

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023

## The Weekly Link



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*Sarah leads at St Barnabas this morning before*  
11.15 Together for Communion  
12.45 *Family Baptism at St Barnabas*

#### *Prayer for the Week*

**Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*ABC Amen --- this week  
we are especially praying for*  
**the even-handed  
the easy-going  
the end-of-the-liners  
the eloquent  
the embarrassed  
the empty  
the encouragers**

### **Matthew 11:28-30**

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.'

## The Diary at St Wulstans

*Mondays to Fridays 2pm to 6pm*

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Sunflowers afterschool club meets

### *Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July*

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10.30 Prayer Club in church

2pm Sarah has pastoral meetings

7pm The Commissioning Service

As a cluster we gather at St Barnabas to affirm our life as a ministry and mission community, and for the Archdeacon formally to license Sarah and Rosie

### *Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July*

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10am Sarah is in St Barnabas School

### *Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July*

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9.30 Mainly Music for babies and toddlers

12pm Cluster Ministers Lunch

### *Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July*

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7pm *Private hirer in church*

### *Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July*

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*Sarah has pastoral meetings 11am to 4.30pm*

10am Miriam Room in use

### *Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July*

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11.45 Open Door Café

12pm Family Baptism at St Barnabas

### *Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July*

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*Sarah leads at St Barnabas this morning before*

11.15 Together for Communion

### *Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July*

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10.30 Prayer Club in church

12pm Friendship Group meets

7pm St Barnabas PCC meets tbc

### *Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July*

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1.30 St Barnabas School Leavers Service

7pm St Wulstans PCC meets

## verses from GENESIS 19

# THE TROUBLE WITH ANGELS

The two angels came to Sodom in the evening. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and bowed down with his face to the ground. He said, 'Please, my lords, turn aside to your servant's house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you can rise early and go on your way.' They said, 'No; we will spend the night in the square.' But he urged them strongly; so they turned aside to him and entered his house; and he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house; and they called to Lot, 'Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, so that we may know them.' Lot went out of the door to the men, shut the door after him, and said, 'I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. Look, I have two daughters who have not known a man; let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please; only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof.' But they replied, 'Stand back!' And they said, 'This fellow came here as an alien, and he would play the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them.'

Then they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near the door to break it down. But the men inside reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. And they struck with blindness the men who were at the door of the house, both small and great, so that they were unable to find the door.

When morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, 'Get up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or else you will be consumed in the punishment of the city.' But he lingered; so the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, the Lord being merciful to him, and they brought him out and left him outside the city.

Then the Lord rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulphur and fire from the Lord out of heaven; and he overthrew those cities, and all the Plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the Lord; and he looked down towards Sodom and Gomorrah and towards all the land of the Plain, and saw the smoke of the land going up like the smoke of a furnace.

So it was that, when God destroyed the cities of the Plain, God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in which Lot had settled.