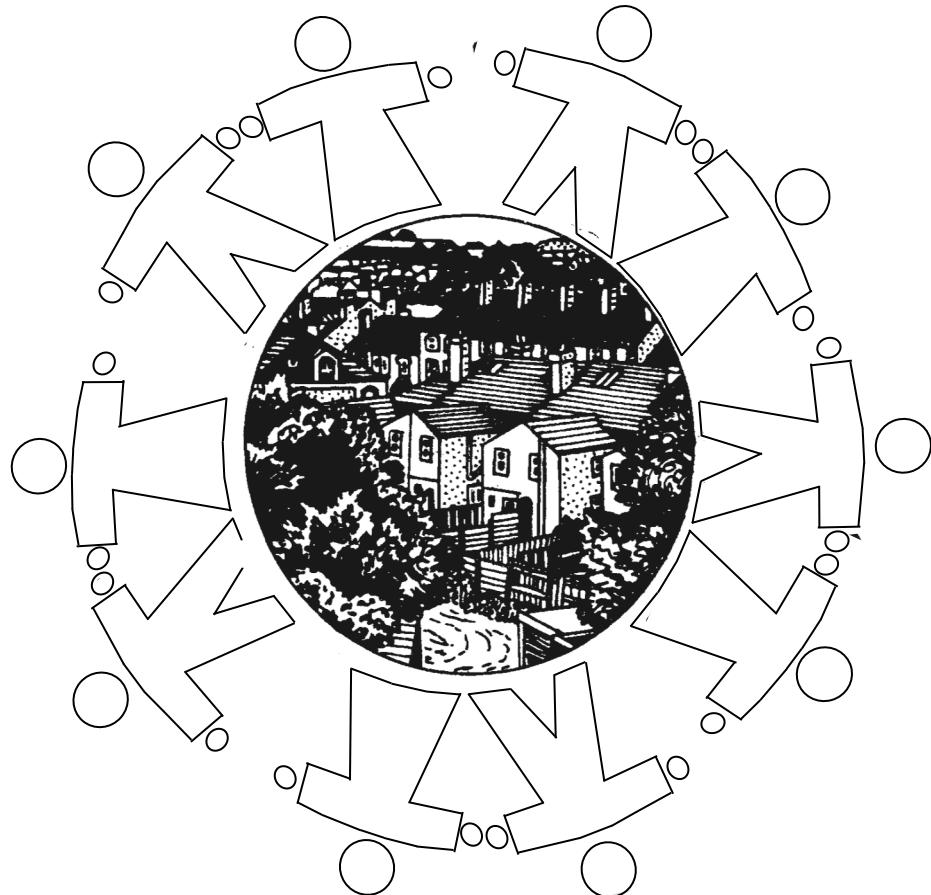


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ST BARNABAS with CHRIST CHURCH, WORCESTER



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## **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

<b>St Barnabas</b>	<b>Christ Church</b>
8.00am Eucharist	
10.00am Parish Eucharist	10.00am Parish Eucharist Baptisms (Sundays by appointment)
6.30pm 1st Sunday-Requiem Eucharist	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday-Evensong (BCP)	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday- Evening service (Common Worship)	
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday- Service of Healing	

Baptisms take place in the Parish Eucharist on the first and second Sunday of the month.

## **WEEKDAY WORSHIP**

<b>MONDAY</b>	8.45am	Morning Prayer in St Barnabas
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer in St Barnabas
<b>TUESDAY</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in St Barnabas
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer in St Barnabas
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in Christ Church
	10.00am	Eucharist in St Barnabas
	6.30pm	Tolladine Community Prayers
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9.00am	Eucharist in 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](mailto: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)

## OPEN CHURCH

These days there are many descriptions of church, hoping to make church attractive to those who would not normally consider it, or to offer a different way to be in church. Amongst these are: Café Church, Forest Church, Moot Church, Skateboarders Church. These different ways of being church have come out of the Fresh Expressions Movement within the Church of England and are to be found in parishes up and down the country. We have our own here – Messy Church, which was initiated by Revd Peter Haddleton and forms a part of what we offer in this parish. Tea@Tolly might also come under this heading – although very particular to the Tolladine area of our parish.

These ways of being church expresses our desire to make church more accessible to those who are not familiar with ‘regular’ ways of being church. We might also call these churches, ‘initiatives’ of the mission of the Church, appealing to those people who have particular interests and the church simply wanting to meet people ‘where they are’.

There will always be those who will want the regular way of being church as well, and so we nurture and work on making our

churches as accessible and as inclusive as we can.

The National Church is keen that we engage with how to be Dementia friendly, Eco friendly and now, Asperges friendly: and we do all we can at St Barnabas and Christ Church to be this.

Your open mindedness, open heartedness, and open handedness makes this possible.

Your openness makes me want to include another way of being church – which is not a Fresh Expression, or an Initiative, but the very reason why we are church at all – to be an Open Church. Our minds, hearts and hands are open towards anyone who comes to us: our church door is open all day, every day all year.

Church can be friendly towards all kinds of concerns, but if it is Closed and difficult to access a place of worship, or a group of worshipping people, it cannot be as effective as it would like.



St Barnabas Church is working towards making church more accessible for those who need to drive here or give people lifts, as well as those who come occasionally - wedding cars and hearses - by opening up the entrance to church and providing a few

parking spaces. All the legal permissions for the church and the council have been given, and we are already promised grants for this work to be done. However, we need to raise some funds in order to make sure this happens.

Please do consider raising funds yourself or giving to this project: *Access to Church Project*, and make this new season of 2018/2019 the season for accessibility.

Some have supported my fundraising effort by bringing their car to me for a wash and buff and there are some more dates and times going up in church for you to book in your car: or simply call me on: 01905 33785/revjulieann@btinternet.com

Do consider what **you** could do to help raise funds – cake sales, events, etc. You are an imaginative lot!

Let's keep our church an Open Church.

*Revd Julieann*

## T@TOLLY

The dates for the next few sessions are: 9th September, 4th November and 2nd December from 4:30-5:30pm at the Tolly Centre: cooking, eating, drinking, crafts and maybe sport and maybe a DJ.

*All ages welcome!*

## OPEN THE BOOK



We are about to embark on the eleventh year of OPEN THE BOOK in St Barnabas School and Hollymount School.

Each week the whole school takes part in a dramatic reading of a Bible story. We begin this term with stories from the Acts of the Apostles.

We are always pleased to welcome more helpers to the team, if you are interested in joining the fun, please contact Julieann or Sue Sykes

## SEPTEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weekend of 8th/9th: Exhibition: *Our Yesterdays, Todays & Tomorrows*. Also, the Ride n Stride Weekend. (See poster on page 10)

Sunday 23rd: Service for First Communion.

Sunday 30th: Harvest with lunch in Church Hall.



Please support and pray for those involved - especially those taking new steps in their faith journey: John Bradley, Liam Rogers and Max Kear.

## KEEP THE DATE!

The Christmas Party this year will be in the Rectory on Friday 14th December. Make a note now!!

## **MESSY CHURCH (1)**

Messy Church is Christ-centred, for all ages and based on creativity, hospitality and celebration. Creativity is nurtured through the creation of environments where all ages are valued, Christian fellowship is experienced, pathways are created for faith to be explored and individuals are led to a personal encounter with God. Places away from the home where families can relax, talk, laugh and enjoy each other's company are rare in today's society.

This means that Messy Church is in a unique position. Ensuring time spent at Messy Church is something special, fun and memorable for everyone is key. Therefore, we try to do everything possible to make everyone feel special, loved and valued; to include and involve all ages in as much as possible; and to make Messy Church a positive, formative and transformative experience of church for all.

*Daniel Jones (Youth & Children's advisor, Diocese of Bristol)*

## **MESSY CHURCH (2)**

 Next Messy Church is on Saturday 15th September at 10.30 - 12.30 in the Church Hall. Our theme will be *"Which way?" Following Jesus.* Bible-base: Mark 1:16-20 & Matthew 8:19-20

All accompanied children welcome, craft activities, stories, lunch together. *There is no charge, but donations are welcome.*

## **ST BARNABAS WITH CHRIST CHURCH MISSION NEWS**

Friends of King George V Playing Fields Play Scheme organised various activities and away days for the children of our Parish and surrounding area during the summer holidays. The Mission Fund donated to the Play Scheme via their co-ordinator, Marilyn Furlong. We send our thanks to Marilyn and all her volunteers for all they do to give the children an enjoyable few days.

*Ann Bryant*



## **SPREE CAMP**

The Tolladine Mission joined in one of Urban Saints Camping weekends recently. Four children and three adults went to Abbot Lench Christian Centre, Evesham with other 7-14 year olds. There was a programme of worship, bouncy castles etc, fire making, rapping etc etc. The children who came were great chefs and took charge of cooking our food, and it was very good weather for camping! See photo on page 7)

## NEW PERSPECTIVES: A MUSLIM/CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

You might have noticed that I was away for the first week of August (or you might not)! As part of my ongoing studies, I spent a week at the Centre of Muslim Christian Studies in Oxford.

This was an intense week of encounter between eight Christians and six Muslims, involving lectures on the history of Muslim-Christian encounters, conversation, studying each other's Holy books, attending each other's worship, and trying to think collectively around issues like free speech, environmental conservation and gender equality.

Needless to say we also got onto head coverings, the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and the meaning of salvation!

I have to confess that it was the first time in my life I had ever spent an extended period of time talking to Muslims about what they believe and how they practice their faith, and listening to what they had to say. Like many of us, I have learned little bits here and there, and picked up an awful lot of urban myths from the media and from "received wisdom", but I had never taken the trouble to ask a Muslim the difficult questions myself, or listen to the answers.



We really had to listen carefully to each other, and we had to work hard at hearing the things we didn't enjoy hearing in a respectful way.

I did not come away thinking that our religions are essentially the same- they are not- but I did come away with a far better understanding of the richness of Islam as a faith. I also came away with a far better feeling for why we so often seem to be speaking different languages-literally and figuratively- than those spoken by our Muslim neighbours.

At this time in our community when there is a good deal of friction around far right political activism being stirred up, and at a time when Muslims sometimes feel misunderstood and Christians sometimes feel threatened, it is really important that we speak to one another, rather than just speaking about one another. After all, it's difficult to love your neighbour practically if you know next to nothing about what matters to him or to her.

With that in view, I am hoping that we may be able to arrange some events in the near future where we can meet some of our Muslim neighbours, ask one another questions, and begin to grow a mutual understanding, so

that we can grow in love and strengthen our community. I'll be trying to develop ideas over the coming months, so watch this space!

*Blessings, Revd Kalantha Brewis*

## NEW PRESSURES

The pressure of starting a new chapter in your life in unfamiliar surroundings can be overwhelming, and so inevitably the feeling of being homesick is common among new students who are embarking on their brand new university life.

Being away from your friends and family for an extended period of time can be incredibly tough. When being in a new city with new people and new surroundings it helped me to have something familiar around me. The church on campus helped me to feel at home. As someone who regularly goes to church with their family it was comforting to have that same routine.

Making friends can seem scary but knowing that everyone around you is in the same boat as you helps. The friends I made helped me by providing a strong support system which is something I only expected to find at home.

Studying away from home helped me to learn to stand on my own feet and overcome difficulties by myself, I found that you find your own self, grow as a person, and become independent and self-

confident. I gained plenty of experience and knowledge, which expanded my horizon and helped me to see things in a new perspective. Having learnt a lot of lessons, I found myself becoming mentally and emotionally stronger. As one chapter closes God opened a new one with blessings and I'm sure there will be more lessons to come

*Sharon Manoharan*

## WELCOME !

*Welcome to the Quiet morning at the Mission House, 214 Tolladine Road on Saturday 29th September from 10am-1pm*

We could say it's very quiet, but it's not. We gather to make bread together, which is talkative but mindful. We may have a prayer. We then 'do' our own thing for an hour and half: read, colour, draw, make, sit, sleep, play, do a reflective exercise; there are plenty of things available to do.

Then we gather again, not in silence, to eat homemade soup and the freshly baked bread. We finish with a thanksgiving and a blessing.

The morning is offered to give you an opportunity to step out of the normal everyday life, to experience life from another perspective—*It would be good to see you!*

*Contact Kalantha Brewis or Sue Martyr for more information*



Left & above: A busy session at ToddleAlc School in September. Good Luck in your r

Above right: Magdeburg evening in the Ch

Top right: Linnaeus Twinkly Twiga, the giraffe

Bottom far left & below: The Summer Party success on a beautiful day!

Below right: The recent Tolladine Mission/

Bottom far right: The restored west window





ong and saying farewell to Katy as she left to start Pre-  
ext adventure Katy  
church Hall

affe decorated by St Barnabas School  
y on the church green at the end of June was a great

SPREE camp (see page 3)  
w in the Cathedral with the pink giraffe, the inspiration  
the city.



## SEVERN BORE: A PARABLE

On 13th August a few of us travelled together to Arlingham/ Newnham to the banks of the River Severn to wait for and witness the Severn Bore.

Even though the Bore was scheduled to arrive at 9.30pm, those coming to witness it - or surf it - were advised to arrive in good time because, being a natural phenomenon it couldn't be guaranteed to arrive exactly on time - it might be early.

Also, the Bore was expected to be a Grade 4 (the largest being Grade 5), so we expected there to be a crowd on the bank. We wanted a good vantage point.

So we set out with picnic and chairs. We went the scenic route - what beautiful countryside we saw and the light was magnificent. We chatted, shared and laughed along the way and finally we arrived.

We were very early - there had been little traffic and we were the first to arrive!

How peaceful and quiet it was - the River very low, as we would expect. We shared our picnics and stories and much laughter. It began to get a little darker and the moon - the New Moon - appeared just above the horizon - also a planet - it must of been a planet, it was so bright! How eerie it suddenly felt and there

was a chill in the air.

People began to gather - some seasoned watchers, some new. A surfer ran out onto the River bed clutching his beloved board - and we waited and watched, and strained our ears to hear any water rush. We waited some more, we walked around, we kept looking at our watches, we started telling it off to 'come on!'. Some gave up and walked away - some were tempted to give up and walk away. The surfer, by now, very cold, came back up the bank and went away. But we held fast. And then through the gathering gloom and dying of the light, someone said 'There it is..isn't it?' 'Look, yes, it must be' 'Yes, you can hear it'. And sure enough 20 minutes after it's predicted time, the water came. Rushing, gathering speed. We saw the surge and energy of the wave, especially at the near bank, and it was marvellous.

Smiles all round and amazement that such a vast expanse of river bed, previously with little water became a rushing torrent, full, loud and sure.

I thought that this was a parable of the coming of the Kingdom of God - we set out purposeful, we arrived too early, we thought it would be early, we shared our lives, our food and our time, we sensed the change in the atmosphere, we waited and

waited, waited and waited, we listened and looked, straining our every sense although the gloom was gathering, and suddenly - there it was!

And we journeyed home - sleeping in the back seats, chattering in the front.

*Thank you to those who came. It made a good memory. Amen*

Revd Julieann



## STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT (SCM)

Just a reminder that St Barnabas with Christ Church is a parish linked with the Student Christian Movement.

Recently I met up with the new lead person for the SCM, who has replaced Lizzie Gawen. Lizzie Gawen came to tell us about the SCM last year.

We have been inviting students in various ways to be a part of St Barnabas with Christ Church and we continue to do so.

Students belonging to the SCM have a strong social gospel and concerns for peace and justice. We hope and pray that they will respond well to the invitation of the Tolladine Mission to share in that work.

Our thoughts and prayers turn to new students in Worcester as well

as those who seek to make sure they settle in well to student life. The SCM Prayer Diary invites us all to pray:

*Education Sunday is 9th September.*

*4th September: for all churches who are part of the SCM Link.*

*6th September - for International Students studying in the UK.*

*13th September: University Chaplains and Chaplaincy Teams.*

*16th September: Young people making moves away from home to begin university student life.*

*18th September: Students studying abroad.*

For more information about the SCM go to [www.movement.co.uk](http://www.movement.co.uk)

Revd Julieann

See Sharon's article on page 5

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## ***Our Yesterdays, Todays & Tomorrows***

Things our parents or grandparents  
made, said or did

Things we have made, or done,  
or our concerns for the day

Things for which we hope for the future  
in our lives, the lives of our loved ones,  
the lives of those in the community.

## **PEACE, JUSTICE & PALESTINE**

Earlier this year, Palestinians who were taking part in a non-violent protest within the borders of their own territory in Gaza were shot dead by the Israeli Defence Force. By contrast, last week, there were rumours of a long-term agreement between Hamas and Israel, brokered by Egypt and the United Nations, that could involve a year-long cease fire, the end of the 10-year siege and the opening of a sea-lane into Gaza.

Let us pray for Peace. There are many reasons why Western Christians should care particularly for Peace in the Holy Land. It is the cradle of our faith. Yet we have often treated Jews as less than equal citizens and have been responsible for the allowing the Balfour Declaration to be implemented in such a way as to cause the basic human rights of the indigenous Palestinians to be degraded.

Whatever view you take of it, the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement (BDS) has successfully drawn governments into engaging with the principle issue at the root of the Israeli/Palestinian problem. This is that Palestinians are amongst those people who are today treated as less than equal citizens. BDS is a Palestinian-led movement for freedom, justice and equality before the law. It is supported by

over 40 Jewish organisations on five continents who, just a few weeks ago, published an unprecedented joint letter affirming the their support of the movement.

On September 18<sup>th</sup> Ryvaka Barnard, a senior campaigner for War on Want, will speak on the subject of BDS at a public meeting held in St Georges Catholic Church Parish Hall, Samsome walk, WR1 1UG. (Free Parking, Refreshments 6.30pm; Meeting 7:00). If you never attend another meeting on the Palestinian question please come to this one. It may be that we are reaching a turning point.

‘Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem; may they prosper who love you.’  
Robin Sykes



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# FROM THE REGISTER

*May they rest in peace ... and rise in glory*  
**FUNERALS:**



*And he took them in His arms and blessed them*

**BAPTISMS:**

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|-------------|---------------------------|
| 1st July    | William Jack Kenwick      |
| 5th August  | Esmay Lily Underwood      |
| 12th August | Alfie Kevin Adam Harper   |
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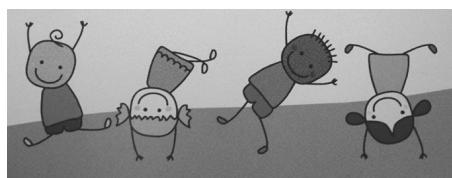
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