so serious that I need to get uptight about it.' That last bit is for me I guess. I've got a bit bogged down in it lately and I need to raise my chin and my expectations. I know you all want what I want, to see this church grow and prosper, and still be here in five, ten, twenty, a hundred years' time. No shutting up shop for us. Thank you, God, for reminding me of this, I needed reminding and I'm feeling better about it already. Thank you God, and thank you all for listening to me. Over to you and the Prime Minister.

Amen

FROM THE REGISTER

May they rest in peace ... and rise in glory

FUNERALS:

34d July	Pauline Ann Phillips	aged 90
10th July	Beryl May Long	aged 90
30th July	Jayden Clarke	aged 18
6th August	Mavis Cicely Eastbury	aged 95

And he took them in His arms and blessed them

BAPTISMS:

9th June	Bella Rose Elizabeth Yapp Jamie William Nicholson
7th July	Phoebe Lilian Winwood
14th July	Harper Andrew Peter English
11th August	Bella Emelia Woodward



TEA AT THE VICARAGE

Tea, coffee, cakes

3pm - 5pm on:

Sunday 13th October

Come & go as you please

all welcome!



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