

MARCH DIARY

- March 1** **First Sunday of Lent**
9.30 Rise & Shine
4.30pm Service of Healing and Wholeness
And Holy Communion
- Tuesday 3 1pm Open the Book in St. Barnabas School
- Wednesday 4 10am Holy Communion
10.45am Lent Group
- Saturday 7 12 noon Lent Lunch in the church hall
- March 8** **Second Sunday of Lent**
10.30 Family Communion
- Tuesday 10 14.30 Mid-week planning meeting at the Vicarage
- Wednesday 11 10am Holy Communion
10.45am Lent Group
- Saturday 14 12 noon Lent Lunch
- March 15** **Third Sunday of Lent**
10.30 Prayer and Praise
4.30 Holy Communion
- Tuesday 17 1pm Open the Book in St. Barnabas School
- Wednesday 18 10am Holy Communion
10.45am Lent Group
- Saturday 21 9.30am-11am Alpha Breakfast in the church hall
12 noon Lent Lunch in the church hall
- March 22** **MOTHERING SUNDAY**
10.30 Parish Communion

- Tuesday 24 7.30pm Cameo Orchestra Concert in church
- Wednesday 25 10am Holy Communion
10.45am Lent Group
- Saturday 28 12 noon Lent Lunch in church
2.15pm Craft Workshop in the church hall
- March 29 Fifth Sunday of Lent
10.30 United Benefice Service
In St. Mary's, Bitton**
- Monday 30 19.30 Grid meeting at the Vicarage

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Friday 6th March at 2pm in The United Reformed Church in Oldland, the World Day of Prayer will be held. The service will be prepared by the women of Zimbabwe

IT'S AN EMERGENCY: CLIMATE CHANGE AND WHY WE SHOULD CARE

Some say that climate change is the biggest threat to our world today. Even the Diocese of Bristol has declared a climate emergency. Others question whether the climate is changing at all. Some are busy doing all they can: recycling, putting solar panels on their house, buying eco friendly cars. Others carry on their lives of consumption without a thought for these things. Why is there such a mixture of opinions and thinking and why should we care?

For me the key question about climate change is not whether the climate is changing. From what I have been lucky enough to read and study, science has fairly much proved that the earth is getting warmer. The climate is changing (we could almost call this a fact in my mind) The more important question for me is what is causing this change, and this is where people's opinion is divided. On the one hand is the warming of the planet a natural process and part of a natural cycle that the earth takes every couple of million years? On the other, has our industrial revolution and the way we use the earth's natural resources set in train a disastrous environmental reaction that is causing ice- caps to melt, the water levels to rise and weather systems to change. Put more simply is climate change our fault? Whilst some say no I think the answer is probably yes.

For me it's yes because it can't be right to disregard all our rubbish and bury it in landfill, it can't be right just because a cabbage isn't a certain size and shape we throw it away rather than eating it, it can't be right that in order to clear the air over Beijing during the Olympics there, they stopped the traffic for a whole day. For me it isn't the science it is just the feeling that it can't be right. In many ways this is a far too easy and simplistic view about a complex and vast subject and argument. The subject raises more questions than it answers because it is not simply about science but much more about who we are as human beings. Dave Bookless in his book "Planet wise" explains that climate change isn't really the problem but that it is a symptom of a far bigger problem...human beings.

Mike Hulme, professor of Environmental science at East Anglia university says "The real question is not climate change as such, but rather what do we mean by the good life (consumption and values); how many people do we think it right to enjoy the good life (population); and why we should care (ethics). The issue at hand is about resources, population, values and ethics.

For the Christian though, I believe we need to start somewhere else. Imagine if no human being was going to suffer as a result of environmental mismanagement. Would we still care about the planet- about disappearing wildlife, polluted skies and poison seas? Is the Christian gospel simply about rescuing people from a dying world and telling them the good news of heaven? Or does God care about how we live on earth now? Do other species and the earth matter to God or are they simply here for human beings to enjoy? It's these questions that must be our starting point as Christians.

Lets unpick this a bit.

Is the gospel simply about rescuing people from a dying earth and telling them about heaven?

Well, it depends on your point of view. The heart of this question lies in our thinking about the end times...what scholars call eschatology and focuses on a phrase from the book of revelation at the beginning of chapter 21.

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away."

If you look at this phrase literally and understand what it is saying to mean there will be a new earth and our present earth will be no more then it follows that your motivation to care for the earth now will be low...why bother when the present earth, that is all that you have worked so hard to keep in good order will be destroyed. Many take this view and see the world as a store cupboard to be used and when things run out God will make a new one.

Compare this then to 2 Peter 3: 10ff where we get a vision of the refiner's fire rather than absolute destruction of the world and a replacement world. 2 Peter describes refining, renewing, restoring this present world not a new world but a renewed world.

Some have even compared this renewed world to Jesus' resurrection body pointing out clearly our responsibility for caring for the present world. Jesus' resurrection body was a renewed physical body (not a replacement) and although renewed it still bore the wounds of suffering and crucifixion. The renewed world of 2 Peter might well be redeemed but what we do to the world today will still be evident and will still count.

If we take the text of 2 Peter as our view then what follows is a response, a response that is not carrying on the way we are but taking action to look after the world that we live in.

It is a well-founded theological principle that all of our lives as disciples of Jesus are lived as a response to his calling. From creation in Gen1&2 to Judgement in Revelation and everything in between tells of God seeking us and us responding to him. This brings me on to talk about the second point I want to make and that is Jesus' command to love. What is our response to God's call, Jesus says Love God with all your heart, soul mind and strength and love your neighbour as yourself. Here is the material of a whole series of sermons but the interest for us this evening is this idea of loving our neighbour.

In the story in Luke 10:27 the lawyer poses a further question, "who is my neighbour" and Jesus answers with the story of the good Samaritan and in doing so introduces a guiding principle. Today we live in a different world a world that talks about the global community, a world in which news in Australia is told as it happens in this country, a world in which we get a blow by blow account of the disasters that happen around the world. So the question, who is my neighbour is a much bigger question.

When we think about this in terms of our care for creation, we suddenly realize that what we do here is not just affecting a local community but our neighbours across the world. An example of this in the past couple of years has been the stark rise in industrial production in China as its economy has grown so much so that other countries have been very concerned about emissions from coal powered factories there. What China has been doing has affected the air quality around the world in some shape or form. Britain and America are beginning to support and encourage the Chinese economy to use sustainable power and to build in sustainable plans as their economy grows. Who is our neighbour that we are supposed to love?

The third and final idea, and one which runs like a thread through all of this thinking is relationship. As I have just mentioned this is about the relationship with God and with neighbour but it is also about our relationship to creation around us because it is in creation that we recognize the creator.

We might be able to understand God better as we recognize that the created order is relational, nothing exists on its own but is interdependent of its context and environment. The planets systems are amazingly fine tuned, from the way gases in the atmosphere balance each other, creating the perfect conditions for life, through to the millions of microscopic creatures that give fertility to the living soil. The science of ecology is all about how vitally important these links are. Plants, animals, human society and everything else relate to, and are dependent on, one another.

As Christians this shouldn't surprise us because the universe was made by a relational God. All creation flows from the love that existed before time between the three persons of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit who were all involved as co-creators. We are dependent on plants animals and the systems God created to provide oxygen to breathe, water to drink and food to eat. We are also interdependent, with the rest of creation, upon God. Nothing could be more dangerous than thinking as human beings that this is our world and that we can get by on our own. It is God's world and we depend on him, each other and the whole creation.

Climate change why should we care?

Because our future hope is in God who will redeem, transform and renew our world when he comes again but it will be this world and not a replacement.

Because we are commanded to love God but also to love our neighbour and we have a full understanding in our global society of who our neighbour might be.

Because of relationship and interdependence between God ourselves and the whole of creation.

I finish with some words from Dave Bookless and his book "Planet wise"
"Imagine creation set free from its bondage to decay, all things released from death and suffering, and earth and heaven reconciled to God. As followers of Jesus, let this be our vision, and let this be our mission."

Blessings,

Jeremy

FLOWER ROTA

DATE	HIGH ALTAR	LADY ALTAR	MEMORIAL ALTAR
March 7	-	-	Betty Bridges
March 14	-	-	-
March 21	-	-	Sheila Price
March 28	-	-	Kath Palmer
April 4	-	-	Sheila Price

Apart from the Memorial Altar, there are no flowers in church during Lent

Pam Draper

COFFEE ROTA

March 1	Nicola/Rosie
March 8	Jo/Sophie
March 15	Pam
March 22	Carol
March 29	No Service

Many thanks for all your help with the coffees after church.

If you are unavailable for your turn please arrange for someone else to do your session and change the master copy in church (and let me know if possible).

Thanks, Nicola 01179 616629

CLEANING ROTA

Week Commencing:

March 2	Mrs. V. Lee & Mrs. S. Hanney
March 9	Mr. & Mrs. L. Lovell
March 16	Mr. & Mrs. B. Draper
March 23	Mrs. S. Price, Miss K. Price
March 30	Mr. & Mrs. T. Wilshire

Thanks, Pam Draper

Volunteers for any of the rotas would be very much appreciated, if you can help, please contact Margaret Fletcher on 9616629

WARMLEY WARBLINGS

We remember in our regular prayers, those of our church family who have been unwell, thinking in particular of Mervyn and Lil Little, Martin Pullin, Margaret Hill, Lydia Hughes and Roger and Pauline Newman, we wish them all well. We are delighted to see that Claire Wilkins-Smith is recovering well after her fall on New Year's Eve.

As usual, we remember all of our friends who are in residential or nursing homes at this time, Grace Watson, Eileen Penny, John Short, Marjory Cox and Rita Jones.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Helen Willcox who for several years, has been our Benefice Administrator. I know that sometimes, it has been a real challenge and to Helen's credit, she has coped with the workload and the pressures it brought really well. I think all those who have had to arrange baptisms, weddings and funerals have cause to be very grateful to Helen for ensuring that everything happened as they expected it to. Helen will be standing down from the PCC after our Annual Parish Meeting in April, where again, she has shown the same level of enthusiasm and commitment, we wish her well in whatever she does next or a happy 'retirement'

We also send our best wishes to Shaun Weeks who has retired from his duties as our Director of Music. Shaun fulfilled this important role for over 35 years as well as organizing many other musical events in St. Barnabas including several much loved concerts and recitals and leading our musical worship in church as well as choir practice.

Brian Draper

St.Barnabas Warmley Saturday Lent Lunches

**Come and share a family meal
during this time of reflection**

**Typical Lenten lunch to include
Home-made soup and roll**

February 29th in the Hall

March 7th in the Hall

March 14th in the church

March 21st in the Hall

March 28th in the Church

April 4th in the Hall

12:00 – 13:30 pm in the Hall

For help with transport or more information
contact Margaret call 07786 444846 or
email m.fletcherstudy@gmail.com

2020 EVENTS

AT ST. BARNABAS CHURCH

February 29th 12.00- 1.30pm	Lent Lunches Also, March, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th & April 4th	St, Barnabas Church Hall	Nicola, Fiona, Jane, Nicky & Margaret m.fletcherstudy@gmail.com
March 24th 7.30pm	Cameo Orchestra Spring Concert	St. Barnabas Church	Nicola 07971 775682 nicola.eaton3@gmail.com
March 28th 2.15pm- 4.45pm	St. Barnabas Craft Workshop Sewing a fully lined tote bag	St, Barnabas Church Hall	Nicola 07971 775682 nicola.eaton3@gmail.com
April 3rd 7.30pm	Nomine Concert In aid of <i>The Children's Hospice South West</i>	St. Barnabas Church	Brian 07976 568069 bwddraper@yahoo.co.uk
April 26th 12 noon	Annual Parish Meeting plus a Bring & Share Lunch	St. Barnabas Church	Fiona Fiona.rogers1@googlemail.com
May 8th Time tbc	VE Day 75th Anniversary	St. Barnabas Church	Margaret m.fletcherstudy@gmail.com
August 1st 2pm	Warmley Flower Show	Warmley Community Centre	Warmley Flower Show 0117 967 4282
August 7th 7pm tbc	Skittles Match	Warmley Community Centre	Sheila Price 07975 671976
September 12th 2pm	St. Barnabas Craft Workshop	St, Barnabas Church Hall	Margaret m.fletcherstudy@gmail.com

September 28th- October 2nd 10am-2pm each day	Benefice Holiday at Home	St. Barnabas Church Hall	Margaret & Susie m.fletcherstudy@gmail.com
October 10th 7pm	Harvest Supper	St, Barnabas Church Hall	Margaret m.fletcherstudy@gmail.com
October 11th 10.30	Harvest Festival & Bring & Share Lunch	St, Barnabas Church and Hall	Margaret, Nicola, Nicky, Jane and Fiona
October 13th 7pm tbc	Harvest Auction	Midland Spinner tbc	Margaret, Nicola, Nicky, Jane and Fiona
November 14th 11am-2pm	Autumn Festive Fair	St. Barnabas Church and Church Hall	Margaret, Nicola, Jane and Fiona
November 28th 7pm	Community Quiz <i>Supporting Tearfund</i>	St. Barnabas Church	Jane 07500 900002
December 5th 9.30am-12 noon	St. Barnabas Craft Workshop Wreath Making	St. Barnabas Church Hall	Fiona & Margaret
December 5th 10am-4pm & December 6th 10.30am- 3.30pm	Nativity Crib Festival	St. Barnabas Church	Nicola, Nicky & Jane

CRAFT WORKSHOPS AT ST. BARNABAS

Your chance to try something new, develop an existing skill or just come and have some fun whilst creating something useful or beautiful or both.

Places are limited so do please book in advance to be sure of having a space.

Costs will vary slightly according to the materials needed but will generally be between £15 and £20 per person, including materials and refreshments. Workshops are designed for adults only (please ask – we may be able to provide a parallel supported session for younger people aged 8 upwards)

28th March 2.15-4.45 Making a fully lined tote bag - either use our material or bring your preferred options

September 12th 9:30-12:00 Topic to be confirmed, likely to be food based!

5th December 9:30-12:00 Wreath making ready for Christmas

Contact Nicola Eaton 07971 775682 (for March), Margaret Fletcher 07786444846 (for September) or Fiona Rogers 07714 100092 (for December)

NOMINE

The choir supporting the Children's Hospice South West

presents

Music for Passiontide

at

St. Barnabas Church, Warmley

on

Friday 3rd April at 7.30pm

Entrance is free!

Retiring collection to support the work of the

Children's Hospice South West



Further details of programme on website

www.webjam2.com/nomine_bristol



SPRING SHOWCASE

Tuesday 24th March

7.30pm

In St. Barnabas Church

Something for everyone

Music from Guys and Dolls to Beethoven!

FREE ENTRY WITH RETIRING FUND

Refreshments available during the interval

*PLEASE COME ALONG TO YOUR LOCAL CHURCH
AND SUPPORT THE ORCHESTRA*

Further information available by visiting
cameo.orchestra.co.uk

'I was there'

An afternoon of storytelling
with a Devon Cream Tea
with Rev Jillianne Norman
To raise money for Create 800



**On Saturday 7th March
from 2-4pm**

In St James Church Hall,
Richmond Rd, Mangotsfield, BS16 9HB

*Come and listen to a retelling of familiar and unfamiliar
stories of the men and women whose lives changed by
God have been written down in the Bible
as an example to us all.*

Tickets £10 on the door

*To help with numbers please book a ticket: Tel: 0117
9561551 or Email: jilliannenorman@blueyonder.co.uk*

Alpha Breakfast



**Saturday 21st March
9.30 – 11.00am
Warmley Church Hall.**

Heard of Alpha but not sure what it's all about?
Interested in exploring the Christian faith
but not sure where to start?

This one-off event is an opportunity
to find out a bit more about the Alpha course
and see what it involves.

Come and enjoy a free breakfast and
get a taste of the Alpha experience.

*If you would like to come
or want to find out more*

contact Pete Midgley Tel: 9326898
or email petermidgley@talk21.com

or Les Willcox Tel: 9405086
email leslie.willcox@blueyonder.co.uk)



**Bitton Recreation Ground
Saturday 7th March 2020**

7.30 to 11.00 pm

**Caller - Robert Wheatley
Ploughman's Supper
Licensed Bar**

Tickets Adults £10 Child £5

Bitton

Cooney 932 3151 or Gibson 932 2122

St. Barnabas

Brian Draper 07976 568069

All proceeds to Bitton Recreation Ground

REFLECTED FAITH: THE ALTAR

The long list of television programmes concerned with renovating, moving home, and celebrity homes shows how interested we are in other people's homes, and how they live. The style and furnishings of the buildings vary considerably, and you can find out a great deal about the person by looking at what they have on display or indeed the lack of items.

In my house the only books on show are related to walking and gardening, and the wall pictures are either old and family heirlooms or show the natural world. Yet in every house there are some things that are pretty much a given: they're always there in one form or another. It's the same in churches. No matter how old the building is, or how many times it has been re-ordered, there are some items which are constant.

The first of these essential items is the 'Altar' or 'Table'. In the majority of churches this is the place of most 'holiness' and where 'reverence' is given. The place where 'Bread is broken, and wine outpoured' in remembrance of Christ's last meal with His disciples.

As a retired parish priest, I now conduct services wherever I am invited and am aware of the variations of design and constituents of the altar everywhere I go.

This month: Ask to have a look at the actual altar at your own church or a place you visit. What size is it and what is it made from? Are there any special marks carved into it? What can you find out about the history of it? Has it always been standing in that same place?

A LITTLE HUMOUR

You know what they meant, but what they said was..

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?'
Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing: *Break Forth Into Joy*.

The Women's Tea for next week has been cancelled. We are sorry for any incontinence this may cause.

The cost of the Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Parish Supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

Don't forget the Singles Progressive Dinner. Attire is optional.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Thursday at 5 pm there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become Little Mothers, please see the minister in his private study.

Attention Parents. There will be a conference on how to help your teen avoid pre-marital sex. The featured speaker will be Molly Kelly, a nationally known speaker on abstinence and mother of eight.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, please don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

WHO'S WHO

VICAR	The Rev. Jeremy Andrew The Vicarage Church Avenue	9672724
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SAFEGUARDING OFFICER (VUNERABLE ADULTS)	Mrs, Helen Willcox	9405086

ACTIVITIES (around Warmley)

BEAVERS, CUBS, SCOUTS, BROWNIES AND GUIDES

Each group meets at the Scout H.Q., London Road

BEAVERS (age 6-8 years), Meet Fridays, 6.30pm to 7.30pm
N.B. It is advisable to put the boy's name on the waiting list at 4 years old.
Contact: R. Pace on 932 8498

CUBS Meet Thursdays 6.45pm to 8.15pm

SCOUTS Meet Tuesdays 7.15pm to 9.15pm

GUIDES Meet Mondays
Guide Leader: Mrs. Elaine Roch Tel: 937 3153

BROWNIES (24th Kingswood) age 7-10 years
Meet on Mondays
Leader: Sarah Alder Tel: 947 8997
It is advisable to put the girl's name on the waiting list at 5 years of age.

COMMUNITY CENTRES:

North Common - Secretary: Mrs. Carol Fowler Tel: 9602999
Warmley - The Administrator: Tel: 9674282
Email: warmleycentre@btconnect.com

ORCHESTRA The Cameo Orchestra rehearse in Church on Tuesdays from 7.45pm-9.45pm
String and brass players above Grade 5 always welcome
Contact: Denise Clark on 0117 9497864

PILATES Oldland Community and Youth Centre, High Street, Oldland
Beginners Tuesdays 6.15-7.15pm
General Class Tuesdays 7.30pm-8.30pm
Contact: Elly Nashat on 07790 598309
Email: ellynashat@gmail.com

OLDLAND BRASS QUINTET Music for your Garden Party or Fete.
Contact Bob or Terri Lavis on 932 7039
or email lavis28@btinternet.com

LADIES' FRIENDSHIP GROUP: meetings are held on 3rd Monday of every month at the Warmley Community Centre at 3.30pm.
Secretary: Mrs. Margaret Brown 9613401

ACTIVITIES (Church based)

BELLS Practice: Every Wednesday in the Belfry from
7.30pm-9pm
Captain: Mr. D. Wilkins-Smith - Tel: 9676226

CHOIR Newcomers always welcome.
Contact: Jeremy Andrew
j.andrew.102@btinternet.com

RISE AND SHINE
Meet 1st Sunday of each month in Church
Contact: Fiona Rogers on 07714 100092