

April 2019

# St Barnabas News

**Dear Friends**

**What's so amazing about Easter?**

Well in today's culture most people would say, not a lot! A two-week holiday for the kids? The first bank holiday of the year?

What if I were to say though that Easter remembers the most significant time in human history, what would you say to that? It does not carry the weight of Christmas expectations, we only get a few Easter eggs, but it reminds us of what mankind's greatest need is and always has been. We need a Saviour!

I love listening to Johnny Walkers 'Sounds of the Seventies' on a Sunday afternoon. It reminds me of some of the great songs that were written and recorded in those days. It's a bit of a nostalgia trip but we old men don't mind making that kind of trip. (Not that I am linking any other kind of associated trip with that era. Honest!)

A song which many people will have heard, even if you weren't a card carrying hippy is '**Spirit in the sky**' It was a Number 1 written by Norman Greenbaum at the beginning of the 70s, and it had these words. '**Never been a sinner, never sinned, I've got a friend in Jesus**'. Great melody but rubbish lyrics! And terrible theology. Why do I say that? Because The only reason for Easter is that '**I am a sinner, I have sinned and I am always getting it wrong**', which is the whole point. And the crucial part of all this is that I need to acknowledge that. If we were not sinners and had never sinned then there would have been no point in needing a Saviour, and there would have been no point to Easter.

The pivotal point to Easter is that Jesus died in our place, so that we wouldn't have to. He **will** be our friend, but first of all we have to acknowledge our **need** for him to be our **Saviour**. And when we have done that he can be our friend.

**Happy Easter**

Geoff



## 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**

And our new link with  
**Mission Aviation Fellowship**

## Ladies Day of Prayer and Bible Study

All praying ladies welcome to a  
Ladies Prayer and Bible study day

Saturday April 13th

10am - 4pm at St Barnabas Church

A women's day of corporate prayer and seeking  
the Lord for our nation.

Please see Rebecca Dorey for more details:  
07518765199/ 01202580577

## Dates for your diary

**The Forge** are meeting on Monday 1st April at 8pm

(Please see Geoff or Matt for further information)

**The Craft Group** are meeting on Wednesday 10th April from 11am - 1pm

(Please see Janet for more information)

**The Well Luncheon Club** are meeting on Thursday 11th April at 12.30pm

**The Ladies Lunchtime Fellowship** are meeting on Monday 15th April from 12pm

(Please see Teresa or Lynn for further information)

**The Men's Bible Study Group** are meeting Monday 15th April at 8pm

(Please see Ron for further information)



## ST. BARNABAS WEEKEND SPECIAL

With: 'Dogs without Collars' & 'Mission Aviation Fellowship'

**'Dogs without Collars' are back, ready to Rock & Roll.**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm

Bring your own drinks

Tickets £6.00 with all monies going to MAF

Book tickets from St. Barnabas church office 01202 579562 open 9 - 1pm

Have a go flying a plane on a flight simulator.  
Teas, coffees, cakes will be available in the church entrance.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 11am till 3pm. Open to the general public  
Celebrating Mission Aviation Fellowship.

A Real Cessna aeroplane will be parked in St. B's Car park!



# What's on in April 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <b>Office closed for Staff meeting 9 - 10.45am</b> Prayer meeting 7pm The Forge 8pm	<b>2</b> Intercessory Prayer 10am - 12pm Dancercise - CC 6.30pm	<b>3</b> Dancercise - CC 9.15am Barney's Bugs 9.30 - 10.30 Fabulous Feet 10.30 - 11.30 Ladies Bible Study 10am Home Groups 7.30pm	<b>4</b> Dancercise - CC 9am Ladies Bible Study 10am	<b>5</b> Bearwood Primary School Assembly	<b>6</b> Litter Pick 9.30am - 10.30am
<b>7</b> Prayer, Praise & Preach 10.30	<b>8</b> Prayer meeting 7pm APCM in the CMC 7.30pm	<b>9</b> Dancercise - CC 6.30pm	<b>10</b> <i>Office closed</i> Craft Group 11am - 1pm	<b>11</b> The Well Luncheon Club 12.30pm - 2pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Ladies Prayer Bible Study Day 10am - 4pm
<b>14</b> Communion Service 10.30 PALM SUNDAY	<b>15</b> Prayer meeting 7pm Ladies Lunchtime Fellowship 12pm - 2pm Prayer meeting 7pm The Forge 8pm	<b>16</b> Dancercise - CC 6.30pm	<b>17</b> <i>Office closed</i>	<b>18</b> Dancercise - CC 9am	<b>19</b> <i>Office closed</i> Good Friday Service 10.30am	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Communion Service 10.30 EASTER SUNDAY	<b>22</b> <i>Office closed for Bank Holiday</i>	<b>23</b> Dancercise - CC 6.30pm	<b>24</b> <i>Office closed</i> Dancercise - CC 9.15am Barney's Bugs 9.30 - 10.30 Fabulous Feet 10.30 - 11.30 Ladies Bible Study 10am Home Groups 7.30pm	<b>25</b> Dancercise - CC 9am Ladies Bible Study 10am	<b>26</b> DWC Concert 7.30pm	<b>27</b> MAF Open Day 11am - 3pm
<b>28</b> Prayer, Praise & Preach 10.30 U2N at 6.30pm	<b>29</b> Prayer meeting 7pm	<b>30</b> Intercessory Prayer 10am - 12pm Dancercise - CC 6.30pm	<b>1</b> <i>Office closed</i> Dancercise - CC 9.15am Barney's Bugs 9.30 - 10.30 Fabulous Feet 10.30 - 11.30 Ladies Bible Study 10am Home Groups 7.30pm	<b>2</b> Dancercise - CC 9am Ladies Bible Study 10am	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

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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

### Memory Verse

Do you not know?  
 Have you not heard?  
 The Lord is the  
 everlasting God, the  
 Creator of the ends of  
 the earth. He will not  
 grow tired or weary,  
 and his understanding  
 no one can fathom.  
**Isaiah 40:28**



All	Service Type	are at 10.30am
		<b>EXODUS</b>
<b>APRIL 7th</b>	PPP	<b>Show me Your Glory</b> Exodus 33 34
<b>14th Palm Sunday</b>	HC	<b>Derek Dayman Preaching</b>
<b>19th</b>		<b>Good Friday Reflections</b>
<b>21st</b>	HC	<b>Easter Sunday Celebration Service</b>
<b>28th</b>	PPP	<b>MAF Weekend with Kevin Crook</b>

**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  
 Steve Fraser  
 Brenda Hammond's daughter Julie