

DIARY FOR THE COMING WEEK		
<i>Prayer is held in church on Mon, Tues, Thurs and Friday at 9.15am, and on Saturday at 8.30am</i>		
Weds 11th	11.45am	Holy Communion
	12.30pm	Friendship Lunch
Thurs	2.15pm	TLF meeting at 1 Bybrook gardens
	6.00 pm	Vestry Time
Fri	2.00 pm	Tea Dance in the hall
Sat	12Noon	Wedding in church
Sun 15th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Family Praise
	11.30am	Holy Communion

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- The elderly and the house bound of our parish especially with their concerns during the cold weather.
- Those in hospital : Josie Collings and Hugh Sprott , who is recovering from a broken hip.
- Our home groups starting back this week.
- Our Open the book teams as they take the Good News into the schools this year.
- Barbar Haroon and Rosheen Khan who are getting married in church on Saturday.

In our cycle of prayer : Westbourne House and Calton Juniors School

We remember those who have died, and their families and friends :

Lillian Collier (funeral 12th Jan 1p.m at Crematorium)

Peggy Mitchell (funeral 12th Jan 10am at Crematorium)

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St Barnabas

January 8th
2012

Church Matters

Welcome to St Barnabas.

If you are visiting, or with us for the first time, do please introduce yourself to members of the church and to the clergy. We are delighted to welcome you and hope you enjoy worshipping with us. Please fill in a green "welcome card" .

Coffee, tea and cold drinks are served after the worship.

If you have a particular need on your heart for which you would like prayer, please make your way to the Side Chapel where a member of the team will be available to pray with you.

A very warm welcome to our worship

Celebration of the Baptism of Christ

8am Holy Communion

10am Sunday Worship with Communion - a pastoral letter from Bishop Michael that has been sent to all the churches in the diocese will be read.

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Next Sunday : January 15th

Please remember your contributions for the Food Bank

8am Holy Communion

10am Family Praise - Our monthly service planned with children and families in mind.

11.30am Holy Communion - A short said service.



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News and Events

2011 : Year of the Bible .

Last year we marked the “Year of the Bible” at St Barnabas, prompted by the 400th Anniversary of the translation of the King James Bible. We focussed our preaching and teaching on the place of the Bible in our worship and in our daily lives, introduced the E100 readings and books, followed a Bible over-view in our house groups, held the schools Art Exhibition of Bible stories, and through our book stalls sold new Bibles to many people.

It seems a natural progression to mark **2012 as our “Year of Prayer”**. Prayer is central to our relationship with God as it is our way of communicating with God. Prayer can take so many forms - from our collective prayers in church on a Sunday to our very private, personal times of prayer which we will all enjoy in different ways. In some ways prayer is very natural, but it is also good to learn about prayer and get “better” at it.



Today we launch our “Year of Prayer”. To mark this we have produced a new **Pocket Prayer Diary** which we hope everyone will enjoy using as part of their daily, personal prayers. For each day there is an opening verse of scripture, a topic to focus on, a classical prayer to say, a reminder to say the Lord’s prayer, and a closing verse. It is small enough to keep in your pocket or bag, or as a book mark. It gives us the opportunity to offer our prayers together as a community wherever we are. Please give one to anyone else you know who might enjoy it (we can produce more!).

Also we are including suggestions for prayer on the back page of the news sheet each week, focussing on topical aspects of the life of our church and community.

Over the next weeks and months we will be looking at other aspects of prayer, so that we can learn and grow together as a praying church community.

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Food Bank . Please continue to remember to bring tins, packets etc for the Food Bank on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We extend our thanks to Ross Campbell who for several years has delivered our contributions to the Food Bank and liaised with them on our behalf. Ross is "retiring" from this role, but the Food Bank team have offered to collect our donations from us.

Tuffley Ladies Fellowship will take place at 1 Bybrook Gardens on 12th January at 2.15pm for an informal meeting.