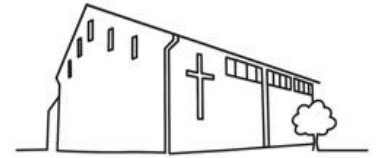


# THE WEEKLY LINK



St Wulstans Church

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

10am Together Communion — Rev Sarah at St Barnabas

11.15 Something Else Sunday — Rev Rosie at St Wulstans

*Mon 11 May 6.30 PCC Bring and Share Supper at St Wulstans*

*7.15 Rev Rosie chairs a joint PCC*

*Wed 13 May 10am Midweek Fellowship at St Barnabas*

*Thu 14 May 7pm Deanery Ascension Day service at All Saints*

*Sat 16 May 7pm The Big Quiz Night at St Wulstans*

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

10am Something Else Sunday — Chris & the SES team

11.15 Communion for the Ascension — Rev Sarah at St Wulstans

*Mon 18 May 7pm St Barnabas PCC meets*

*Tue 19 May Sarah is in school this morning*

*Tue 19 May 7pm Ministry team meets the Vicarage*

*Wed 20 May 10am Midweek Communion with Rev Sarah at St Barnabas*

*Fri 22 May 12.15 Easter ABIDE lunch at the Vicarage*

*Sat 23 May St Wulstans in use all day*

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May

10am Pentecost Sunday — Rev Nick & Rev Andy at St Barnabas

11.15 Pentecost Sunday — Rev Sarah at St Wulstans

**Acts 17:22-31** Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

**John 14:15-21** "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

### **Intercessions**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for his goodness.

God who made the world and everything in it, you are not far from each one of us. As Paul spoke in Athens, give your Church clarity of voice and humility of heart. Where we stand among people who do not share our story, make us attentive, truthful, and gentle. Draw near to all who search for meaning, and reveal yourself as the one in whom we live and move and have our being. Teach us to honour the earth you have made, and to recognise your life at work in all creation.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Christ Jesus, who promised not to leave your people orphaned, be present with all who feel abandoned, anxious, or unseen. Let your Spirit of truth be known among us — the Spirit who abides, who comforts,

who leads us into community. Shape the leaders of your Church according to the pattern Peter sets before us: willing, humble, and attentive to the people entrusted to them. Guard us from striving and self-importance. Strengthen those who wait for healing, those who carry grief, and those who cannot see a way forward. Sustain communities living with the strain of environmental damage, and all who work for the healing of the earth.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Spirit of truth, who leads your people into all truth, steady the nations in what is just and good. Give wisdom to those who hold authority in this and every land. Restrain what is destructive; strengthen what serves dignity and the common good. Guide all who make decisions affecting the earth and its creatures, that the world you have made may be tended with care.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Trinity of Love, in whom we live and move and have our being, hold in your mercy those who have died. You raised Jesus from the dead and made known your life-giving power to the world. As Christ promised, "I will not leave you orphaned," gather us with all your flock when the chief shepherd appears. Draw us into the shared community you give — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — a community that abides, a community held together in you, a community you are renewing in all creation.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**