



St Barnabas Newsletter



December 2025
/ January 2026

Donations

12th October

£145.85 - Book money

19th October

£100.00 - in memory of
loved ones - John &
Lynne Chaplin
£18.30 - Plant money

23rd October

£595.00 - Wreath
making
£1029.00 - Anon
towards lighting
renewal

30th October

£48.50 - Book money
£16.70 - Memory tree

From the Registers

29th October

Burial of Ashes of Lilian
Stead

29th October

Burial of Ashes of Janet
Fiona Ashley

Growth Groups

These meet midweek to help us grow our relationships with each other and with God. This term they are exploring the big picture of the Bible. No prior knowledge needed, all welcome

- **Heapey** - (Chris & Deborah's, The Railway)
will be restarting on Wed 7th Jan 7.30pm
- **Brinscall** - (Gary & Carolyn's, 2 Richmond Close)
Wed 10th Dec and restarting on Wed 14th Jan

Church Christmas Cards with details of service times are available at the back of church. Please take several and use them to invite family, neighbours and friends along.

Diocesan Advent Reflection Booklets These free advent reflections are available at the back of church or via the Diocese fruitful app

Church Decorating 9.30am Sat 13th Dec. All welcome to get the church ready for Christmas

Decorative Grave Pots Jean Smallwood has kindly offered to make decorative grave pots on behalf of church please speak to her for more information suggested donation £5

Donations of mince pies gratefully received for the Carol Service speak to Charlotte for more info

Brinscall to Bethlehem Live Action Nativity Sun 7th Dec 5pm starting at St John's School Brinscall

Church Lighting Project The church lighting has been failing for some time, was no longer efficient and costly to run.

We now have new high quality, low-energy lighting throughout the church and this was achieved through the generosity of the following organisations: -

- Church of England Net Zero "Quick Wins" grant (£3000)
- Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund (£2000)
- Benefact Trust (£1,500)

This improvement will save us money on our energy bills and maintenance over an extended period, as well as reducing our carbon footprint.

We are endeavouring to be good stewards of the church's resources, and God's creation.

Gift Day A huge thank you to everyone who gave so generously towards our recent gift day, which has raised over £1,800.



Donate via our Give a Little page using the QR code or at <https://tinyurl.com/mwy3ftz8> or using the contactless terminal at the back of church. You can also make direct payments or set up standing orders to St Barnabas using the following details

St Barnabas Heapey Parish Church, Unity Trust Bank
Sort Code 60-83-01, Account Number 20486060

St Barnabas, Heapey & St Paul's, Withnell Christmas 2025

Sunday 9.30am - Nativity (for all ages) St Barnabas
14th December 9.30am - Jam n Toast (for all ages) St Paul's
11am - Traditional Holy Communion St Paul's
6pm - Traditional Carols St Barnabas

Sunday 9.30am - Christmas Communion St Barnabas
21st December 10am - Nativity (for all ages) St Paul's
6.30pm - Traditional Carols St Paul's
refreshments from 6pm

Christmas Eve 4pm - Carols round the tree Kittiwake Estate
11.15pm - Midnight Communion St Paul's

Christmas Day 10am - All Age Celebration St Barnabas
followed by optional Holy Communion

Sunday 10am - All Age Celebration St Paul's
28th December



Regular Activities

CY Youth Group

7pm Thursdays (term-time)
at St Paul's Withnell

*Benefice Youth Group for
school years 5 & up. Games,
tuck shop and Bible time.*

Jammy Little Fingers

10am Fridays at St Paul's
Withnell

*Benefice Toddler Group for
parents/carers and pre-
school children. Play, craft,
songs, Bible story and
refreshments. Contact Avril
Fowler for details*

Tuesdays Women's Fellowship

Fortnightly Tuesdays, 8pm

*Friendship and an
opportunity to explore the
book of Exodus. Contact
Carolyn Bullock for details*

Who's Who at St Barnabas

Vicar	Ben Clayton
Assistant Minister	Gary Bullock
Ordinand	Chris Metcalfe
Churchwardens	Charlotte Nickson
PCC Secretary	Joe Allman
PCC Treasurer	Andrew Holding
Parish Safeguarding Officer	Deborah Metcalfe
Sunday School	Nicola Peach
Mother's Union	Avril Fowler
CY & Jammy Little Fingers	Carolyn Bullock
Benefice Email	heapeyandwithnellchurches@gmail.com

Contacting Ben

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Usual Rest Period - Friday Afternoon &
Saturdays

St Barnabas New Year Services

Sundays 9.30am

4th January - All Age Worship (John 1:15-28)
11th January - All Age Baptism (John 1:29-34)
18th January - Holy Communion (John 1:35-51)*
26th January - Morning Worship (John 2:1-12)*
1st February - All Age Worship (John 2:13-25)
8th February - Morning Worship (John 3:1-15)*
15th February - Holy Communion (John 3:16-21)*



All Ages welcome every Sunday
* Junior Church

