



St Barnabas Parish Newsletter

December 2012

Latest news from St Barnabas Church

The project to re-wire the church and improve the lighting is nearly half way to completion. When finished it will improve the church as a place for worship, for weddings and funerals, and as a venue for community events. Sheringdale school will have it's end of term Christmas concert here soon, so we are hoping that the new lights will be in place in time for that and the church's usual run of Christmas Services.

Christmas at St Barnabas

Along with our regular Christmas Services we are also hosting another event led by notable actors from our neighbourhood, Geraldine Alexander and Jasper Britton. At **7pm on Saturday the 15th December**, they will preside over an evening of readings and poetry on the theme of Christmas. Mulled wine and mince pies will be complimentary with tickets purchased. Tickets are available from Claire Fox in the church office on 0208 480 2290. All profits will go the Children's Society.

Our **Traditional Carol Service of Lessons and Carols** will be at **6.30pm on Sunday the 16th of December**.

Nativity Service: at 4pm on Christmas Eve: 24th December.

As in previous years there will be a nativity play telling the story of the first Christmas performed by children, and the chance to sing traditional carols.

Midnight Mass will be at 11.30 that night, and at 10.30 am on Christmas morning there will be our Christmas Eucharist.

Local activities for young and old

Please see other pages for details about some of the groups that provide activities, exercise and music of all kinds in the church's various halls.

Please feel free to come in and enjoy the church as a quiet place for reflection or prayer. It is open more often than you may think. Look out for the signs showing it is open.

Ian Tattum, Vicar of St Barnabas

Please visit our website:

www.stbarnabas-southfields.org.uk



Southfields Memories Project

Hestia's Age activity drop in session is on every Tuesday morning in one of the church halls. One of its initiatives is to record the life stories of older residents so that their memories can be preserved. It is hoped that a book can be produced and Hestia is working with the local community to try to raise funds to enable that to happen.

Marjorie Middlecoat (pictured at the recent St Barnabas Christmas Fair) was one of the first to tell her tale.

Marjorie has lived in Southfields since 1965 and gets a special mention in this issue because she will soon be moving to Suffolk to be near her younger sister Dorothy, who has had to go into care.

Marjorie and Dorothy were brought up in Fulham, where their father served as a policeman, and their very close, life-long, bond, was strengthened when they were evacuated to Surrey at the outbreak of the Second World War- Marjorie was 7, Dorothy only 5!

Unlike so many evacuated siblings, they were able to stay together for most of that time, despite being moved six times in four years. Even in the countryside they could not entirely escape the terrors of war, on one occasion witnessing a Dive-bomber attack!

Both sisters were exceptional at sport, with Marjorie excelling at netball, hockey and diving- she introduced the latter to a young woman who went on to represent her country at an Olympic Games. While an evacuee, she found the church going culture very off putting, but later she became a staunch member of St Barnabas, serving for 11 years as a churchwarden at a time when the building was in a much worse state of repair than it is today and funds even more hard to come by. She has become legendary over the years for her incredibly hard work and kindness, and supportiveness to all who cross her path. When Marjorie does eventually leave us, those who have got to know her will miss her immensely.

If you know someone who, like Marjorie, has a life story that you think should be treasured, please get in contact with Sadiya, who runs the drop in sessions on Tuesdays (her details are on the back of this Newsletter), with Ian, or just drop by!



Prayer for Christmas

Eternal God,
Who made this most holy night,
To shine with the brightness of your one true light:
Bring us, who have witnessed your light shining in
The darkness,
Hope and peace. For our lives and for all the world.
Amen.



Christmas Fair Highlights



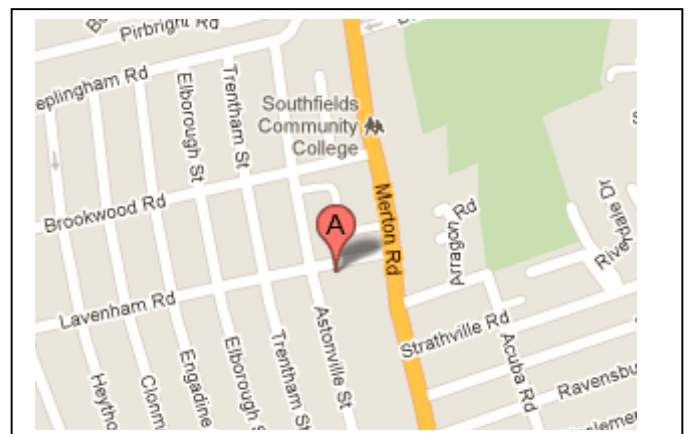
Parish and Church Information

For bookings please contact Anna on stbarnabaschurch.halls@googlemail.com.
Or Tel. 07988 223818

Friends of St. Barnabas. The Friends now has its own email address:
friendsofstbarnabas@gmail.com

Children's parties, wedding receptions, family get-togethers and business meetings.

These are just some of the activities for which St Barnabas' new halls are suitable. We have four distinct areas, which can be rented individually or as a whole. One has access to an attractive patio, three have tea points or kitchens, and one is a tranquil carpeted space. Full details can be found



Activities at the Church Halls

Monkey Music

Patio room, Mon. 10:15am–11:15am

Music, singing and instrument-playing with classes for different age groups. Ages 3 months - 4 years.

Contact Bronwen Jones

Email: bronwen.jones@monkeymusic.co.uk

www.monkeymusic.co.uk

Tiny Talk

Parish room, Mon./Fri. 9.30-11.30am

Baby signing classes

Contact Esmarelda

Email : esmareldap@tinlytalk.co.uk

Tel : 07906 303995

Monday Club

Parish room, Mon. 2pm-3.30pm

A social group for senior members of the community with cakes, coffee and the always popular quiz.

Southfields School of Ballet

Mirror hall, Mon.- Fri. 3:30pm-7pm

Ballet lessons for children and adults. Ages 2.5 and up.

Contact Eliane Gerhard

Tel: 020 8683 0222

Keep Fit

Parish room, Mon. 7.30pm–9pm

All welcome, simply turn up and join in.

Little Kickers

Patio room, Tue. 9:30am-11:30am, Thur. 9.30am-10.30am

A fun football class to increase fitness, flexibility and listening skills. Ages 2-5.

Contact David Emes

Email: demes@live.co.uk

www.littlekickers.co.uk

Artful Toddler

Mirror room Tues 9.30-11.30am

An arts and crafts group that allows young minds to explore their imaginations in a safe and fun environment.

Contact: Nina

Email: info@artfultoddler.com

Hestia Age Activity Centre

Parish room, Tues 10-1pm

Drop- in service with health advice, seminars, benefits advice or just coffee and a friendly chat.

Contact Sadiyah Muhammad

Email: Sadiyah.Muhammad@hestia.org

Fruity Tunes

Patio room, Wed. 9:50-10:50am

Music, Learning and Fun for all Under 5's. Original songs, instruments, puppets and bubbles!

Contact John Cronin

Email: john@fruitytunes.net

Cygnets Players

Parish room, Tue. 7:30pm-10pm; Patio room,

Thur.7:30pm-10pm

An amateur dramatic society that produces musicals and plays. New members welcome.

www.cygnetsplayers.com

Under 3's

Parish room, Thur 10am-12pm

Chi Gung

Parish room, Thursday 8:30pm-9:30pm

Practice of aligning breath, movement, and awareness for exercise, healing, and meditation. Adult classes

Contact Jennifer Newbery

Email: jmnewberymassage@mac.com.

Diddi Dance

Parish room, Friday 9:55am-10:55am

Salsa, hip-hop, country and disco for girls and boys 2-4 years.

Contact Clair Bradley

Email: clair.bradley@diddidance.com

Tel: 07877 664809

Latino Bambino

Mirror room, Friday 12pm-12:45pm

Keep fit for new mums and little ones.

Contact Urska

Email: urska.gestrin@gmail.com

NCT – Various classes, times and days.

Information and support in pregnancy, birth and early parenthood.

Contact: www.nct.org.uk