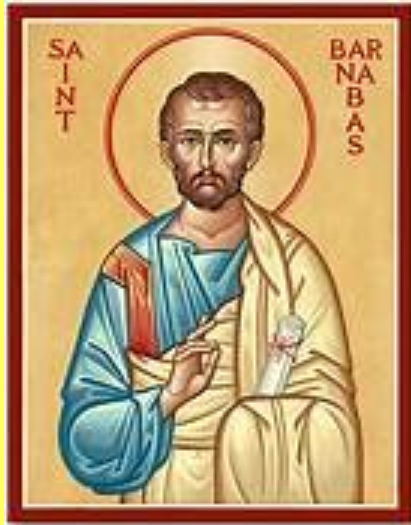


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PRAY & PRAISE THEE WITHOUT CEASING ...



The winds of Pentecost blow through June and I think of this as the (almost) summer breezes blow across the garden. The days are warmer, although some consistency in the weather would be good. As the longest day approaches on 21st. "*Ne'er cast a clout 'til May be out*", might need amendment.

For those interested in the church's calendar, the 4th June is Trinity Sunday when we honour that mystery which is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Then we enter something called "Ordinary Time", which lasts until Advent. This really just means that we aren't either celebrating or preparing for Easter or Christmas. The altar dressings and vestments are Green during this time except for feast days,

which may be Red or Gold. June includes Corpus Christi (8th June), the birth of John the Baptist (24th June) and Saints Peter and Paul (29th June).

But the next "Red" day for us is the feast of St Barnabas, which we celebrate on Sunday 11th June. The story of Barnabas appears in Acts, when he goes to the church at Antioch and we are told;

"When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts." (Acts 11:23)

After Pentecost we hear of the disciples travelling to spread the good news of the gospel, which is also a time for us to think

about mission and discipleship, and about who and what we pray for. In church, St Barnabas looks out at us from the window to the left of the high altar, in his green and purple robes, and when I pray intercessions, I ask for his encouragement. We have just had our APCM; an opportunity to review last year and consider what we do next. We should acknowledge and celebrate what we have, praising God, just as Barnabas did for that early church at Antioch. It's also important that what we do is underpinned by prayer for guidance and action.

During the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost, some of you may have been praying the Novena, where we name five people who we hope will come to know the love of God, and pray for them each day. As we think about our mission to "Prioritise, Capitalise and Revitalise" at St Barnabas and Christ Church, you might consider continuing to pray for those people. Our prayer chain still meets monthly and we often discuss how much there is to pray for. If we're not careful it can become overwhelming with everything that goes on in the world, but what is important is that we do pray, always remembering to praise God. Here is a sneak preview of the collect for St Barnabas' day, which could be useful at any time.

*Bountiful God, giver of all gifts,
who poured your Spirit upon
your servant Barnabas
and gave him grace to
encourage others:
help us, by his example,
to be generous in our
judgements and unselfish
in our service;
through Jesus Christ your
Son our Lord, who is alive and
reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.*

My title comes from the second verse of, "Love divine, all loves excelling; pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love". So, as the spirit of Pentecost breathes new hope into our hearts; as we approach summer, the longest day and the prospect of holidays, let us praise God, be thankful for all we have and keep in our prayers those who have yet to know his grace and love.

Julie Berrow

LICENSING SERVICE

A formal licencing service with Revd Sarah licensed as vicar for St Wulstans, St Barnabas and Christ Church and Revd Rosie licensed as associate priest for all our churches will be held on Monday 10th July, time to be confirmed.



ST BARNABAS DAY

To celebrate St Barnabas Day on Sunday 11th June we will be serving coffee & cakes! Why not stay on after the 10am service?

ARTS & CRAFT EXHIBITION

We are organising an Arts & Craft Exhibition in St Barnabas Church over the weekend of Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th September. *If you have any items you would like to put on display, please speak to Mary James for more information.*

TRINITY SUNDAY

Sunday 4th June is Trinity Sunday and is a *Something else Sunday* at Christ Church. The guest speaker is Revd. Duncan Hutchison, Diocesan Education Adviser. *No St Barnabas service*

A MIDSUMMER WALK

Come and find the light and the shadows on:

*Tuesday 20th June
6pm*

Meet at Perdisswell Sports Centre entrance for a 45 minute walk.

Sue Martyr

ROBIN SYKES HALL

The Robin Sykes Hall is now officially open

A ceremony took place to rename the main hall at the Tolly Centre in memory of Robin Sykes.

Sue Sykes cut the ribbon in front of Worcester Community staff, volunteers and trustees, councillors and other members of the community who had the pleasure of working and knowing Robin.

Two WCT volunteers and two St Pauls members of staff were also given a Robin Sykes Award for their dedication and compassion to volunteering for our charities.

A really nice way to remember Robin, and I'm sure he is having a good chuckle.

Sue Martyr





JUDITH FORD

When I first came to St Barnabas I was struck by the sense of place and continuity which came from the fact that many of the congregation had been born in the area and had been part of St Barnabas all their lives, as had generations before them, Judy was one such person, rooted and grounded in St Barnabas.

She was a regular Church member and often read the lesson, particularly at Evensong, but it was after her retirement that she felt able to fully immerse herself in Church activities. She helped with Messy Church and Open the Book. She went into school to listen to the children read, she led "Seven UP ". She joined Lent and Advent study groups .

Sadly, she was diagnosed with breast cancer and had to pause

all her involvement briefly while she stoically underwent treatment. As she recovered, she picked up the reins of all that she was doing before and she and Chris became the Church Eco-reps, working hard to achieve first the Bronze Eco-Church award and then the Silver award. When the need arose, she and Chris stepped into the very demanding role of Church Treasurer.

Again, tragedy struck when she found that the cancer had spread, this time to her bones, making her favourite pastimes of ballroom dancing and walking difficult. Again, she adapted to the new treatment regime without fuss and joined in with as many activities as she was able to. Then Covid struck and as she was immune-suppressed, this meant isolation for her and Chris. Again she quickly

adapted and joined in with as much as she could online, including Open the Book on "Teams".

She and Chris bought a Camper Van so that as restrictions lifted they could drive to a local beauty spot and go for walks and enjoy the natural world while remaining self-sufficient.

Gradually, Judy felt able to return to Church in person and she started and completed the course to become an ALM in Evangelism.

In September 2022, conditions had improved enough for her to feel able to return to Open the Book in person and to join the Eco-group at St Barnabas School. Again, as the need arose, she stepped in and took on the role of PCC secretary.

In the Spring of this year, her illness finally caught up with her. I miss her personally for all her support and encouragement and for her bringing order out of my chaotic approach to things. Her hard work, quiet positivity, faithful witness and service are missed by us all. Our hearts and prayers go out to Chris who supported her in so much that she did.

May she rest in peace.
Sue Sykes

A VERY IRREVEREND EVENING WITH THE DEAN

13 June 6.30-8.30pm

An opportunity to hear the Dean's tales before his final farewell on 10th September; join us for a wonderful evening of entertainment at this unique fundraiser in the nave of Worcester Cathedral, to celebrate Peter Atkinson's service to the Cathedral and community of Worcester over the last 16 years.



Refreshments will be available in the Cloister during the interval, and we also invite you to join the Dean for a drinks reception in the Chapter House following his talk (limited tickets available).

The Dean's newly published book of sermons, *A Way of Putting It*, will also be available for purchase at a special price of £10 (RRP £14.99).

Funds raised on the night will be used to support the Cathedral with ongoing preservation, conservation and running costs.

Special thanks go to Solutions4IT and First Sight Media for their support of the event.

Adults: £15.00/£25.00 (including drinks reception)



Above left: A gathered band played at the Cluster Communion service with Archdeacon Robert Jones at the end of April

Above right & below: Beautiful celebration floral arrangements by Helen Platt and very patriotic coffee area

Opposite page: Only a few people braved the weather to watch the live screening of the Coronation on a very wet day in Worcester

Sue Sykes & Jackie Campbell, (pictured with Mayor of Worcester Adrian Gregson, and Lord-Lieutenant of Worcestershire Beatrice Grant) attended a Big Coronation Lunch at the Guildhall.





READY, STEADY....

“Go for it Nanna!” His mum’s reply repeated in a loud, commanding voice by a small pre-schooler with attitude and experience.

He certainly ‘went for it’ at the gymnastics ‘free play’ session we had been to in the morning. Thirty

minutes or more spent mounting three big wooden steps on to a padded ‘horse’, marching along it, jumping down onto a mattress, (occasionally succeeding with a forwards somersault), stopping momentarily to admire the mattress cover smears from the inevitable snot, running off the other end and slapping his hands against the padded plastic wall, just like the sprinters on the telly.

There was no stopping for long though, running straight back round to the steps. Repeat. Repeat. Repeat, with a laugh and a smile on his determined face.

There seems to be a lesson here. Maybe we too can be inspired, by family, friends, strangers, even books and stories to ‘Go for it’.

One book series on my order list includes ‘The Artist’s Way - in Retirement’ which suggests not only writing and art activities but



also a week’s challenge of doing something new every day. We could be sedentary or active, within or without of our comfort zone, scared, excited, or just trying something that’s hopefully ‘a walk in the park’. We could

commit to this for ourselves, for others, for charity.

Let’s be positive in this world whilst negativity abounds, ‘Go for it’, and if possible laugh and smile and hug another human, or perhaps a tree, along the way.

“Go for it Nanna!” Use two tins of lentils in the supper not just one!

Not a big ‘Go for it’ I have to concede. If only he could see me at my Salsa Fitness classes!

Margaret Gandon



BISHOP JOHN'S REFLECTIONS

Bishop John reflects on his experience of the Coronation of King Charles III.

God save the King! Long Live the King! We shouted. What a spectacle was the coronation. They don't happen very often: there were only three in the 19th Century, four in the 20th and this is of course the first in this century.

I was privileged to have a ring-side seat, not as the 113th Bishop of Worcester but in my most esoteric role, that of Lord High Almoner to the King.

The theme of the coronation was service. More moving for me than all the wonderful music, glorious though it was, was the sentence with which the whole thing began, spoken by a young chorister:

'Your Majesty, as children of the Kingdom of God, we welcome you in the name of the King of kings.' The King replied, 'In his name and after his example, I come not to be served but to serve.'

The King is a committed Christian who, like

his mother, is someone who has taken to heart the words and actions of Jesus and given such unstinting Christian service all his life: service to all, regardless of colour or creed.

The coronation was a great occasion, an amazing spectacle of pomp and pageantry but at its heart was our King dedicating his life in service to the King of kings. My prayer is the same one that King Charles knelt to pray before the altar during the coronation.

God of compassion and mercy whose Son was sent not to be served but to serve, give grace that I might find in thy service perfect freedom and in that freedom knowledge of thy truth. Grant that I may be a blessing to all thy children, of every faith and belief, that together we may discover the ways of gentleness and be led into the paths of peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bishop John.



See centre pages for Coronation photos from St Barnabas

PCC of ST BARNABAS with CHR



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*Lay Chair/
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Correspondence Secretary*



Rachel Chalmers
Churchwarden



Jackie Carr
Minute Secretary



Sue Sykes



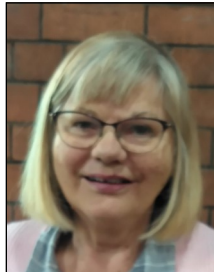
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PCC MEMBERS FOR 2023

Following the Annual Church Meeting recently there were some changes to the PCC. Members usually stand for three years.

Judy Ford sadly died recently so the post of Secretary is now split between John Dentith and Jackie Campbell. (See Sue Sykes' tribute to Judy on page 4).

Sue Martyr stepped down from the Deanery Synod after many years service and Mary James finished nine years as a Church Warden leaving Rachel Chalmers to serve another year.

Graham Sugden also stepped down after many years on the PCC as he has moved away.

We welcomed new members Vanessa Haddleton and Margaret Gandon.

If you have anything you want to raise at PCC meetings please speak to one of these people.

LIVING GENTLY ON THE EARTH



In 2022, Worcester Cathedral launched Living Gently on the Earth – a series of events, talks, and workshops on caring for our planet and its people. The sessions have received a wide level of interest and attendance from across the city, county, and region.

We are pleased to announce the next phase of Living Gently on the Earth for 2023:

Saturday 27 May 2pm
Prayer in Nature. Eco-spirituality with the Revd Robin Parry.

Thursday 8 June 10.30am
Worcester Cathedral Annual Wildlife Survey. With Worcestershire Wildlife Trust. Bring a picnic.

Thursday 22 June 7pm
Exploring what Social Justice means for Christians.

Thursday 13 July 7pm

Talking Climate Justice with Bishop of Dudley.

Thursday 7 September 7pm

Forest Church: An Introduction with the Revd Robin Parry.

Saturday 23 September 2pm
Forest Church Taster Session with the Revd Robin Parry.

Saturday 7 October 10am-4pm
Green Fair in Cloister.

The events are free. You can get more details and book a place to attend on worcestercathedral.co.uk/eco. Tickets are not compulsory for attendance but will ensure that you will have a place if the event is full and will give us a guide of how many people to expect. If you prefer to avoid online, reserve your place by speaking to the Vice Dean Stephen Edwards or Staffan Engstrom (07702 636065).



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