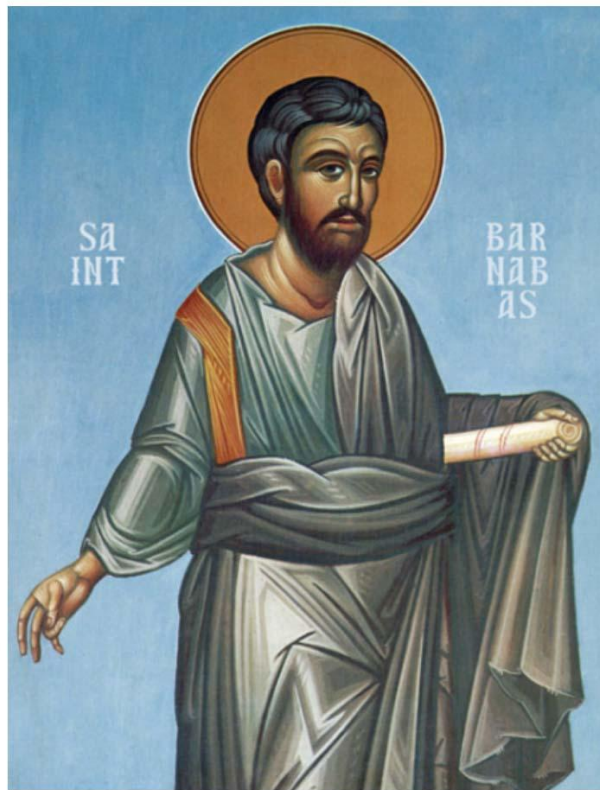




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St Barnabas

Family Service

14th June 2026

Welcome to this service. Please join in with the words in **bold** that we are invited to say together. When words are in ***bold italic*** they are sung together.

If you have children with you and they get restless during the service please don't worry, we won't. We do have a children's corner you are welcome to use if you'd find that helpful.

Call to Worship

Please remain seated

One: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Many: Amen.

Welcome and introduction

Please remain seated as we listen.

At the end of the introduction we stand as able to sing these words of peace over each other three times;

**Many: God welcomes all,
stranger and friend
God's love is strong
and it never ends.**

One: The peace of the Lord be always with you

Many: and also with you.

Opening hymn: He came down that we may have love

We remain standing as able to sing.

He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love,
Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace,
Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy,
Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have hope;
He came down that we may have hope;
He came down that we may have hope,
Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have life;
He came down that we may have life;
He came down that we may have life,
Hallelujah forevermore.

Words: anon, from Cameroon

Introduction to St Barnabas

We sit as we listen to learn more about who Barnabas was.

Reading: Acts 11:19-26 (The Message)

We remain seated to listen to the reading

Those who had been scattered by the persecution triggered by Stephen's death traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, but they were still only speaking and dealing with their fellow Jews. Then some of the men from Cyprus and Cyrene who had come to Antioch started talking to Greeks, giving them the Message of the Master Jesus. God was pleased with what they were doing and put his stamp of approval on it—quite a number of the Greeks believed and turned to the Master. When the church in Jerusalem got wind of this, they sent Barnabas to Antioch to check on things. As soon as he arrived, he saw that God was behind and in it all. He threw himself in with them, got behind them, urging them to stay with it the rest of their lives. He was a good man that way, enthusiastic and confident in the Holy Spirit's ways. The community grew large and strong in the Master. Then Barnabas went on to Tarsus to look for Saul. He found him and brought him back to Antioch. They were there a whole year, meeting with the church and teaching a lot of people. It was in Antioch that the disciples were for the first time called Christians.

One: This is the word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God.

Reflections on Barnabas

We sit and listen to a series of short reflections. At the end of each one we pause for a few moments of personal quiet reflection, and then we stay seated to sing:

***All good gifts around us
are sent from heav'n above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
for all His love.***

You may also like to write in this space after each reflection;

Reflection one: What are my gifts/skills?

Reflection two: Who could I learn from?

Reflection: Where can I actively reconcile?

Saying Sorry

One: Coming before God with honesty that we have not always got it right we say together;

Many: Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call.

Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.

Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

The president assures us of God's forgiveness using these words;

One: May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen

Offertory Hymn: Lord of all Hopefulness

We stand as able to sing number 507 in Common Praise. During the hymn a collection for the mission and ministry of the church will be taken. You can also give through the contactless device on exit.

Prayers

We sit or kneel as we are led in prayer by Diane. At the end of each bidding;

One: Lord, in your mercy

Many: Hear our prayer

At the end:

The Lord's prayer

One: As our Saviour taught us so we pray, in whatever form or language comes most naturally;

**Our Father
in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today
our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory
are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

**Our Father,
Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day
our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation.
But deliver us from evil.
For thine
is the kingdom,
the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen**

Notices

We remain seated as we listen to any family news and notices.

How to encourage

We remain seated as we think together of how we might be encouragers this week.

Affirming our commitment

We stand as able to commit to encouragement

One: Will you take the time to notice God's gifts in each other, celebrate and affirm them?

Many: Yes! With the help of God we will!

One: Will you take the time to get to know each other, to hear each other's stories and to learn from members of God's family who are different to you?

Many: Yes! With the help of God we will!

One: Will you take the risk of giving other second chances, resisting suspicion and actively seek to reconcile past hurts?

Many: Yes! With the help of God we will!

Final Hymn: Now send us out to serve you Lord

We remain standing as able for the final hymn

Now send us out to serve you, Lord,
and show the love of heaven above,
We gladly go to serve you, Lord,
on this and every morning.

Now send us out to serve you, Lord,
Your peace to grow on earth below,
We gladly go to serve you, Lord,
on this and every morning.

Now send us out to serve you, Lord,
to share your grace in every place,
We gladly go to serve you, Lord,
on this and every morning.

Now send us out to serve you, Lord,
In all we say and think today
We gladly go to serve you, Lord,
on this and every morning.

Now send us out to serve you, Lord,
to live for you in all we do,
We gladly go to serve you, Lord,
on this and every morning.

Words by Ally Barrett

Blessing

We remain standing as we receive this final blessing:

One: May the rising Sun inspire us.
 May the inner sun light the way.
 At this crowning of the year
 May we be blessed,
 May we be radiant,
 May we be fully alive In the burning heart of God.
 And the blessing...

Many: Amen

Steven Shakespeare 2019

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Triune God;

Many: Thanks be to God.

Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits are served at the back of church after the service. Do stay if you can.

NEWS AND NOTICES

UPCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 17th June 10am: Holy Communion
Friday 19th June 10am: Breathing Space
Sunday 21st June 10:30am: Holy Communion
Wednesday 24th June 10am: Holy Communion
Sunday 28th June 10:30am: Holy Communion

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

This week's sanctuary flowers are the gift of Mrs V Stokes.

CHURCH CLEAN – SATURDAY 11TH JULY 10-1PM

All are welcome to come and help give the church a well needed clean. Cleaning products and refreshments will be provided. You don't have to stay the whole time, even an hour would be helpful. See Julie Batham for more information.

KNITTING NEEDLES AT THE READY!

Thank you to the generous support of those who thoughtfully knit for our seafarers, who continue to need our support more than ever on our seas, particularly those in the Strait of Hormuz.

The Mission to Seafarers have asked for hats again this year, which are particularly welcome.

We will be collecting knitting over the next few weeks to send off to our seafarers.

Thank you, The Gibbens Family

AN INVITATION TO A BREATHING SPACE

All are invited to our monthly gathering for silent contemplative

prayer. As one participant says it is *“An opportunity for shared prayerful silence amidst our noisy world”*. And if you’re unsure, or you’d like to just come and try it then *“The thought of sitting in silence with others might feel scary, but rest assured: introduction and instructions are given”*. *“45 prayerful minutes contemplating a suggested religious text, in silence, with others. What a lovely start to a Friday morning”*.

We will next gather in the vestry on 19th June at 10am - 10.45am. Please access the vestry through the back door of the church in the car park. You don’t have to come every time. Come when you can. If you want to know more please speak to Fran.

JUNE ECO TIPS

This month, A Rocha suggests we take part in citizen science or a local nature event. Citizen science is a way for ordinary people to get involved in scientific research or data collection. There are many projects to choose from and it’s easy to make a contribution. Here are some projects that you could help with:

- Spend ten minutes counting pollinators: ukpoms.org.uk
- Do a Bee Walk: beewalk.org.uk
- Join us for our events during Great Big Green Week (6-14 June) , see below and see what else is happening at: greatbiggreenweek.com

CONSERVATOIRE CONCERTS

The summer is a very busy time for Concerts. We have the 3 Shires Festival in June and July, as well as Conservatoire Concerts.

Conservatoire Concerts will be on:

Friday 10th July 13.00. Rumei Huang – pianist & Diane Ludwig –

violinist

Saturday 25th July. Oliver Matthews - pianist

Light refreshments are available after each concert, and there is usually an opportunity to talk with the performer(s). The concerts are free, but donations to cover costs and for church funds are welcome.

Why not come along and join us, and please spread the information to anyone else who may be interested? More details are available from sthildasconcerts@gmail.com Angela, Terry and Marian.

WOMEN'S THEOLOGY

Mother Diane our curate and Mother Charlotte Gibson, who works for the diocese of Birmingham, run a Women's Theology Group fortnightly during term times. We meet on Thursday evening at St George's vicarage Edgbaston and on Friday morning at a cafe on Harborne High St. It's open to anyone who identifies as a woman and is 18 years of age and over. It's ecumenical, which means people come from a variety of churches in the local area. No preparation is necessary and it's suitable for all levels of knowledge and ability. Each week is a separate session so you can come as and when you like. We look at women's stories in the Bible and see how God shows the good news of themselves to the women and ourselves. If anyone is interested in coming along, speak to Mother Diane and she can give you more details. The next dates are: 25th and 26th June, 9th and 10th July.

Ordination of Priests – Saturday 20th June 10:30am, Birmingham Cathedral, and Bring and share lunch

Our curate Mother Diane Reeves will, God-willing, be ordained Priest at this service. This is a ticketed event and we have very few available due to the large number of ordinands and the size of our cathedral. Diane has a few tickets available so do ask her if you

would like to attend.

Everyone is invited to a bring and share lunch to celebrate with Diane in our church hall afterwards from 1:00pm. If you can help with some of practicalities of this celebration please let Jenni know.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:

POST SERVICE REFRESHMENT SERVERS

Help is required to serve tea, coffee, squash and biscuits after the Sunday morning service. Volunteers are put on a rota and on duty no more than once a month. Full training will be given. As with all church roles Basic Awareness Safeguarding training will be need to be completed before starting.

Please see Sue Eaton or ask the person serving you today to find out more.

DUTY WARDENS

Duty Wardens are responsible for getting the church ready on Sundays, including setting up the altar for Holy Communion, lighting candles, managing the collection, and clearing up at the end of the service. Most duty wardens serve once a month. Full training will be given. As with all church roles Basic Awareness Safeguarding training will be need to be completed before starting.

Please see Church Wardens Ian or Julie to find out more.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVER(S) NEEDED

We are seeking a new member (or perhaps members!) to join our team of Holy Communion servers. This role includes assisting with the preparation of the altar, helping with the distribution of Holy Communion and clearing at the end of the service. Due to the nature of our building Servers need to be able to use stairs. Full training will be given, including Basic Awareness

Safeguarding which is imperative for any volunteer role in the church. Please speak to Jenni or Ian if this interests you.

Tidying the garden at the front of the church

From 11th April, weather permitting, the monthly Saturday morning sessions to tidy the church front garden will resume. These will be on the first Saturday of each month, between 10.00 am - 12.00 noon. If you are free, your help would be appreciated at any time during those mornings. Experienced and inexperienced gardeners are all welcome. The 2026 dates will be: 4th July, 1st August, 5th September, and 3rd October. If you have any queries, please speak to Rob Eaton or Anne Harris. As with all volunteering roles volunteers will be required to complete Basic Awareness Safeguarding training prior to starting.

This week please pray for;

- Diane as she is ordained priest at Birmingham Cathedral on Saturday.
- PCC as it meets on Thursday.
- For our church finances as we continue to run on a significant deficit.



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Friday 12 June	1pm - Conservatoire Concert – in the Church. Join our soloist Zoe Tan who will perform on the Piano. Donations.
Saturday 20 June	7:30pm – Keys & Curiosities – in the Church. An evening of varied piano music and spoken word. Donations.
Thursday 25 June	7:30pm - Soundbath – in the Church Hall. A meditative experience with the sounds of Himalayan bowls, gongs, and crystal bowls. £20 - please book in advance.
Friday 26 June	7:30pm – Juniper Folk – in the Church. An eclectic 6-piece band bring their interpretations of folk both classic and contemporary. £10 adults, £5 kids/students.
Saturday 27 June	7:30pm - Midland Chamber Orchestra – in the Church. Birmingham's leading amateur chamber orchestra perform their summer programme. Donations.
Saturday 4 July	7:30pm - Quinton Community Choir – in the Church. A top choir celebrate their 20 th Anniversary with their spectacular summer concert. Tickets £10/£8.
Sunday 5 July	6:30pm – Taizé service – in the Church. An invitation to worship through meditative singing, contemplative prayer, and silence.
Saturday/ Sunday 4/5 July	Photograph Exhibition – in the Church. Come a little earlier to events on the 4 th & 5 th July to browse an exhibition of thought-provoking photographs taken by members of the church.
Friday 10 July	1pm - Conservatoire Concert – in the Church. Join us for a concert of duets by Ruimei Huang, John Lee (both Piano) and Diane Ludwig (Violin). Donations.
Sunday 12 July	10:30am – Sea Sunday Outdoor Service – in the Church. Creative church service in honour of the Mission to Seafarers. Donations.

For information and ticket details, visit...

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