**Bexley Team News**

**St Barnabas, Joydens Wood**

**St James, North Cray**

**St John the Evangelist, Bexley**

**St Mary the Virgin, Bexley**

**17th October 2021 Issue** **83 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**

 This is our God, the Servant King, he calls us now to follow him, to bring our lives as a daily offering, of worship to the servant King.

Graham Kendrick

**St Mary’s**  8.30 am BCP Holy Communion

 10.00 am Holy Communion

**St James** 9.30am Holy Communion

 3.00 pm Forest Church

**St Barnabas** 10.45am Holy Communion

**St John’s** 8.00 am Holy Communion

 10.00 am Holy Communion

 Friday Livestreamed Service of Holy Communion:

 [www.facebook.com/stjohnsbexley](http://www.facebook.com/stjohnsbexley)Times may vary

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 (see St John’s social media in advance) but the

service remains available to view after broadcast

**Sunday 17th October**

**9.00 am Zoom Service**

**Saturday 16th October**

 **5.30 pm Nightwatch Zoom Service**

 **Children’s Church Harvest Special**

Tune in this month to see how we are celebrating harvest this year. Join us for stories, prayers and a very tricky harvest quiz!

<https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCPTwEiJwqMXAA98yC2oTiGw>

**The Collect for 20th after Trinity** God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church; by the Spirits gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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.

**Bible readings for 20th after Trinity** Isaiah 53 v4 -12 Hebrews 5 v1-10 Mark 10 v35-45

**The Additional Collect** God, our light and our salvation, illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Considering Confirmation?** A meeting for all those interested in being confirmed is being h![C:\Users\User\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\GUU2IFCW\8621834194_737ee8ff4e_b[1].jpg]()eld on Sunday 7th November at 4.00 pm at St Barnabas Church, Joydens Wood. For further information or to indicate attendance please speak with any of the Team clergy.

**News about harvest collections** St James collected 86kg of items for the food bank at their Harvest Worship. The local Uniformed Organisations came along including representatives of their new Squirrel Scouts section.

St Barnabas collection of tins and packages was given to the Home-Start charity working with local vulnerable families. Our local Scout groups attended.

St Mary’s Harvest gifts have now been taken to Bexley Food Bank. The harvest gift of £136 towards the work of Bexley Women’s Aid has been sent to them.

St Johns - Gifts of non perishable foods, toiletries and sanitary products for the Bexley Foodbank were gratefully received at the 10am services in the 3rd and 10th October. At the Harvest Supper following Evensong on the 10th we were privileged to be joined by our guests of honour, Gill Bates, who spoke about the work of the Foodbank and Gill Rogers, our Foodbank Liaison. The total of the financial collection taken for the work of the Foodbank is still to be confirmed. Many thanks to all who gave so generously.
**Zoom Services**- we are introducing some new songs! If you would like to hear them visit the St James website and follow the link. <https://www.stjamesnorthcray.org.uk/>

 ***Forthcoming events***

**The Walking Group**Our next walk will be a gentle potter around the Foots Cray Meadows and will begin at St James North Cray on **Saturday 16th October at 11.00 am**. This walk is graded at 'Disciple Level' (suitable for little legs or frail knees). Please bring a packed lunch. For more information, please contact Rev'd Edward, you are welcome to simply turn up on the day.

**Bexley Interfaith Forum**The first in-person meeting of the Bexley Interfaith Forum in over 20 months will be held on Wednesday 20th October at 7.30pm at Christ Church, Bexleyheath. The session will be on the theme of *Mental Health* and will include Mental Health Chaplain, the Rev’d Neil Bunker and other specialists from local mental health groups and charities. There will also be a chance to meet members of different faith groups from across the borough over refreshments.

**Friends of St Mary’s and the Grove Singers present** ‘A Celebration of Birds in Song’

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 Saturday 30th October at 7.00 pm. Tickets £10 including refreshments from Roger

 and Sheila Thompson 01322 522071 or Barbara Graham 0208 308 0872 or at the

 door. Proceeds to Friends of St Mary’s.

North Cray community **Festival of Remembrance** Sunday 7th November (the weekend before Remembrance Sunday) Programme - 9.30 am BCP Holy Communion at St James. Followed by a parade from the War Memorial to the Scouts’ Geoffrey Hall, Leafield Lane, North Cray where there will be a display of stories and memorabilia.

 **St John's** 27th November: *Douze Noels* Harp Recital

  ***Christian Stewardship***

**For St Barnabas** Any contributions can be dropped off at the Treasurer’s house or at the Vicarage. Or you can give by BACS transfer. In all cases, if you are a taxpayer please “Gift Aid” your giving.  If you have any questions regarding this please contact, David Peters on 01322 529796 or by email  davidpeters45@hotmail.co.uk

**For St James, North Cray** Contributions can be dropped off at 91 The Grove, or made by BACS transfer, contact Suzy Higgs on 07799072548.Please make cheques payable to St James, North Cray PCC.

**For St John's** You can give to the continuing upkeep and ministry of St John's via our Just Giving page: [www.justgiving.com/stjohntheevangelist-bexley](http://www.justgiving.com/stjohntheevangelist-bexley)

**For St Mary’s** If you ordinarily make your financial contributions in church but, in the present circumstances, wish to contribute by cheque then please make your cheque payable to St Mary’s Bexley PCC and send it c/o C. Lee 11 Holmesdale Road, Bexleyheath, DA7 4TJ. Your continued support is very much appreciated

Each week the musicians at **St James North Cray** offer links to a selection of songs and music for us to enjoy. These can be found on our website [www.stjamesnorthcray.org.uk/welcome/music/](http://www.stjamesnorthcray.org.uk/welcome/music/)

**St John’s** Sermons are posted each Sunday at [fatheredwardbarlow.wordpress.com](http://fatheredwardbarlow.wordpress.com)Social Media - engage with us via Facebook (/stjohnsbexley), Twitter (@stjohnsbexley) and Instagram (@stjohnsbexley)

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