



## A new beginning for our Church Halls

Can you come up with a name for our small hall?

Find out more below!

The Revd Sarah has been chatting with a few folk during the beginning of the renovation project which has transformed the small hall, corridor and entrance vestibule. The idea emerged that in this our 80th year, we should as a church family rename our halls to celebrate our commitment and outreach to the local community of which we are a part! After talking to these, the churchwardens and to Lionel Jordan who at nearly 99 lived through the building of our current church, it became clear that there was only one person the large hall could be named after. So we invite you to visit:

### The Lambert Hall

The Revd Thomas William Lambert was a prayerful, visionary and inspiring man who encouraged the PCC and local community to build the building we are blessed with today. Tom studied at the University of Durham and was ordained in 1914. He ministered abroad before becoming curate of Tewkesbury Abbey from 1921-1928. He then became Curate in Charge of the Tuffley District before becoming Priest in Charge of St Barnabas in 1930. A mere 10 years later, the new church was consecrated in the midst of World War 2. Lionel speaks very fondly of the Rev Lambert, and we hope to have more conversations with him soon so he can share his memories with us all.

### The ????? Hall

Who would you like to see this hall named after? Is there a historical or current individual that you see as being part of our story here in Tuffley, White City and Robinswood? Let the Rev Sarah know who and why on 07534 720160 or [revsarahtodd@gmail.com](mailto:revsarahtodd@gmail.com)

**Do you have stories that you would like to share as part of our 80th birthday celebrations? Would you like to write a special prayer or poem to help us celebrate. We would love to hear from you. Contact [stbarnabascomms@outlook.com](mailto:stbarnabascomms@outlook.com) or ring the Rev Sarah or the churchwardens.**

# St Barnabas

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# Church Matters

**Hello to you all.**

Welcome to this week's Church Matters Newsletter. This enlarged newsletter aims to keep church family in contact, share prayer requests, strengthen our discipleship and bring us closer together during this challenging time. If you are receiving this newsletter but aren't on the mailing list then please contact Sarah on 07534 720160 or [revsarahtodd@gmail.com](mailto:revsarahtodd@gmail.com)

**Sunday 13th September  
Creationtide  
14th Sunday after Trinity**

**0945**

### **Traditional Communion in the Church building**

*Open to all. Please contact Myra to book your place, 01452 302508 or [myrabowendavies@me.com](mailto:myrabowendavies@me.com). She will be in touch to confirm your seat. Face coverings that cover both nose and mouth must be worn. **This service will be live streamed.** Only service leaders will be shown on the video stream*

**1115**

### **Fresh Air and Fun—Together at St Barnabas**

*Open to all. Please contact Sarah to book your place, 07534 720160 or [revsarahtodd@gmail.com](mailto:revsarahtodd@gmail.com). We will be in the church gardens so wrap up warmly*

**1730**

### **Digital Evening Prayer**

**Next Week– Sunday 20th September**

**0800**

### **Communion**

**0945**

### **Traditional Communion in the church building**

**1115**

### **Live Streamed Morning Praise**

**1730**

### **Digital Evening Prayer**

## Readings for Sunday 13th September

### Exodus 14. 19-

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on

their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

### Matthew 11 25-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported

## St Barnabas Birthday Weekend (October 2nd –4th 2020)

*This strong desire accomplished yet is to the soul most sweet,  
And so this day we bring to God our thanks and praises meet  
On those who did "arise and build his richest blessings lay  
And on this soil of Tuffley stands God's longed for house today.* A.G. Fisher

This poem sums up the feeling of those who gathered at the service of consecration of St Barnabas in 1940. A poem of thanksgiving and joy expressing the longing of the people of Tuffley to build God's church—a longing that remains with the church family of St Barnabas in 2020.

The courage, prayerfulness and vision of the Revd Tom Lambert, the PCC and people of St Barnabas transformed ministry in Tuffley and showed what was possible when God's people come together united under a common vision and relying on God to provide at a time when day to day life was very difficult indeed. The 1930's were a time of scarcity as our country moved ever close to the terrible years of the Second World War. This building stands as testament that God blesses the faithfulness of the people. We have much to celebrate and much to imitate as we prayerfully consider how we are called to continue to build the church of God here in Tuffley, White City and Robinswood, showing that same courage, imagination and leadership. Times are hard, the future is uncertain but we are called like our brothers and sisters did 80 years ago, to step out in faithfulness. So let's take this moment to celebrate and give thanks, but as we do, commit together to prayer and action, so in 80 years time, followers of Jesus may continue to be like St Barnabas, encouraging all they meet to find out more about the amazing God we worship.

### Programme of events

#### Friday 2nd October

#### 1900 St Barnabas Birthday Quiz.

*Join us on Zoom for an evening of fellowship and fun. Suitable for all ages*

#### Saturday 3rd October

#### Celebrate our History

*Check our social media throughout the day for stories and pictures that tell the story of our first 80 years in this building*

#### 1400 – 1700 Open buildings with music in church (TBC)

*Come and visit our beautiful buildings and catch a glimpse of our hall renovation project.*

#### Saturday 4th October

#### 1030 Festival Communion with the Rt Rev Robert Springett

*This service will be live streamed. Our halls will also be named  
(see the back page for more details)*

## News

### Zoom Coffee

Zoom coffee and catch up will take place on Wednesday morning at 1030 after Morning Prayer. All are very welcome to chat and spend time together.

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86969199640?pwd=bmxCbDBxYStxNkjiOEZKZW42NnJldz09>  
Meeting ID: 869 6919 9640  
Passcode: 698870

### Phone in

0203 901 7895  
Meeting ID: 869 6919 9640  
Passcode: 698870

### Revive Coffee house

Gloucester City Mission have opened their Revive Coffee House. It will be a place where they can train clients in a range of skills in a commercial kitchen, offer employment and base all of their outreach out of. If you are passing by please pop in. It's in The Eastgate Shopping Centre (in between Specsavers and Tesco Express) The coffee shop will be open Wed to Sat 11-3.30 serving ethically sourced hot drinks, homemade cakes and cold drinks.

### APCM

Our APCM will be held on Sunday 25th October as part of our 1115 worship. You will have the option of attending in person (limited numbers) or by Zoom. Please come along; it is a wonderful time to give thanks for all that has been and together wonder what will be. As well as that, there is opportunity to be a part the leadership team by joining the PCC. **Please pray and consider whether God is calling you to be part of this team.** A church can't minister well without a PCC who are prayerfully casting and carrying vision and working together as God's church in Tuffley, White City and Robinswood. Churchwardens are elected after being nominated and seconded at the APCM. Other roles are taken on by PCC members although you can co-opt people on to carry out essential roles. We already have a vacancy for the Lay Chair role and our wonderful Secretary Sheila would like step down after many years service. If you would like to find out more, then contact Sarah who can give you a job description.

### Do you knit, crochet or sew?

Katherine is looking for individuals who can sew to help with a project in the church hall and Rosa (07779 134181) is looking for those who like to knit or crochet to help her with a project at as we remember those we love but see no longer at All Souls-tide at the end of October.

to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

### Reflection

As we continue to journey together through this season of Creationtide, my attention was drawn to the reading from Exodus, an alternative lectionary reading for today chosen by Hilary who is preaching this Sunday. It shows amongst others things how those who worship God and seek after his heart are blessed by the natural world of which they are a part. This story from Exodus shows God controlling the climate, the weather—we read of divided waters, strong east winds, pillars of fire and clouds all working to bring God's purposes to pass.

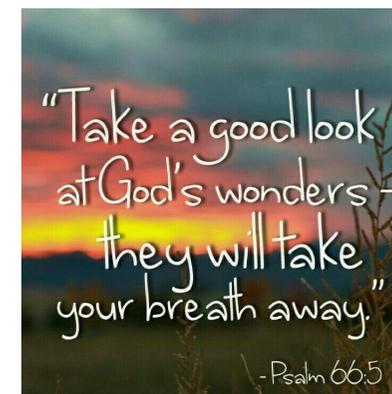
It is evident that we are experiencing destructive and unpredictable weather patterns. Part of that is probably due to natural variations in normal trends of weather but there is a body of evidence to suggest that our actions are contributing to this. Our Exodus reading reminds us of the power of nature to nurture life or to destroy it.

The gospel reading encourages me to keep trying to engage with the part I can play in making a difference to the

world that God has given each of us to care for. It speaks of God's patience, forgiveness and calls us to grow this fruit as part of our stewardship of creation,

So let's forgive one another when we fail to care for creation and resolve to try again. Let's be patient as together we try to find ways to become better stewards of this world. Let us show generosity to our brothers and sisters who live in countries most affected by climate change and ask ourselves what changes we can make so our world may be a little brighter!

*Revd Sarah*



### Prayer for the week (Collect)

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Readings for next week:

**Jonah 3.10-end of 4**  
**Matthew 20.1-16**



Please pray...

- **For our Church family and the wider Church:**
  - \* Please pray and give thanks for the last 80 years of ministry from this building and for vision and guidance for the next.
  - \* Please pray for our children and youth ministry teams as they meet this week
  - \* Pray for Pippa our new intern as she prepares to move to Gloucester
  - \* Please pray for the Diocese of Dornakal and the family and friends of The Right Reverend V. Prasada Rao who died on September 7th.
- **For our community and the world:**
  - \* Pray for all those who work to combat the effects of climate disaster
  - \* Pray for all those beginning a new year of study, especially remembering Catherine, Rosa and Lesley as they begin a new year at theological college.
  - \* Pray for our city of Gloucester as regeneration continues
  - \* Pray for all who work in Shire Hall.
- **For the Covid-19 pandemic**
  - \* Pray for our county of Gloucestershire as it sees the number of positive tests spike in the last week
  - \* Pray for scientists working on vaccine trials and give thanks for those taking part.
  - \* Pray for our schools as they are issued with new stricter Covid guidelines
- **For the sick and the bereaved**

The sick: Janet, Colin, Tim, Mick, Joan, Noel, Julia, Rachel, Christopher, Clare, Kay, Mary, Phil, Terry, Kate, Clodagh, William, Alex and Michael  
Those who mourn especially the families of; Roslyn Treacher, Joan Liddington, Christine McKee, John Holyhead.

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### Traditional Celtic Midday Prayer

This is specially devised for use in the middle of a busy day. For this reason it is short, and can be prayed in the time it takes to boil a kettle, especially if committed to memory. Some find it helpful to make a point of saying it whilst moving around (whilst preparing lunch for instance) as a reminder to pray as we work and work as we pray. Others find it a welcome opportunity to withdraw from the tensions and busyness of the day to spend some time quiet and alone with God, putting the day's work into a different perspective.

+ indicates that you may make the sign of the cross.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

### Opening Sentences

Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us.

Establish Thou the work of our hands; establish Thou the work of our hands.

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass  
against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil. Amen

### Declaration of faith

We believe and trust in God the Father Almighty.  
We believe and trust in Jesus Christ His Son.  
We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.  
We believe and trust in the Three in One.

### Canticle

Teach us, dear Lord, to number our days;  
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.  
Oh, satisfy us early with Thy mercy,  
that we may rejoice  
and be glad all of our days.  
And let the beauty of the Lord  
our God be upon us;  
and establish Thou the  
work of our hands.  
And let the beauty of the  
Lord our God be upon us;  
and establish Thou the work of our  
hands, dear Lord.

### Blessing

Let nothing disturb thee,  
nothing affright thee;  
all things are passing,  
God never changeth!  
Patient endurance attaineth to all things;  
who God possesseth  
in nothing is wanting;  
alone God sufficeth.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen