

## Today, is also the Feast Day of St Barnabas

Though not named among the twelve apostles of the evangelists, Barnabas (son of encouragement) emerges in the Acts of the Apostles as one of the most significant of their number. He sold his estate and gave the proceeds to the Church, since all things were to be held in common, and clearly became a leader.

He is described (in Acts 4.36) as a Levite from Cyprus so, like his friend Paul, was from the Greek world rather than that of Palestine.

The other apostles were afraid because of Saul/Paul's past actions and it was Barnabas who introduced Paul to the leaders of the Church in Jerusalem (Acts 9.27). Barnabas was later sent to Antioch (Acts 11.22) apparently to guide the Christians there in their relations with non-Jewish converts, promoting the concept of all being one in Christ.

Later, Paul and Barnabas went on a missionary journey together, taking (John) Mark with them. Part way, Mark turned back and went home.

When Paul and Barnabas were about to set out on another such journey, Barnabas proposed to take Mark along and Paul was against it, saying that Mark had shown himself undependable.

Barnabas wanted to give Mark a second chance, and so he and Mark went off on one journey, while Paul took Silas and went on another.

Apparently, Mark responded well to the trust given him by the "son of encouragement", since we find that Paul later speaks of him as a valuable assistant (2 Timothy 4:11; see also Col 4:10 and Phil 24).

Having broken off with Paul to go to Cyprus, tradition has it that Barnabas was martyred there in the year 61.

*It is believed that Barnabas and Paul probably knew each other because they had been taught together in the school of Gamaliel. But while Barnabas was the one who did the primary introduction, it appears Paul, with his zeal for speaking, soon became more well-known for his evangelism efforts.*

*After Barnabas found Paul in Tarsus (Acts 11:25-26), they pooled their energies and established a foundational church in Antioch, which is also where the first Christ-followers became known as Christians. Their work expanded, and in Acts 13:2, the Holy Spirit called for Barnabas, along with Saul/Paul, to be "set apart" for holy work. Prior to this, the Bible named the pair in that order—Barnabas and Saul—but around this time, something clearly shifted, and they became known in reverse order: Paul first, Barnabas second.*

*The word of God continued to flourish, and soon they brought another disciple, John Mark, with them to many places throughout the region, from Seleucia to Cyprus to Salamis and then to Paphos. Expelled finally by the Jewish leaders for their work with the Gentiles, they moved on to spread the gospel in Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe, eventually back to Antioch. Around this time, over deep disagreement with other apostles about whether or not Gentile believers needed to be circumcised, the pair travelled to Jerusalem to settle the matter. When all was resolved—the Gentiles would not be required to be circumcised, as they were saved, as Peter said, by the grace of the Lord Jesus alone (Acts 15:11)—Barnabas and Paul delivered the encouraging message to the people in Antioch.*

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Sharing God's grace and love in our community



11<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Vicar: The Revd. Canon Roxanne F. Eversley

Asst. Priest: Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

Reader: Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10.00am Parish Mass (both Churches)

Hosea 5.15-6.6 \* Psalm 50.7-15 \* Romans 4.13-end \* Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

Access online worship via

[www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood](http://www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood)

## CHURCH NOTICES

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**We pray:** for Archbishops Justin and Stephen; for the Bishops in this diocese - Christopher, Karowei, Rosemarie and Martin.

For the Bishops, priests, deacons and people in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe; and The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

**Barnabas the Apostle St Peter, Norbiton**  
Hugo Foxwood (Vicar); Elspeth Coke (SPA)

**For the sick** – Richard, Jennifer & Reuben, Rose, Caroline, Susan, Pauline, Sigi, Marie-Gabrielle, Colin (Castle), Carmen, Rodney, Marina, Linda, Fred, Peter and Matthew Smith.

**The bereaved; The recently departed; Years Mind.**  
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### **The Collect for Barnabas the Apostle**

Bountiful God, giver of all gifts,  
who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas  
and gave him grace to encourage others:  
help us, by his example,  
to be generous in our judgements  
and unselfish in our service;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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**A Reminder of the Archdeacon's Visitation Service, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 8pm at St. Mildred's Church, Bingham Road, Addiscombe**, where Churchwardens are sworn-in. This Service also provides an opportunity for PCC members and other members of Laity to renew their commitment to the service of God in their individual parishes – please make every effort to attend.