

The Weekly Link



Sunday 22nd October

1115 Together for Communion

Sarah leads today's service,
as Cary continues our reflections
in the Seven Sacred Spaces season

Prayer for the Week

**God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit
wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live
the gospel of Christ and make us eager
to do your will, that we may share
with the hole creation
the joys of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.**

ABC Amen

This week we are
especially praying for
**the timid
the tired
the travelling
the troublemakers
the tenacious
the thankful
the thunderstruck**

Sunday 29th October

1030 Cluster Celebration

Join us at Christ Church at the slightly earlier
time as all three of our congregations come
together for Communion. Chris Boden will be
speaking and the service is lead by the
cluster ministry team

Exodus 18:13-23

The next day Moses sat as judge for the people, while the people stood around him from morning until evening. When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, 'What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, while all the people stand around you from morning until evening?'

Moses said to his father-in-law, 'Because the people come to me to inquire of God. When they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make known to them the statutes and instructions of God.'

Moses' father-in-law said to him, 'What you are doing is not good. You will surely wear yourself out, both you and these people with you. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone. Now listen to me. I will give you counsel, and God be with you! You should represent the people before God, and you should bring their cases before God; teach them the statutes and instructions and make known to them the way they are to go and the things they are to do.

'You should also look for able men among all the people, men who fear God, are trustworthy, and hate dishonest gain; set such men over them as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. Let them sit as judges for the people at all times; let them bring every important case to you, but decide every minor case themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. If you do this, and God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all these people will go to their home in peace.'

Philippians 2:1-8

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.

Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 13:3-5

Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

THIS WEEK'S INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray for the needs of our parish and the world, following the example of Christ's humility and service.

1. FOR HUMILITY AND SERVANT HEARTS

We pray for the gift of humility and servant hearts in our parish and in all the Church, that we may follow Christ's example in serving others.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

2. FOR THOSE IN LEADERSHIP

We pray for those in leadership positions, both in our parish and in the wider community. May they be guided by a spirit of selfless service and seek the well-being of all they serve.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

3. FOR THOSE IN NEED

We remember the poor, the marginalized, and those who suffer. Just as Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, may we reach out to those in need with acts of love and kindness.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

4. FOR HEALING AND RECONCILIATION

We pray for healing and reconciliation in our parish and the world, following Christ's example of forgiveness and unity. May we be agents of peace and understanding.

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CALENDAR UPDATE

5. FOR THE OPPRESSED AND PERSECUTED

We lift up those who are oppressed, persecuted, or experiencing injustice. May we be inspired by Christ's compassion and work for justice on their behalf.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

6. FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

We remember all who are sick or suffering in our parish and beyond. May we show them care and support, just as Christ cared for His disciples.

Lord hear us

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7. FOR THE YOUTH AND CHILDREN

We pray for the youth and children of our parish, that they may grow in the knowledge of Christ's love and learn the importance of serving others.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

8. FOR UNITY IN THE CHURCH

We pray for unity within the Church, that we may be one body in Christ, working together in harmony and love for the greater good.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

9. FOR MISSION AND OUTREACH

We ask for guidance in our mission and outreach efforts, that we may share the message of God's love through both our words and our actions.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

Monday 23rd October

10.30 Prayer Club

7pm Private hire in church

Mon-Fri from 2pm Sunflowers after school club

Tuesday 24th October

9.30 Sarah is meeting about children's ministry with partner churches

Wednesday 25th October

9.30 Mainly Music

10am Midweek Communion at St Barnabas

Thursday 26th October

SARAH IS OFF-DUTY TODAY

7pm Private hire in church

Friday 27th October

1.30 Year 7 service at St Barnabas

7pm Private hire in church

Saturday 28th October

Open Door Café at lunchtime

7pm The Big Quiz Night

Sunday 29th October

10.30 Cluster Celebration at Christ Church
(this is the only service in our parishes today)

2pm Sunflowers will be setting up for holiday club this afternoon

Monday to Friday

Sunflowers Holiday Club

no church activities on site

Wednesday 1st November

7pm Celebrating All Saints

Join us for a wonderful cluster celebration of the saints, personal and well-known, that have helped shape our faith. We are at the Barn at St Nicholas, and there will be fizz and canapes to share!

Friday 3rd November

12pm Funeral of Richard Chong at St Barnabas

Saturday 4th November

9am TEABAG working party morning
Open Door Café at lunchtime
2pm Church in use til late

Sunday 5th November

11.15 Together for All Souls
Sarah leads today's annual opportunity to remember with thanksgiving before God whose whom we love but see no longer

Mon-Fri from 2pm Sunflowers after school club

Monday 6th November

10.30 Prayer Club
12pm Friendship Group
7pm Diocesan Synod

Tuesday 7th November

2pm School Chaplaincy meeting
4pm St Barnabas Fabric Committee
7pm St Barnabas PCC meets in St Wulstans

Wednesday 8th November

9.30 Mainly Music
10am Midweek Communion at St Barnabas
12pm Cluster Ministers lunch at St Wulstans

Thursday 9th November

SARAH IS OFF-DUTY TODAY
7pm Private hire in church

Friday 10th November

7pm Private hire in church

Saturday 11th November

Open Door Café at lunchtime

Sunday 12th November

10am Sarah leads Remembrance at St Barnabas
10.45 Remembrance Service at St Wulstans
Beginning early outside for the 11am silence, today's commemoration is led by Rosie and Cary

Mon-Fri from 2pm Sunflowers after school club

Monday 13th November

10.30 Prayer Club

Tuesday 14th November

7pm Deanery Synod

Wednesday 8th November

9.30 Mainly Music
10am Midweek Fellowship at St Barnabas
12pm Deanery Chapter

Today's Sending Hymn

Show me the way of the cross once again
Denying myself for the love that I've gained
Everything's You now, everything's changed
It's time You had my whole life
You can have it all

Yes, I resolve to give it all
Some things must die
Some things must live
Not "what can I gain,"
But "what can I give"
If much is required
When much is received
Then You can have my whole life
Jesus have it all

I've given like a beggar
But lived like the rich
And crafted myself
A more comfortable cross
Yet what I am called to
Is deeper than this
It's time You had my whole life
You can have it all

Yes, I resolve to give it all
Some things ...