

**St Barnabas Church
Emmer Green
Easter Day Service
& Weekly News
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The Light of Easter Day

Welcome! Our service begins with the traditional lighting of the Easter Paschal Candle. Please join us in the Parish Centre after the service for refreshments and make some time to get to know each other.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. **Alleluia!**

The minister places the nails in the Paschal Candle, saying these words:

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end,
the Alpha and the Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;
to him be glory and power, through every age and forever. Amen.

By his holy and glorious wounds
may Christ our Lord guard and keep us. **Amen.**

The Paschal Candle is lit and these words are said:

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The Paschal Candle is processed into the church while this hymn is sung:

AMNS 77 Jesus Christ is risen today

The Paschal Candle is placed on a stand in the midst of the church.
At the end of the hymn the service continues in the yellow books.

The Good News of Easter Day

Confession & Absolution

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Blessing of the Easter Garden

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ revealed himself to be the Life of the world on this day, bless this garden which human hands have prepared, that it may be a sign of hope and a witness to the Good News of Easter; in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Collect for Easter Day

Gospel Reading for Easter Day: Matthew 28:1-10

(NT p32)

Talk: _ _ _ _ _ Easter

MP 30 Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Jesus died and rose again at the time of the Passover festival in order to fulfil its meaning: a crossing over. The ancient Jews crossed over from a life of slavery to the land of promise; Jesus crossed over from death to life. We cross over from the slavery and death of sin to the freedom and life of Christ.

That is the meaning of our baptism. Let us who are baptised make an act of unity with the crucified and risen Christ, so that this becomes the pattern of our lives. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?
I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptized in your name. We pray that you may keep us all faithful to our baptism; making us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The Fellowship of Easter Day

The Peace

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MP 572 Rejoice, rejoice, Christ is in you

The Communion

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MP 545 Open our eyes Lord

MP 708 To God be the Glory

During communion the choir will also sing the anthem, 'Hosanna'.

AMNS 428 Thine be the Glory

**Readings for next Sunday – 2nd Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27-32 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31**

Please e-mail any notices to vicar@saintbarnabas.org.uk
by midday on a Wednesday or contact Derek by that time.

ST BARNABAS SUNDAY SERVICES & EVENTS

Said Communion BCP (each Sunday) 8.00am

COGS (1st Sunday of month) 9.30am for all ages

Parish Communion (2nd & 4th Sundays) 9.30am

Service of the Word (3rd Sunday of month) 9.30am

The 3rd Space (Last Sunday) 2.00pm for families

Benefice Service (5th Sunday of month) 10.30am

ST BARNABAS WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning Prayer each Tuesday 8.00am

Said Communion each Wednesday 10.00am

CHILDREN'S CHURCH most Sundays 9.30am

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

Standing Committee meeting Tue 23rd Apr 7.45pm in the Parish Centre.

ST BARNABAS PCC MEETING

PCC meeting in the Parish Centre on Tue 30th Apr at 7.45pm.

GARDENING GROUP

Join two experienced gardeners to learn hints and tips and to help with the gardening at St. Barnabas Church on **Fri 3rd May 10am-12 noon**. Just turn up!

HOUSEHOLD & HANDYMAN SALE

On **Sat 4th May from 10am**. Donations can be made on Fri 3rd May from 12.30pm when help is also needed to set up. More details: Wendy Future Fund Raising dates:

Sat 20th July - Summer Garden Party

Sat 30th Nov - Christmas Fair.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12th MAY

Numbers of people collecting door to door and the number of people donating has dropped. Why? Possibly because of TV events such as Red Nose Day but also because a lot of people do not carry cash. I empathise with any of you that have tried door collecting and suggest an alternative idea: **THE FIVE ENVELOPE CHALLENGE**. Take five envelopes and ask anyone you know to take one. Sign-up sheets at the back of church. More information: Wendy Howell.

ST BARNABAS PARISH CENTRE ACTIVITIES,

Busybees is songs, Bible stories, and crafts for babies, toddlers, and those who look after them, Mondays during term 2-3pm in the Parish Centre.

Bible Study Group alternate Mondays 8pm. Contact: Sandra Rice

Tea & Coffee Drop In every Tue & Thu 8.30 – 11am.

Craft Group every Tuesday 9.30am–11am.

Bible Study Group every Wednesday 8pm. Contact: David Howell Tel: 07976610833 email: dhowell194@gmail.com

Monthly Evening Prayer Circle 1st Wednesday of the month 8pm-9pm. Contact: David Howell Tel: 07976610833 email: dhowell194@gmail.com

Living with Loss bereavement support on 1st Friday of each month 2.00-3.30pm. Contact: Gillian Wilson 9478772.

Tea and Company fellowship for older people on 2nd Friday of each month 2.00-3.30pm.

Lunch & Company for older people on the last Friday of each month 12.45 for 1pm. Contact: Mary Cameron or Juliet Holland.

Church Hall activities listed in the Parish Centre

TABLE TENNIS

Table tennis (usually 1st Sun in month) in the Church Hall, from 2.30pm to 4pm. All welcome.

ST BARNABAS FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Meet monthly in people's homes for fellowship and faith-based topical discussion. Contacts:

STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUP

Usually meets 4th Thursday of each month 7.30pm. Email: Mark Burton

BREAKFAST & LUNCH GROUPS

Ladies who Lunch More info: Wendy Howell

Men's Breakfast Club meets Wednesday mornings monthly at 8.15am. Next meeting 1st May at The Bite Café, Emmer Green. Book a place with David Howell Tel: 07976610833 or email: dhowell194@gmail.com

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Contact Susie Downer if you, or someone you know, would like to be prayed for

CAVERSHAM PARK CHURCH

Caversham Park Church Open Coffee Mornings at The Milestone Community Centre 10am-12 noon. 4th Tuesday of each month.



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