

Sunday 12th March 2023

The Weekly Link



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10am Sarah is at St Barnabas this morning
11.15 Something Else Sunday
our Sabbath theme draws to a close today
in our monthly non-Eucharistic service
led by the lay team

Mon, Tue & Fri **SUNFLOWERS AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB**

Mon 13th March

10am Prayer Club --- see Eve for details
10.15 Funeral from Acorns at St Barnabas
12.30 Cluster Ministers Lunch at St Barnabas

Tue 14th 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.

1.30 Oasis School visit to church
We are hosting sixty 4- & 5-year-olds for an hour
of exploration at St Wulstans. They will be divided
into four groups and will try four different activities
on rotation. This will be chaos and great fun!
7pm Tolladine Mission Trustees meet

Wed 15th March

SUNFLOWERS IN ALL DAY TODAY

9.30 Mainly Music
11.30 Sarah at Deanery Chapter

Thu 16th March

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9.15 Oasis Hub group in church
9.30 Sarah is at a Diocesan meeting
7pm Private hire of small hall

Fri 17th March

7pm Private hire of small hall

Sat 18th March

9am Safeguarding Training Morning
12pm Open Door Café

Sun 19th March

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICES
10am St Barnabas and 11.15 St Wulstans

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

Mon 20th March

10am Prayer Club --- see Eve for details
11am Sarah is at an Oasis Easter service
12pm Friendship Group Quiz Afternoon
1.30 Sarah is teaching an RE session
at St Barnabas School about how to understand
the cross and the meaning of Good Friday
2.30 Diane is at an Oasis Easter service
7pm Sarah is at a St Barnabas PCC
7.30 Deanery Synod at Hallow

Tue 21st March

10.30 Regency School event in St Wulstans
1.30 St Barnabas School Eucharist service

Wed 22nd March

9.30 Mainly Music
6.30 Wedding Rehearsal at St Barnabas

Thu 23rd March

10.30 Sarah has meetings in Droitwich
7pm Private hire of small hall

Fri 24th March

10am Miriam Room in use
RE Day at Warndon Oasis
7pm Private hire of small hall

Sat 25th March

12pm Open Door Café
This is the final occasion before the Easter break

Sun 26th March

REMEMBER THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR
10.30 ANNUAL CELEBRATION SERVICE
St Wulstans APCM, with reports, elections,
doughnuts, reflections and communion together.
The morning will be completed by 12pm at the
latest. Come and give thanks for the last sixty
years and dream for the next sixty to come!

TODAY'S SPECIAL PRAYER

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

LEVITICUS 25: 1-12

The LORD spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying: Speak to the people of Israel and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you, the land shall observe a sabbath for the LORD. For six years you shall sow your field, and for six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in their yield; but in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of complete rest for the land, a sabbath for the LORD: you shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard. You shall not reap the aftergrowth of your harvest or gather the grapes of your unpruned vine: it shall be a year of complete rest for the land. You may eat what the land yields during its sabbath—you, your male and female slaves, your hired and your bound labourers who live with you; for your livestock also, and for the wild animals in your land all its yield shall be for food.

You shall count off seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the period of seven weeks of years gives forty-nine years. Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud; on the tenth day of the seventh month—on the day of atonement—you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land. And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family. That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you: you shall not sow, or reap the aftergrowth, or harvest the unpruned

vines. For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat only what the field itself produces.

LUKE 13: 10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

We are so blessed that St Wulstans is in demand for user groups. A gentle reminder that when a hirer group is on the premises, we always leave them uninterrupted, as a way of demonstrating our hospitality. Thanks!