

Sunday 4th December 2022

The Weekly Link



Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell (1993)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Christ be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church
gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Christ be our light ...

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Christ be our light ...

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Christ be our light ...

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Christ be our light ...

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." '

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

❄ **4 December — Sunday**

11.15 Together for Advent
Cary asks the question “Who is John the Baptist?” in today’s Communion service

❄ **5 December — Monday**

10am Post-a-Prayer Club
12pm Friendship Group meets
6.30 Bishop Perowne School
Christmas service at St Barnabas

❄ **6 December — Tuesday**

10am St Barnabas School assemblies
7pm PCC Christmas Special
an informal gathering of St Barnabas and St Wulstans PCCs with Christmas treats and a chance to reflect on the year

❄ **7 December — Wednesday**

9.30 Mainly Music
11am Regency High School
Christmas assemblies (in school)
12pm Midweek Fellowship
reflecting on Jesus as the “Wisdom of God”

SARAH IS AT DEANERY CHAPTER OVER LUNCH
6.30 Brownies service at St Barnabas

❄ **10 December — Saturday**

10am Open Door Café
and TEABAG folk working
in the gardens

❄ **11 December — Sunday**

SARAH IS AT ST BARNABAS TODAY
11.15 Together for Advent
Cary leads this Something Else Sunday service, at which Ethan will explore that “Christmas is coming but Jesus is here”

12.45 Baby Henry’s Baptism
6pm Brass Band Christmas Event
at St Barnabas (tickets on the door
or see website for more details)

❄ **12 December — Monday**

10am Post-a-Prayer Club
12.15 Cluster Ministers meet for
Christmas lunch at the Barn Owl

❄ **13 December — Tuesday**

10.30 Regency High School Christmas
assemblies in St Wulstans
12.15 Meeting in Bishop Perowne’s
1.30 and 5pm St Barnabas School
Services at St Barnabas

❄ **14 December — Wednesday**

9.30 Mainly Music (end of term)
10am St Barnabas Communion (Sarah)
12pm Midweek Communion
reflecting on Jesus as the “Power of God”

❄ **16 December — Friday**

7pm Carol Singing on The Green
*at St Barnabas in aid of Maggs,
with mulled wine & mince pies*

❄ **17 December — Saturday**

10am Open Door Café
*This is the last Café before the Christmas
break, returning in the Jan-March with soup
lunches from 12pm in the small hall*

❄ **18 December — Sunday**

SARAH IS AT ST BARNABAS TODAY BEFORE
11.15 Celebrating the Christmas Story
*a special communion where we read
through the entire Christmas story step by
step as a congregation*

*The following events
in Christmas week are in partnership with
Sunflowers as part of the Holiday
Activities & Food scheme. Please see
sunflowersholidayclub.co.uk
to find out how you can get involved*

MONDAY 19 DECEMBER

12pm - 3pm Christmas Lunch

TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER

12pm to 3pm Family Fair

WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER

12pm to 3pm Family Crafts

THURSDAY 22 DECEMBER

11.30 Family Pantomime