



Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022

# The Weekly Link

**THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL PRAYER**

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Luke 15:11-20**  
*The Little Brother*

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.'

So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

**Autumn Themes  
at St Wulstans**

**LOST & FOUND**

We linger in Luke 15 for the whole of September, thinking about Jesus' parables about belonging

"THE LITTLE BROTHER" LUKE 15:11-20

"HOMECOMING" LUKE 15:20-23

"THE BIG BROTHER" LUKE 15:24-32

**FOUR BIG IDEAS**

In October, we are taking an overview of a few important Christian cornerstones

"H IS FOR HARVEST" ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8

"H IS FOR HOPE" JOHN 9

"H IS FOR HEALING" ISAIAH 35.3-6

"H IS FOR HOLINESS" ISAIAH 6:1-8

## September 2022

**11 September --- Sunday**

10am Sarah is at St Barnabas all morning

11.15 Something Else Sunday: our new monthly service led by the ministry team

12pm Sarah has baptisms at St Barnabas

**Mondays to Fridays**

2pm Sunflowers After School Club

**12 September --- Monday**

10am Post-a-Prayer Club

12pm Cluster Ministers' Lunch

7pm Sarah at St Barnabas PCC

7.30 Diocesan booking in church

**13 September --- Tuesday**

10am Sarah is in school this morning

12.30 Lunchtime Learning: see below

7pm Full PCC meets at St Wulstans

Mondays to Fridays  
2pm Sunflowers After School Club

**14 September --- Wednesday**

9.30am Mainly Music (new time and day)  
10am Midweek Service at St Barnabas  
12pm Midweek Service at St Wulstans  
4pm Cary, Julie and Sarah at the Cathedral  
for the Readers' Licensing rehearsal  
6pm Pastoral Surgery at St Barnabas

**17 September --- Saturday**

2pm Readers' Licensing in Cathedral

**18 September --- Sunday**

10am Sarah at St Barnabas before  
11.15 Together for Communion welcoming  
Cary as a Lay Reader in our congregation

**19 September --- Monday**

10am Post-a-Prayer Club  
12pm Rainbow Friendship Group

**21 September --- Wednesday**

9.30am Mainly Music (new time and day)  
11.30am Sarah is at Deanery Chapter  
12pm Midweek Service at St Wulstans  
1.30pm Sarah & Chris, with Julieann & Mark  
Watson, are visiting another estate church  
in to share good practice  
6pm Pastoral Surgery at St Wulstans  
including a wedding rehearsal!

**22 September --- Thursday**

9am Sarah & Chris are in Birmingham for  
the BEYOND Conference. It's for those  
interested in connecting with children and  
young people 'beyond' the walls of the  
Church. We do have spare tickets ...  
4pm Sarah has a school governors meeting

**23 September --- Friday**

10am Miriam Room in use  
4pm Jenny & Lee's wedding in church

**25 September --- Sunday**

11.15 Together for Communion

**26 September --- Monday**

10am Post-a-Prayer Club  
11am Liam servicing the boilers in church  
12pm Cluster Ministers' Lunch

**27 September --- Tuesday**

10am Sarah is in school this morning  
4pm Podcast for the National Estates  
Church Network being recorded about the  
story and mission of St Wulstans

## Something Else Sundays

All three churches in our cluster are  
committing to one lay-led service a  
month. Our Something Else Sunday will  
be the second Sunday of the month,  
when Sarah will be at St Barnabas all  
morning, including staying on for  
lunchtime baptisms. **Talk to Chris W  
if you are interested in helping make  
our Something Else Sundays happen!**

## Lunchtime Learning

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 12.30—1.30pm**

Bring your lunch and meet up  
with Sarah in St Wulstans  
as we go online using the big screen  
to join Jonathan Kimber's discussion  
session about how personality and  
spirituality go hand in hand

## HARVEST WEEKEND 2022

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

10am - 12 Open Door Café

5.30pm - 7.30pm Autumn Barbecue

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

11.15am - 12.15pm Harvest Sunday



## Diamond Group

This small group is working on a range of  
ideas for celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
as a church during 2023. Do pray for Keith  
and his team as they begin to turn ideas  
into plans and plans into actions!