

The Weekly Link

This Week's Special Prayer

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Loving the Lord your God

Moses said to the people: "These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life.



"Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you. Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."

Luke 10:25-37

Loving your neighbour

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus.

'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?'

He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.'

And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'

Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on

his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?'

He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.'

Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

MARGARET WHEATLEY

Turning to One Another

There is no power greater
than a community
discovering what it cares about.

Ask "What's possible?"
not "What's wrong?"

Keep asking.

Notice what you care about.

Assume that many others
share your dreams.

Be brave enough
to start a conversation that matters.

Talk to people you know.

Talk to people you don't know.

Talk to people you never talk to.

Be intrigued by the differences you hear.

Expect to be surprised.

Treasure curiosity more than certainty.

Invite in everybody who cares
to work on what's possible.

Acknowledge that everyone
is an expert about something.

Know that creative solutions
come from new connections.

Remember, you don't fear people
whose story you know.

Real listening always
brings people closer together.

Trust that meaningful conversations
can change your world.

Rely on goodness.

Stay together.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Saturday 23rd July 9.45am

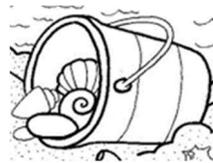
This is a great opportunity for those who are need to have safeguarding training. Amanda has negotiated that instead of tackling everything online by ourselves, she and I can do it in person locally to a group of us.

SUMMER PARTY LAST WEEK

A huge thanks to everyone for the lovely time we had last week - in particular to Phil who kept the barbecue going 'til everyone was fed. And thank you as well for the gifts and flowers and cards.

DIAMOND GROUP MEETING

Keith will be leading the next planning group for our sixtieth anniversary year in 2023 at 7pm on Monday 18th July.



FORTY DAYS OF SUMMER 2022

This summer's resources for daily prayer will take us through a letter written by St Paul to the Christians meeting together in Colossae --- a market town in what is now present-day Turkey. More details of what and when and where next week!

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Please do pray for us this week as all three of us have special services on Wednesday with Bishop John marking next steps in our responsibilities

July 2022

Mondays to Fridays

2.30pm to 6pm Sunflowers

10 July --- Sunday

11.15am Together for Communion

11 July --- Monday

10am Post-a-Prayer Club

12 July --- Tuesday

1.30pm RE 2022-3 for Regency High School planning meeting in church

13 July --- Wednesday

NO MIDWEEK SERVICE IN EITHER CHURCH TODAY

12.00pm Sarah's Licensing Service with Bishop John at St Barnabas. All welcome
6pm PCC meal in town followed by

7.30pm Admission of Churchwardens service in the Cathedral

14 July --- Thursday

9.15am Mainly Music

3.30pm Sarah in Warndon Oasis for 2022-3 planning meeting

15 July --- Friday

Morning Miriam Room in use

17 July --- Sunday

11.15 Together for Communion

18 July --- Monday

10am Prayer Club

12.30 Cluster ministers' lunch

7pm St Barnabas PCC meets

7pm St Wulstans Diamond Group meets

19 July --- Tuesday

Sarah is on retreat today

20 July --- Wednesday

12 noon Midweek Fellowship

1.30pm School leavers service at St Barnabas

20 July --- Thursday

9.15am Mainly Music last day of term special

6pm Baptism preparation in church

7pm Renewal of vows rehearsal in church

23 July --- Saturday

9.45am Safeguarding Training led in-person by our home team (no computers required!)

Forty Days of Summer 2022

24 July --- Sunday

10am Sarah is presiding at St Barnabas

11.15 Together for Summer, with Ethan speaking, and joining with Mat and Emma to celebrate with them as they renew their wedding vows on their anniversary

25 July --- Monday

NO SUNFLOWERS ACTIVITIES IN CHURCH TODAY

10am Prayer Club

1.30pm Sarah and Chris are visiting an estate church in Gloucester to share good practice

26 July --- Tuesday

NO SUNFLOWERS ACTIVITIES IN CHURCH TODAY

27 July --- Wednesday

12 noon Forty Days of Summer Communion

2pm SUNFLOWERS SETTING UP FOR HOLIDAY CLUB

28 July --- Thursday

SUNFLOWERS HOLIDAY CLUB ALL DAY

29 July --- Friday

SUNFLOWERS HOLIDAY CLUB ALL DAY

31 July --- Sunday

11.15am Together for Summer, a service led by our lay team with Julie Berrow from St Barnabas speaking

August 2022

Mondays to Fridays

8am to 6pm Sunflowers Holiday Club

Wednesdays in August

10am Together for Summer
midweek communion at St Barnabas

11.45am Garden Church
midweek fellowship over a cuppa
in the Vicarage garden, using the
Forty Days of Summer reflections

Sundays in August

11.15 Together for Summer, communion
services following our Forty Days of
Summer readings in Colossians