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29 January 2012

Epiphany 4

11.00 Morning Worship & Baptism

Crèche facilities are in the Lower Hall throughout the service
(children must be accompanied by an adult)

Sunday Groups: Bubbles (Nry-Yr1), X-stream (Yr2-Yr5) & The Grid (Yr6-Yr8)

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FUTURE SERVICES (11.00 unless stated)

This week we conclude the short series of sermons reflecting on aspects of our common life at St Barnabas': Growing, Giving & **Mission**.

Feb 05 9.30am Family Service
11.00am Holy Communion (D)

Feb 12 Holy Communion (A)

Feb 19 Morning Worship (B)

Feb 26 Morning Worship & Baptism (C)

THE WEEK AHEAD (30 Jan – 04 Feb)

Monday 30 – Thursday 02

Daily Prayers, Church, 12.30 - 1.00pm

Tuesday 31

Bible Study, Lower Hall, 2.30-4.00pm

Wednesday 01

Barney's Toddler Group, Lower Hall, 10.00-11.30am

PCC Meeting, Lower Hall, 8.00pm

Thursday 02

Thursday Fellowship, Lower Hall, 2.30 - 4.00pm

Saturday 04

Maintenance Group, Lower Hall, 9.00am

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Catch Up

If you missed it, a summary of the two previous sermons on *Growth* and *Giving* are available to download on the website, along with a list of opportunities for you to get involved.

Mission Partner: SST

Copies of the latest newsheet and prayer letter from Stepping Stones Trust are available. Please continue to pray for the staff and volunteers.

Photos

Clifton will be taking more portrait photos of church members after church next Sunday – 5th February. Show your face among the church membership – don't be shy now!

Prayer Requests

If you have something for which you would like others to pray, write it in the book over in the Daily Prayers corner; it will be prayed for this week at Daily Prayers.

Brewery Trip

Our annual pilgrimage takes us this year to the Surrey Hills Brewery (Dorking) on Saturday 11 February, 12.30-5.30pm. Train, tour & taxi c.£25.00. See Richard.

Confirmation: 2012

This year's Confirmation Course will be held during on Thursday evenings during March (1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th) at 7.45pm. It is open to any adults who wish to consider baptism and/or confirmation for the Deanery Confirmation with +Richard at St Mary's, Battersea on Sunday April 22 (6.30pm).

PCC Meeting

The next meeting of the PCC is this coming Wednesday 01 February at 8.00pm in the Lower Hall. If you are not a member, please remember the meeting in your prayers.

Bible Reading Genesis 1.1 – 2.3 (NIV)

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—**the first day**.

⁶ And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." ⁷ So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸ God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—**the second day**. ⁹ And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." **And God saw that it was good.**

¹¹ Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. ¹² The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. **And God saw that it was good.** ¹³ And there was evening, and there was morning—**the third day**.

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. **And God saw that it was good.** ¹⁹ And there was evening, and there was morning—**the fourth day**.

²⁰ And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. **And God saw that it was good.**

²² God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." ²³ And there was evening, and there was morning—**the fifth day**.

²⁴ And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. **And God saw that it was good.**

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

²⁹ Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ **God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.** And there was evening, and there was morning—**the sixth day**.

¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

² By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on **the seventh day** he rested from all his work. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

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Daily Readings (30 January - 04 February)

Take a couple of minutes to read the passage sometime in the morning and then, with the help of the short thought, suggestion or question below, take some time to consider what God might be saying to you or use it as a starting point for prayer.

Mon: Gen. 18.1-5: Abraham treats strangers like honoured guests; where are you on the spectrum between hostility & hospitality?

Tue: Gen. 18.16-end: God takes dialogue with Abraham seriously; what does this tell us about God & what does it say about prayer?

Wed: Gen 19.1-3&12-29: we get retributive vengeance like this; it's how the world operates...but is it God's way? See Hosea 11.8-9.

Thu: Rom 12.1-5: when something is sacrificed, the owner relinquishes ownership – so what is Paul really instructing & saying here?

Fri: Gen. 22.1-19: if Isaac dies, so does God's promise yet Abraham chooses this path to God-forsakenness...why?! (See Rom. 4.17-25).

Sat: Gen. 23: Abraham buys some land & claims citizenship in the Promised Land; where does our true citizenship lie (Eph. 2.11-22)?