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LIFE IN CHRIST - REFLECTIONS FROM OUR INTERIM RECTOR - The Rev. David Beresford

Priest @ 10

The Feast of Sts Peter and Paul (June 29) marks the tenth anniversary of my ordination to the sacred order of the priesthood (eleven years to the diaconate). My ordination by the Bishop of Horsham in the parish church of St James the Less, Lancing, West Sussex, seems an age ago, and since then my life has taken on a direction that has been unpredictable, to say the least.

As I was looking for a suitable analogy, the image that came to mind was that of white water rafting, which my son Julian and I did a number of years ago. I remember the skipper of the raft shouting "hold on!" whenever we entered a treacherous stretch of water. (At one point Julian and another person were thrown from the raft into the river – kept afloat by their lifejackets, they had to wait for us to throw them a line before we could pull them back on board). For my own experience, it was the words "hold on!" which seemed relevant. In my vocation as priest there were times when I needed to "hold on" to my faith, when the waters of life were swirling around me and carrying me forward to God knows where. ... [Read More](#)



THIS SUNDAY



**Third Sunday
after Pentecost**

June 21, 2020

Sunday Worship at St Barnabas

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Sunday, June 21, 2020**

Although we are unable at the present time to gather for worship, St Barnabas' Episcopal Church offers an online service every Sunday.

In this Sunday's challenging gospel passage, Jesus reminds his followers that faithfulness to God always comes before faithfulness to one's family members.

The service will include three hymns: the Opening Hymn: 372 - Praise to the Living God; an Offertory Hymn: 537 - Christ for the World We Sing; and a Closing Hymn: 296 - We Know That Christ is Raised and Dies No More, played by Dr Michael Larkin, aided by Lisa Bowe, with lessons read by Lisa and Ed Rowles and prayers of the people led by Ed. The service will include a sermon by Father David Beresford.

A link to the service will be sent to members on Sunday morning, or you can

access the service through our YouTube account by clicking on the Online Worship button below:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgYeLP1pWrJvz-JV9gEjoqA>

Scripture Readings for This Sunday

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalms 69:8-20

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39



This Sunday, June 21 - 11:00 a.m.

You are welcome to join Father David for **Coffee and Conversation** following the Sunday Eucharist. This will be held via Zoom. A link will be sent to members on Sunday morning. If you are interested in joining us, please email Father David at: davidberesford@gmail.com

SURVEY REMINDER

Re-opening & Re-gathering

[Reprinted from Fr David's June 18th Pastoral Letter]

Dear Friends,

For many months now the doors of the church have been closed, and worship suspended. As you know, St Barnabas' Episcopal Church has observed the guidance of the governor of Delaware, who ordered houses of worship to be temporarily closed. However, the governor has recently permitted us to gather again for worship, and we have received further guidelines from the Bishop of Delaware in a booklet called "All Things in Love."

We have already held a preliminary discussion on re-gathering and to help us assess how many members we can expect to return to St Barnabas, I would be grateful if you could complete the short survey below. The survey will remain open until midnight on Monday, June 22, 2020. The link to the survey is here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D9V5V8B>

Our intention is to open our doors to worship soon, but on terms slightly different to worship before we closed. It will continue to be a service of the Holy Eucharist. However, there will be no hymns sung (for the time being.) You will be guided to pews and practice "social distancing." Families can sit together. Worshipers will be required to wear masks. The Peace will be exchanged without physical contact. Holy Communion will be in one kind only, and the Priest will distribute communion wearing a mask and after having used hand-sanitizer. Communicants will line up to receive and remain standing. Further details, including the date of re-opening, will be communicated closer to the day. All will be welcome to attend, including those aged 65 years of age

and over, but all members are asked to carefully consider and assess the risk to themselves before deciding to attend.

“How good and pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1) It is exciting to consider the prospect of our worshipping together again, in the one place! I look forward to receiving your answers to our survey and will communicate to you again when we have formulated our plan for re-gathering, and received the necessary certification from the diocese.

Peace and blessings,

Father David

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS
(through August 28)

Monday through Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

E V E N T S



Listening Circle
Saturday, June 20
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.'ish
(we will not meet if raining)

Bring your own lawn chair or blanket and meet under the oak trees at St Barnabas where we will open our hearts/minds and listen to shared stories, feelings, experiences from among those who show up. This is an informal, but intentional, session focused on the sacred act of listening.

A small group met last Saturday, spaced ourselves 10 feet apart and sat together for an hour listening (to thoughts, feelings, happy news, sad news, the wind in the trees). It was good and we felt it was worth repeating and sharing.



Online Bible Study
This Tuesday, June 23 at 10:00 a.m.

This week, we look at chapters 9, 10 & 11 of the First Book of Samuel. Bible study is conducted online via Zoom. Regular attendees will be sent a link on the day. If you are interested in joining, please contact the office by phone: (302) 994-6607 or email: stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net.

For further info, please email Father David Beresford at davidberesford@gmail.com

MID-WEEK DISCUSSION



Art and Faith: Jonah and the Whale Wednesday, June 24, at 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join an online discussion of the painting, **Jonah and the Whale** by Arthur Herbert. The discussion will be preceded by a meditation from Fr David and conclude with Compline.

Picture and text for Compline provided. This course is conducted online via Zoom. Regular Wednesday evening participants will be sent a link by email. If you are interested in joining, please contact the office by phone: (302) 994-6607 or by email: stbarnabas0office@comcast.net.

NOTICES



[Apologies to Dr Larkin for inadvertently omitting the end of his article last week. Therefore, it is being reprinted here in its entirety.]

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

My dear friends in Christ,

My bible verse for this week is this passage from 2 Chronicles 7:14.

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will **heal their land**.

[2 Chronicles 7:14](#)

With all that has befallen our country over the past months and days, the relevancy of this verse really needs no explanation. Whether it is continued physical healing from the ravages of the coronavirus, or more recently social and spiritual healing for the senseless and horrific killing of George Floyd, the subsequent heart felt protests, terrible rage and violence, and our nation's continuous quest for equal justice and opportunity for everyone, our nation is indeed in need of healing. I am reminded of the line from the spiritual, "Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love." Let us always show our Christian love in all that we do and with all persons we meet, and perhaps we can make some small contribution to the healing that our nation so sorely needs.

I invite you to click on the link below, or copy and paste it into your URL and listen to John Williams' powerful, relevant composition, "American, the Dream Goes On" as sung and played by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra. I have already listened to it several times!

<https://youtu.be/ul2PFQcSwuQ>

In my article last week, I mentioned that in a few subsequent articles I will define and explain certain keywords in church music and liturgy. Last week I

discussed the terms hymn, hymn-tune, and anthem. This week let us look at the terms **psalm** and **antiphon**. The book of Psalms has always been one of my favorites for several reasons. First, it truly is the Bible's hymn book whose texts vividly capture almost every possible human emotion! Second, over the centuries there have been literally thousands of choral settings of various psalm for both concert and/or worship. Stravinsky's "A Symphony of Psalms," Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms," and Mozart's "Vespers de Confessore" are just three of many musical masterpieces composed on psalm texts. Third, much of the liturgy for the monastic offices such as Matins (morning prayer), Prime, Nones, and Vespers (Evening Prayer) consist of psalms.

We know that in Old and New Testament worship, the psalms were sung, and in contemporary worship practice, there are three ways in which psalms can be sung as we do here at St Barnabas. First, psalms can be sung/chanted in **unison**, where everyone in the assembly sings the texts together. Second, psalms in worship can be sung in **responsorial** style in which the psalm verses are sung by a cantor or choir, and the congregation sings an appropriate response every so many verses. The response sung by the congregation is called an "**antiphon**." The term antiphon is derived from the Greek word "antiphonos" which can best be translated as "responsive." The third style is somewhat confusingly called "**antiphonal**" in which two different groups alternate singing the verses of the psalm. For example, it can be choir and congregation, men and women, or the left side and right side of the congregation singing alternate verses. To add to the "fun," and antiphon response can also be incorporated in antiphonal psalm singing.

It is my hope that these definitions and explanations of various components of liturgy might lead to a more informed, meaningful worship experience to us.

It is my continued prayer that each of you remain safe and healthy, and that you continue to sing a song of praise to our Creator.

Blessings,

Dr. Michael Larkin
Director of Music Ministry

OUTREACH



Meals for Family Promise

During the week of 7/19, St. Barnabas will be called upon to provide 1 or 2 dinners delivered to Family Promise Hospitality Center on Milltown Rd. I am waiting to hear from Skyline about which night(s) that will be. If you are interested in providing something for the dinner, please let me know. (I'll be checking in with our chefs when I have more details!!) It will be for 2 or 3 families, and we will be delivering everything divided between the 2 cottages

on Milltown Rd., where the food is set on an outside table, we knock on the door, and then step back and wait for the family to take the meal inside.

More News from Family Promise

It's a story of resilience and change to accommodate our families during the COVID-19 pandemic. We've been told that the professional and government community is missing our "special sauce!" You don't realize how important each volunteer is to this program. That "special sauce" is the very personal touch that our service brings. It is inspirational to the families served.

The rotational Church network is not operational during this time. It presents too many interactions for our Family Promise guests and the numerous volunteers. Family Promise hosting capacity is reduced from 10 families down to just 3. The Hospitality Center on Milltown road is operating at 50% capacity, hosting a max of 3 families. We have a no-contact delivery system for the 2 cottages on the property.

We are not expected to resume the Church rotation until 2021, and only when all churches are in agreement to reopen.

IDEAS WELCOME!!! Family Promise has been searching for a stationary facility that could house some families for 60-90 days. Across the nation, chapters of Family Promise have found some new ways to achieve that, including loaned RV's, and churches with space to provide accommodations for a few months at a time. The space must be zoned to allow housing, and the families would need kitchen and bathroom access that allows for safe distancing. There have been numerous brainstormed ideas, including the U of D, but so far, no resolution.

And, of course, with **COVID**, we have higher unemployment, and typically our lower income families are most impacted with these job losses. It clearly exposes that 40% of our population, the working poor, who can't handle an extra \$400 expense. Early in this pandemic, Delaware worked quickly to get homeless people and families housed in motel rooms. There are approximately 1200 rooms dedicated to this as of June 1. This effort protects the health of the families and the health of our entire county. Across the USA, amazingly, the rate of infection through shelter systems has been low with 4,000 cases nationwide, and 150 deaths.

SUPPLIES: The current needs list from Family Promise is: Nitrile gloves, inexpensive digital thermometers, Lysol spray disinfectant, disinfecting cleaning spray, disinfecting wipes, toilet cleaner. Please let me know if you can contribute to this list. We can set up a drop-off collection or make other arrangements.

Thanks for your attention, and please keep our families and all who are suffering acutely through this exceptional time in our prayers.

Cindy Richards

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Friendship House Updates

Andrew's Place

Thank you, all volunteers, for continuing meals to Andrew's Place during these uncertain times. It means so much to our men. I wanted to update you on meals and the residents. In addition, we need some help filling in the July calendar.

We currently have 9 men at Andrew's Place. We're asking for meals for 10 people because a staff member is still joining them each night. We're beginning the process to accept new residents into our transitional housing program, so this number might increase soon. I will try to keep you updated on the number of individuals to be served. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

We are booked for June but need some help filling in the open dates for July. We have some groups who take the summer off and we just started a new calendar year. That is why there are more openings than usual.

July openings: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 29th, and 31st.

Please let me know if you can take on one of these dates. Thank you!

Kristen Reisor
Volunteer & Communications Coordinator
Friendship House, Inc.

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PLEASE NOTE: Anyone who has questions, you may email Maria Perez at mdperezmd@gmail.com.

Community Church Outreach - Mill Creek Ministerium Project at the Community Church of Christ on Milltown Road involves St John the Beloved parish, Red Clay Creek Presbyterian, St Barnabas' Episcopal, Resurrection parish and the Community Church of Christ. This outreach program is housed at the Community Church of Christ on Milltown Road and in part at St John the Beloved Catholic Church on Milltown Road. This outreach program provides families and individuals that are food- insecure with a small bag of groceries once a week. In the past year, the Outreach has gone from providing 60 families to between 80 and 100 families (about 350 people) per week. The current situation has caused us to see an increase given that our population has been disproportionately affected by job loss. Our intent moving forward is to not only provide donated food and clothing but to provide a bag of fresh produce to our families. This bag will provide seasonal fruits and vegetables. The Outreach gave, and will again give, healthy cooking classes provided by the University of Delaware. It is our hope that this, paired with fresh produce, will help to improve the diets of our clients. The Community Church Outreach is affiliated with Friendship House. The terminal goal of the Outreach is to one day become an empowerment center just like the empowerment center on Main Street in Newark. **Please contact**

Maria Perez

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Below are listed Birthdays and Anniversaries for June. Please contact the church office at stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net to let us know if you're not listed or the date is incorrect.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 - Nicholas Sloman
2 - John Graper
2 - Joyce Sipe
3 - Tyler Alexander
3 - Betty Howe
4 - Heather Green
4 - Andrea Trabelsi
5 - John "Jack" Gracie
8 - Patrick Delaney
8 - Jack Weir
9 - Abby Jarrell
9 - Michael Brown
12 - Simon Griffin
12 - Andrew Webb
12 - John Grim
13 - Claudia Rodriguez
15 - Edith Grunfeld
17 - Andre Strukelj
18 - Jessica Conte
20 - Marge Lennihan
22 - Ty Weir
29 - Mayble Wample

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

5 - Matthew & Jessica Conte
11 - Renee & Ed Waterland
12 - Ruth & Hal Bruner
16 - Sandy & John Grim
19 - Cathy & Bud Cooling
22 - Mary & David Angerer
22 - Cara & Scott Stanard
22 - Lindsey & Dan Vitalo
28 - Laura & Jack Gracie

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED HEALING AND COMFORT:

Arlene & Dave Carpenter, John Materis, Gail Calhoun, Leon Slocomb, Nancy Clapp, Anne Priebe, Patty, Bruce Clinton, Sr Rosie, Lilly Walker, Thomas

Boyle, the John Sandy Family, David Jefferson, Maria LaValle, Peggy Bachman, Rita Baker, Cindy Roberts, Nick Sloman, Randy & Carol Kusel, the Pellegrino Family, Sandy Petty.

Those serving in the Armed Forces. Those who are homebound.

Those who have died, especially Phyllis Kusel, Chris Petty, Jean Pellegrino, Millie Rees.



PLEASE PRAY FOR the First Responders, EMS, Paramedics, Doctors, Nurses, Hospital Aides, Respiratory Therapists, Medical Technicians, and Medical Assistants; for Environmental Services, Social Workers, Phlebotomists, Security Services, and Food Services; for Policemen, Firemen, and Ambulance Drivers. Pray also for all those we cannot see but are hard at work providing care for the sick.

May God walk with them every step of their day and guide them. Open their hearts to see you at work in the world around them, including especially Leslie, Lydia, Kathi, Stephen, Mike, Ali, Caroline and Magdy.

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MORNING PSALM AND PRAYERS

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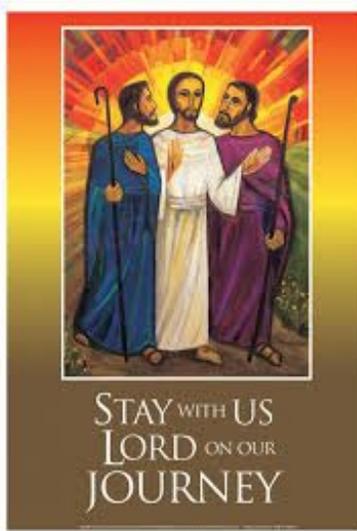
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The Rt. Rev. Kevin S. Brown

Sermon - June 14, 2020
(an excerpt from live-stream video)

["Do Black Lives Matter?"](#)



VESTRY MEMBERS

Sr. Warden: Ed Rowles (2021)

Jr. Warden: Joanne Figliola (2022)

Jeff Bowersox (2023)

Bob Haushalter (2023)

Alan Irwin (2021)

Valerie Jackson (2022)

Bob Jefferson (2022)

Pat McDonald (2023)

Sarah Smith (2023)

John Warrington (2022)

Marian Weir (2021)

Lydia York (2021), Vestry Clerk

Recording Secretary: Debbie McGonigal
