

WELCOME TO ST BARNABAS

with

CHRIST CHURCH WORCESTER

ARRANGEMENTS for booking banns, Baptisms & Marriage: Parish Office is held on Wednesday evenings 6-6.30pm or send a message through our website:
www.stbarnabasworcester.org.uk

PASTORAL TEAM As a church, we all take responsibility for visiting. If you know anyone who would welcome a visit please Contact Revd Julieann (*contact details below*)

IF YOU would like the ministry of prayers/ Home Communion please contact Revd Julieann (*contact details below*). (For example before going into Hospital or in particular illness.)

THE CLERGY are available, either by arrangement, or in church, for confessions, confidential interviews, advice, home visits etc. Please contact us if you know anyone who would appreciate this.

IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE CHURCH please take one of our welcome sheets home with you. These can be found at the back of church.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES Please feel free to use these but make sure your name and postcode are on them to enable us to claim back tax of 25p in the £.

Team Rector: Revd Julieann Watson (23785)
Churchwarden: Rachel Chalmers (458101)
Mary James (455214)
Safeguarding: Rachel Chalmers (458101)

Website: www.stbarnabasworcester.org.uk
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Licence number 44759



Covid 19: sanitiser and face masks available for your use. You are welcome to sit anywhere in the main body of the church.

23rd JANUARY 2022

Collect

God of all mercy

Your Son proclaimed good news to the poor; release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen

Scripture : Acts of the Apostles 9: 1-5 The Conversion of Saul

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

Reflection

Saul – who became Paul; - our St Paul and great Apostle - begins just as the hymn verse above says. But Saul's heart was passionate for the Lord and his intention was to keep the Law of Moses pure and true: these new disciples of the Way seemed to threaten that. But on Saul a new light shined. It was his Epiphany as he realised the Lord he loved, was the very one he was also persecuting! It took a massive event like this in Saul's life for him to realise this and we know that he spent the rest of his life devoted to the Lord and building up the people of the Way – who became known as Christians. Saul knew that if the light of truth had shined on him in his darkness, with his threats of violence and death, it is shining for everyone: this light shined on Saul out of love for him and Saul responded. This light shines on everyone, and standing before it *could* feel as dramatic as it did for Saul: it's because God wants everyone to be a part of his Kingdom of justice, freedom, compassion and love. So, no wonder Jesus commands that we are to pray for our enemies.

**SUNDAY 23rd JANUARY
CONVERSION OF PAUL**

10.00am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

MID WEEK:

Wednesday 10am: Mid week Eucharist
Church open Sunday to Friday (*closed Saturday*)

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

10.00am Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10;
Psalm 19,
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

10.00am Malachi 3.1-5; Psalm 24:7-end
Hebrews 2:14-end
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
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FOR OUR PRAYERS

Janet, William, Barry, Pennie & Stephen,
Nick, Mark & Julieann, Sally, Diane, Sue,
Stuart, Maureen, Kath, Rachel (Clarke),
Netta Mann, Jim, Andy, Izzy, Shirley

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Michael Clarke, David Thompson, Ian Watt,
Baby Jane

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OF
DEATH OCCURS AT THIS TIME**

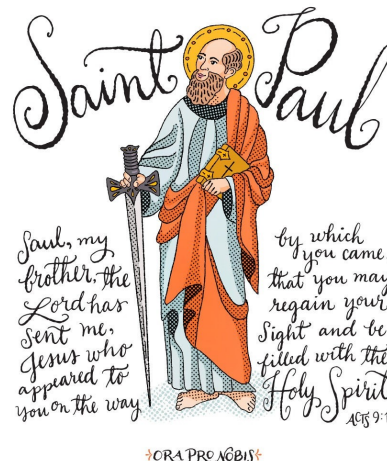
John Berry, Janet Price, Megan Hemming,
Eileen Hill, Albert Vandaal, William Jones,
Jean Pardoe, Violet Newell, Alan Campbell,
Edward Garfield, Matthew Baird-Parker,
John Munslow

Hymn

The people that in darkness sat
a glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long
in shades of death have been.

Blessing

May God give you his comfort and his
peace, his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of
God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you all evermore.
Amen



JULIEANN'S LAST SERVICE NEXT

Sunday 30th January will be followed by
Bring & Share lunch at 12 o'clock in the
church hall. Please sign the notice in
church which has ideas for food, or phone
Rachel on (01905 458101) or Mary (01905
455214). Drinks will be provided. *All
welcome!*

BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH 28-30th
January. For more information on how to
take part visit the website: [rspb.org.uk/
birdwatch](http://rspb.org.uk/birdwatch) or contact our Eco-reps: Judy
and Chris Ford via the church website.

MAGGS FOOD BOX

Maggs Centre is now only offering
breakfast—the box for donations is kept
on the windowsill at the back of church—
donations much appreciated. Thank you

*Happy Birthday to you
To Jesus be true
May God's richest blessings
Ever rest upon you*