**Regular Services at St. Barnabas**

Within our life together, there is a framework of worship that helps to refresh and strengthens us for the task that God has given to each one of us – to build God’s kingdom here in Downham and the wider community.

As Christians we are called, among other things, to worship and to serve and all that we do should be rooted in God.

Rather than seeking to fit worship into everything else in our lives, we should strive to fit everything else into our worship and time spent with God.

Please do consider joining in the services here at St. Barnabas during the week.

**Sunday: 9.30 a.m. Sung Mass with Junior Church**

**Monday: *No Regular Services***

**Tuesday: 5.00 p.m. Evening Prayer**

**Wednesday: 9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer**

**7.00 p.m. Said Mass**

**Thursday: 5.00 p.m. Evening Prayer**

**Friday: 9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer**

**10.00 a.m. Said Mass followed by Open Church**

**Saturday: 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer**

**12 Noon Service followed by Bring and Share lunch.**

Changes to these services and details of additional services will be advertised on the weekly sheet, Noticeboards and on the Church website: [www.stbarnabasdownham.co.uk](http://www.stbarnabasdownham.co.uk).

On the website there are links to the other Team Churches with details of their regular services, etc.

**St. Barnabas, Downham**

**Easter – Harvest Services and Events**

I hope you enjoyed a blessed Lent and Holy Week and a joyful Easter.

It was good to welcome people to St. Barnabas for the various services and events during this period as we continue to build God’s kingdom here in Downham. Easter Sunday was especially joyous, with a full church as we celebrated the glory of the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour.

As spring takes hold and we move into summer, our life here continues to grow and flourish and there is a full programme of services and events over the coming months to which you are warmly invited.

Detailed overleaf are those services and events that are planned so far, which sit alongside our regular pattern of worship and any changes will be published on the weekly sheets and the website.

For our life here at St. Barnabas to flourish, it will require the support and contribution of everyone and I would encourage you to think about how you can participate in our life here, both in attendance at the weekday or special services and supporting our social events alongside our Sunday worship.

God is a generous God and we are greatly blessed here at St. Barnabas and we should be encouraged and emboldened to take the Gospel out into our community and to continue to build God’s kingdom.

I look forward to welcoming you to St. Barnabas over the coming months

Fr. Stuart

**Thursday 10th May – Ascension Day**

7.00 p.m. Service at St. John’s

*We gather to celebrate the ascension of Jesus back to his Father.*

**Thursday 10th May – Sunday 20th May – Thy Kingdom Come**

9 Days of Prayer – see details in the Narthex.

**Sunday 13th May – Saturday 19th May - Christian Aid Week**

**Sunday 20th May – Pentecost Sunday**

9.30 a.m. Sung Mass

*We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church.*

**Thursday 31st May – Corpus Christi**

7.00 p.m. Said Mass

*We celebrate the institution of the Holy Communion*

**Saturday 9th June – Downham Celebrates**

*Come along to Downham Leisure Centre and support the Team.*

**Sunday 10th June – Patronal Festival**

9.30 a.m. Sung Mass and Junior Church

*We celebrate the Patronal Festival of St. Barnabas the Apostle*

**Saturday 16th June**

2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Summer Fayre

*Come along and support the Church.*

**Sunday 15th July – Dedication Sunday**

9.30 a.m. Sung Mass and Junior Church

2.00 p.m. Tea Party

*We celebrate the Dedication of St. Barnabas Church on the 13th July 1929 and in the afternoon enjoy a Tea Party in the Hall.*

**Sunday 22nd July – Phoenix Festival**

*Come along to Foster Park and visit the Team tent as we promote the Church in the local community*

**Saturday 28th July**

Team outing to Battle and Hastings.

**Saturday 8th September**

10.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. – Quiet Day in Church

*An opportunity to spend time in the quietness of the Church, reading, praying, listening to God. There will be a Said Mass at 12 Noon.*

**Saturday 29th September**

7.00 p.m. International Harvest Supper in the Hall

*We join together to celebrate the richness of our diversity with a Bring and Share Supper in the Hall*

**Sunday 30th September – Harvest Festival**

9.30 a.m. Sung Mass

*We celebrate all the good gifts that God provides*