

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023

# The Weekly Link



## Sun 26<sup>th</sup> February

11.15 Together for Communion

Sarah and Cary continue our exploration of Sabbath and in particular the theme of rest

**Mon to Fri SUNFLOWERS AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB**

## Mon 27<sup>th</sup> February

10am Prayer Club --- see Eve for details

12.30 Cluster Ministers Lunch

followed by pastoral meetings in church

7pm Sarah is at a St Barnabas meeting

## Tue 28<sup>th</sup> February

7pm St Wulstans PCC meets

## Wed 1<sup>st</sup> March

9.30 Mainly Music

12pm ABIDE Café

midweek communion followed by lunch together

5pm Baptism preparation meeting

## Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> March

11am Sarah has meetings in Droitwich

7pm OA 12-Step Group meets in small hall

## Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> March

7pm CA 12-Step Group meets in small hall

## Sat 4<sup>th</sup> March

10am Baptism preparation meeting

12pm Open Door Café

4pm Marcie-May's baptism

## Sun 5<sup>th</sup> March

11.15 Together for Communion

Sarah and Chris W continue our exploration of Sabbath with the theme of playfulness

## Mon 6<sup>th</sup> March

10am Prayer Club --- see Eve for details

12pm Friendship Group

Sarah is speaking on Lent and Easter customs

## Tue 7<sup>th</sup> March

2pm School Chaplains meeting

7pm Sarah is in Netherton

for an Urban Priority Network meeting

## Wed 8<sup>th</sup> March

9.30 Mainly Music

10am St Barnabas Communion (Sarah)

5pm Baptism preparation meeting

## Thu 9<sup>th</sup> March

7pm OA 12-Step Group meets in small hall

## Fri 10<sup>th</sup> March

7pm CA 12-Step Group meets in small hall

## Sat 11<sup>th</sup> March

10am Sarah is at Diocesan Synod

12pm Open Door Café

## Sun 12<sup>th</sup> March

10am Sarah is at St Barnabas this morning

11.15 Something Else Sunday

our Sabbath theme draws to a close today

## Mon 13<sup>th</sup> March

10am Prayer Club --- see Eve for details

10.15 Funeral from Acorns at St Barnabas

12.30 Cluster Ministers Lunch

7pm Sarah is at a St Barnabas meeting

## Tue 14<sup>th</sup> March

10am Assemblies at St Barnabas School

12.30 Lunchtime Learning

Bring your sandwiches along and join with a small group sharing in the training that Nikki Groarke is offering today on how we connect with the Bible as we make up our minds about difficult issues

## Wed 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thu 16<sup>th</sup> March

Sunflowers is open ALL day for these two days as local schools are closing due to the industrial action planned by the teaching unions. Mainly Music will go ahead as normal.

## SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH

### 10.30am Our Annual Service of Celebration --- including the elections of our officers and PCC members

#### COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### DEUTERONOMY 5:12-15

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

#### MATTHEW 11:28-12:8

Jesus said, 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

At that time Jesus went through the cornfields on the sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. When the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, 'Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the sabbath.'

He said to them, 'Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him or his companions to eat, but only for the priests. Or have you not read in the law that on the sabbath the priests in the temple break the sabbath and yet are guiltless? I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. But if you had known what this means, "I desire mercy and not sacrifice", you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is lord of the sabbath.'

*We are singing this hymn as we prepare the table for communion this week*

**Here is bread, here is wine,**  
Christ is with us, He is with us.  
Break the bread, drink the wine,  
Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace,  
Christ is with us, He is with us.  
Know His grace, find peace,  
feast on Jesus here.

In this bread there is healing,  
in this cup there's life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit,  
Christ is with us here.

Here we are, joined as one,  
Christ is with us, He is with us.  
We'll proclaim, 'til he comes,  
Jesus crucified.

# ABIDE for Lent 2023

Based on the hymn "Take My Life" Frances Havergal, our Lent resources give you weekly content from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Easter. Each week offers you a chance to linger on the one verse of the hymn, with four Scripture readings, a well-known prayer and prompts for reflection. You can request a paper copy from Sarah or access it online at our website [saintwulstans.online](http://saintwulstans.online) where you can click the link saying "Lent Resources 2023"

St Barnabas with Christ Church, St Nicholas and St Wulstans



## ABIDE Lent 2023

Resources for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April



## Consecrated



Lent and Holy Week with the hymn

"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated Lord To Thee"  
Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836-1879

[saintwulstans.online](http://saintwulstans.online)

### LENT CHALLENGE 2023

**This Lent, instead of worrying and fretting, I will pray. I will let petitions and praises shape my worries into prayers. I will wait for a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good to come and give me Sabbath. It will be wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the centre of my life.**  
Philippians 4:4-8

# Holy Week and Easter 2023

## PALM SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL

*at St Wulstans*

**11.15am Communion for Holy Week**  
*with The Gospel of Passion read in full as a congregation*

## MON, TUES, WEDS OF HOLY WEEK

*at St Barnabas*

**7pm Quiet Hearts, Quiet Minds**  
*Cary, Ethan and Julie lead us in reflection and silence for Holy Week*

## MAUNDY THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

*at St Wulstans*

**7pm Communion for Holy Week**  
*followed fireside vigil in the Vicarage garden until dark*

## GOOD FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**8.30am Breakfast** *at St Barnabas*

**10.30am Passion Play** *in the City*

**2pm An Hour at the Cross** *at St Barnabas*

**7.30 Fireside Vigil for Good Friday**  
*in the Vicarage garden until dark*

## EASTER EVE 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**7.30 Fireside Vigil for Holy Saturday**  
*in the Vicarage garden until dark*

## EASTER SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**6am Dawn Service** *around the bonfire, with breakfast in the Vicarage garden*

**Communion Services for Easter Day**

*10am at St Barnabas*

*11.15am at St Wulstans*