

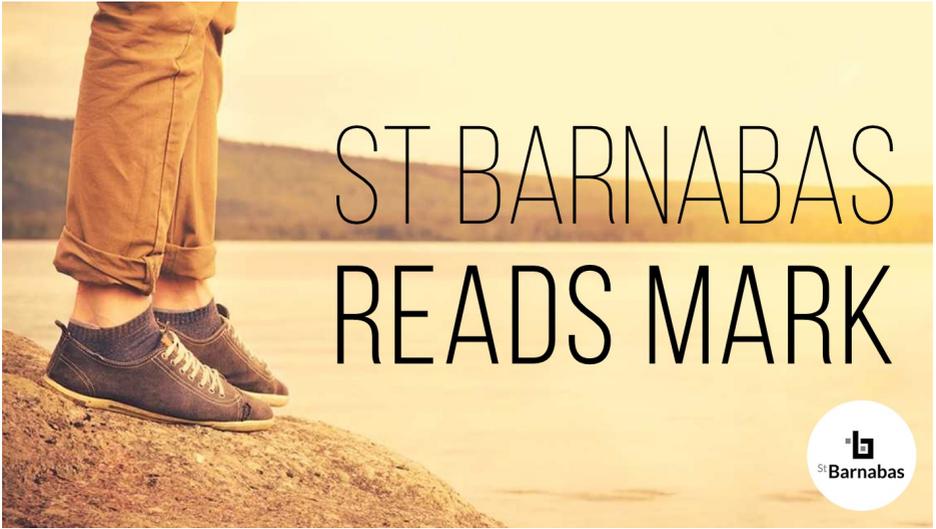
St Barnabas reads Mark

I invite you to take part in 'St Barnabas Reads Mark'. As part of our commitment to be a church Making Disciples for Life, over the Summer Term we will be using The Gospel of Mark to help us explore what it means to be a Disciple - a follower of Jesus. I have prepared a reading plan, which covers the 16 chapters of Mark in 14 weeks, starting the week after Easter. Reading plan bookmarks on will be available from Sunday 25th March. There will also be large print copies of the plan available.

Our Sunday sermon series at 9.30am, 11:15am & 6:30pm will work through Mark, picking out highlights that help us explore some key aspects of discipleship. But this will be an accompaniment to the main event, which is us committing to read Mark together over the coming weeks.

Whilst this will of course be something that we do as part of our own personal devotions, I believe it has the potential to have the most impact on us as a church if we see it as a





communal activity. I would encourage you to find ways of discussing with others what God is teaching you as you read Mark again, slowly and carefully over the coming months. Of course, Life Groups will be an ideal place to share the journey of St Barnabas reads Mark, but why not think of other ways too. I'd love it if in our everyday conversations, as we visit each other, bump into each other on the school run, and share a coffee together, we could be sharing what God is saying to us through the Gospel of Mark.

If you use social media, use [#StBarnabasreadsMark](#) to share reflections and photos so that we can create online discussion too. The weekly readings will be posted on the St Barnabas Facebook page each Monday.

Let us take this opportunity to journey together with Jesus through Mark and see what God has to say to us through it, as we seek to be disciples, and make disciples, for life.

Sam Tyndall

PCC in March



This was Tessa's last PCC and the PCC thanked her for her ministry at St Barnabas and wished her well in her move to St Mary's, Nunthorpe. The members retiring at the APCM were thanked for their contribution to the PCC. The PCC approved the appointment of Hazel Murray as a volunteer student worker at the university.

Allison Ward gave a report on the Middlesbrough Deanery Synod.

Jean Collier

Jean was a life-long member of St Barnabas and a regular attender at the 9.30 service. She was a founder member of the Lydia Group and worked very hard sewing up the blankets from the knitted squares. She was a keen gardener, embroiderer and walker and remained active, adventurous and independent to the end of her life. She celebrated her 90th birthday last August. We thank God for Jean's life and pray for her family and friends at this time.

From the Registers

Baptisms

11th March	Samuel Clement Bowen
18th March	Edward Arthur Shaw

Funerals at St Barnabas

28th February	Jean Collier	aged 90
20th March	Kathleen Tan	aged 64

Funeral at the Crematorium

26th March	Ethel Lockwood	aged 81
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Diary

Thursday 29th March	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, 7.30 pm in church
Friday 30th March	Good Friday Crafts and puppets, 10 am—12 noon An hour at the cross, 2 pm in church
Saturday 31st March	10 am Holy Saturday reflective service
Sunday 1st April	Easter Sunday 8 am Holy Communion 9.30 am Holy Communion 11.15 am All Age Communion 6.30 pm Evening Praise
Monday 2nd April	No Welcome Break
Friday 6th April	5.30 pm First Friday
Monday 9th April	Welcome Break, 10 a.m.—12 noon in the narthex
Week beginning 15th April	Life groups meet
Monday 16th April	Welcome Break, 10 a.m.—12 noon in the narthex Prayer Team meeting, 7.30 pm in the Reid Room
Monday 23rd April	Welcome Break, 10 a.m.—12 noon in the narthex PCC meets, 7.15 pm in the Reid Room
Friday 27th April	Lydia group meets, 2 pm in the Reid Room
Week beginning 29th April	Life groups meet