

July 2018

St Barnabas News

Dear Friends

When Teresa and I were working and holidaying in Switzerland in June I posted a comment on St.Bs Facebook page to say that our first service in Wengen was attended by only 9 people and I hope there was more at St.Bs. When we got back home I was shocked to discover that there weren't too many more worshipping at St.Bs that morning, only 68! That means that there were 62 members of St.Barnabas who were not at that service. I was staggered by that revelation and although two of those people missing were Teresa and myself, I don't think that everyone was on holiday!

In response to my post someone commented that 'It's not the quantity that matters it's the quality, you can be in church with just 2 people in a field and God hears you'. In one sense that's true but the point that I want to make is that numbers do count to God.

Ever read the stories of the lost coin, the lost sheep, and the lost son?

Jesus made it very clear that God is interested in people and the number that respond to the Gospel message.

J.John the evangelist once said **'We count people because people count'**.

Even if 130 people had been present at St.Bs to hear Derek Dayman share his heart and soul in his sermon, there were still 1000s of people in Bearwood who did not feel any desire to join with us as we worship the Living God.

Can I just remind us all again that no matter how many turn up, the coffee is still brewed, the chairs are still put out, the preachers still spend hours studying scripture and praying for insights, the worship leaders still seriously and prayerfully consider what songs to sing. The Kids church, Lion cubs and Xcite leaders still prepare their lessons. And I know that all those who do that would like the majority of St.Bs members and their children to be there.

So numbers do count for all kinds of reasons.

The old children's TV message MIMO (Miss it, miss out) is true in regard to our services. If you are not there then you will miss out.

In His Grip
Geoff
Vicar

Mission

Please pray for the following mission work that St Barnabas is financially supporting.

The Message Trust

Mission India

Simon and Sue Morgan - Mission Direct & Mission 4 Water in Uganda

Annual Leave

Please note that the office will be closed for
On Monday 2nd July and will re-open on
Monday 16th July



Dates for your diary

The Well Luncheon Club are meeting on Thursday 5th July at 12.30pm

The Men's Fellowship are meeting on Monday 9th July at 8pm

(Please see Geoff or Matt for further information)

The Ladies Lunchtime Fellowship are meeting Monday 16th June at 12pm

(Please see Lynn or Teresa for further information)

The Men's Bible Study Group are meeting on Monday 16th June at 8pm

This term they are looking at the book of James.

(Please see Robin for further information)

The Ladies Evening Fellowship are meeting on Friday 20th July at 7pm

(Please see Jenny Smith for more information)



Summer Party for All Ages

An evening of talent and entertainment
for the whole church family

July 7th from 5.30pm

If you have a talent then come and share it.

Bring and share food



Summer party and entertainment is going ahead.

Thanks for letting me know that you are coming.

This does not mean that those who didn't let me know cannot come.

We want as many folk to join us as possible.

Please bring savoury foods and drinks along and the church will provide desserts.

What's on in July 2018



St Barnabas
BEARWOOD

AN EPISCOPAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Canford Prayer Arena 9am - 12pm each Sunday | Office closed for | Annual leave | From Monday | 2nd July | Office re-opens | Monday 16th |
| 1 Joint Service in Canford Arena 10.30 - 2.30pm | 2 Prayer meeting 7pm | 3 Dancercise - CC 6.30pm | 4 <i>Office closed</i> Dancercise - CC 9.15am Barney's Bugs 9.30 - 10.30 Fabulous Feet 10.30- 11.30am Ladies Bible Study 10am Home Groups 7.30pm | 5 Dancercise - CC 9am Ladies Bible Study Group 10am - 12pm The Well 12.30pm | 6 | 7 Family Evening and Talent Show 5pm |
| 8 Holy Communion 10.30 | 9 Prayer meeting 7pm Men's Fellowship 8pm | 10 Dancercise - CC 6.30pm | 11 <i>Office closed</i> Dancercise - CC 9.15am Barney's Bugs 9.30 - 10.30 Fabulous Feet 10.30- 11.30am Ladies Bible Study 10am Home Groups 7.30pm | 12 Dancercise - CC 9am Ladies Bible Study Group 10am - 12pm | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Prayer, Praise & Preach 10.30 | 16 Prayer Walking 7pm Ladies Lunchtime Fellowship 12pm - 2pm Men's Bible Study 8pm | 17 Dancercise - CC 6.30pm | 18 <i>Office closed</i> Dancercise - CC 9.15am Ladies Bible Study 10am Home Groups 7.30pm | 19 Dancercise - CC 9am Ladies Bible Study Group 10am - 12pm | 20 Ladies Evening Fellowship - 7pm | 21 The wedding of Jane's Fraser and Tim Cole 2pm |
| 22 Communion Service 10.30 | 23 Prayer meeting 7pm | 24 | 25 <i>Office closed</i> Dancercise - CC 9.15am | 26 Dancercise - CC 9am | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Prayer, Praise & Preach 10.30 | 30 | 31 | 1 August | 2 The Well 12.30pm | 3 | 4 |

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Vision Statement

Jesus is calling us to build a church that is rooted in the Bible.

Where people encounter the transforming power of God;

in the worship, in the teaching, and in the values and lifestyles of its members.

Services Across the Parish

Parish Church

Breakfast @ 9 in the CMC
Morning Celebration / Communion
at 10.30am

8.30am BCP HC Service on the 1st Sunday

The Lantern Church

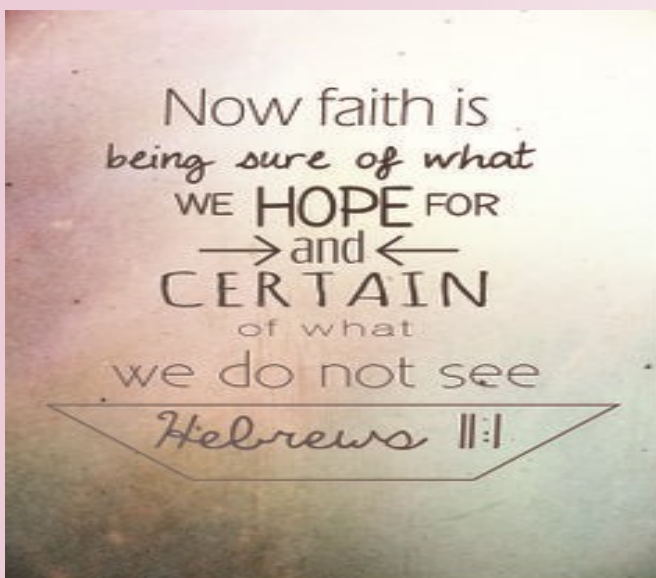
Morning Worship / Communion
at 9.15am & 11am

Wednesday Morning Communion

at 10.30am
in the Lantern Hub

| All | Services | are at 10.30am |
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| | | Questions Jesus asked |
| July 1st | 10.30 - 2.30pm | Joint Service in Canford School Arena |
| 8th | HC | The ten lepers. Were not all ten cleansed? Luke 17 11 -19 |
| 15th | PPP | What do you want? John 1 v 29 - 42 |
| 22nd | HC | Do you believe this? John 11 17 - 27 |
| 29th | PPP | Peter do you love me? John 21 15-23 |

Memory Verse



We meet in the church every Monday to pray for the community and our fellowship from 7pm - 7.45pm



Your prayers are asked for:

Michael Poole
Peggy's daughter-in-law Helen
David Leigh Walter Meyer
Heidi's mother Renate