



INSPIRE

— Weeke — Harestock — Teg Down — King's Barton —

Welcome to INSPIRE - our community magazine for residents in Weeke, Harestock, Teg Down and King's Barton.

In this edition we want to let you know how we plan to celebrate 50 years of our church building and how you can have a say in making our community a great place to live.



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JOIN US TO CELEBRATE ST BARNABAS BEING 50 YEARS YOUNG!



Sunday 11th June from 2pm – 5.30pm on the green outside the church we plan to celebrate 50 years of the current church building. The foundation stone of the building was laid on 11 June 1966 (St Barnabas Day) and dedicated by the Bishop of Winchester, the Rt Revd Falkner Allison, the following year on 16 September 1967.

The afternoon will include live music, face painting, a bouncy castle, hog roast, sports and much more. We hope you will join us to celebrate this special day.

Some interesting facts you might be interested to know (taken from 'The Weeke Review') about our church:

- In 1967 the church cost £31,000 to build, £9,400 of which was raised by individuals and groups living in the Weeke community. A crane from a lorry that was parked inside the church hoisted the church spire in place.
- There are elements of the building that were installed or made possible because of other buildings of the past. The church bell is from St Peter's church on Chesil Street (now the Chesil Theatre) and money was received from the Diocese after the sale of the redundant St Maurice Church, which was on the site of the current Debenhams department store.
- A month after the church building opened everyone living in the parish was invited along on a tour of the building, followed by a cup of tea in the church hall.

Personal journeys..



Tina Langridge is a trainee teacher and mother of three young children. Here's Tina's story...

In January 2016 I lived a two-minute walk away from the church and my youngest daughter Elsie was aged four months. My older children Grace and Joshua had both been baptised at St Luke's church, Stanmore and now it was Elsie's turn. I had an initial meeting with Rev Ed, explained my church background from being a Brownie and I was invited to attend an Alpha course. This was a really good way to renew my friendship with God and to meet new people from the parish.

My experience at St Barnabas has been such a positive one I really feel like I have an extended family. It was through Rev Ed introducing me to Ellie that I now co-run the Base youth group with her which is rewarding work being able to interact, help the youth of the local area who are so diverse and don't all come from church backgrounds.

Being a Christian to me means now I have renewed my relationship with God: a Christian life for me is feeling blessed, fortunate and knowing I have been given life and hope. I was given this freely from God who loves me, through Jesus Christ.





Youth club now every Friday*

St Barnabas youth group has young people regularly attending the club's chill zones and creative activities.

The Base offers a safe space for youngsters (11 years upwards) to be creative, meet with friends and have fun. Sessions run every Friday between 7.30 – 9pm, ***term time only**. The first session is free and after that each session costs £1 per person.

As well as engaging the young

people in locally-based youth activities, St Barnabas is also fully involved in the organising of **Wildfire**, a city wide youth project which runs once a term. The social and music events give young people from different schools, communities and backgrounds the opportunity to meet together and be part of something big.

If you want to know more call Ellie Payne on 07927 951263 or email youth@stb.church



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During April and May, we'll be asking local residents to share their views on a number of questions

about living in their community. Questions such as: to what extent does our community look after the needs of families? In which sections of the community should the church invest its resources?

The survey is part of a wider programme gathering information from community leaders and influencers, church members and community organisations, which will help us gain a broad understanding of the current needs and opportunities in North Winchester.

The data will inform us on how best to use our resources to make a better community for all to live in. It's important we get as many people's views as possible, as the survey will help us to apply for grants from funding organisations.

The survey is in a tick box format and will take just a few minutes to complete. Question categories range from provision for families, youth and the elderly through to addiction, crime and the availability of services.

Members of St Barnabas church will use tablets or smartphones to record people's answers. There will also be an online version available via the St Barnabas website and a printed version. We will need surveys completed and back with us by end of May.

If you have any questions about the survey please call us on 01962 886629 or email the church office: office@stb.church

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Our friendly team is here to help you with any questions you might have about what's happening within the church and the community around us.

Or if you'd prefer you can visit our website www.stb.church to find out the latest news. We're always looking at ways to improve things so please let us know if there's anything you would like to see on the website that isn't on there.

You can also find out what's going on via our social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Social media is a great way to see what happens at church during the week as well as keeping you up to date with the latest news and prayer points.

If you are not a social media fan and would prefer to get an email of what's happening each week in the form of our notice sheet then please email us office@stb.church and we will add you to our mailing list.



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Dates for the future

Call us on 01962 886629 if you'd like more information about any of our services.

- 14th May:** Messy Church 4pm – 6pm
- 21st May:** Songs of Praise 4.30pm
- 27th May:** Coffee morning and plant sale 10am – 12pm
- 2nd June:** #Friday Holiday Club 11am – 2pm
- 2nd – 4th June:** Tent on the Green (see website for more details)
- 17th June:** Fathers Day Service 10.45am

11th June:
50th Celebration
2pm – 5.30pm



Our church services

EVERY SUNDAY

- 9.00am:** Parish Communion (with choir and traditional hymns).
- 10.45am:** Informal Worship Service (with groups for children)
- Messy Church:** 4.00 – 6.00pm, 2nd Sunday of the month – term time only.
- Reflective Service:** 4.30pm (3rd Sunday of the month) either Songs of Praise or Taizé – alternating
- WEEKDAY SERVICES:**
- Midweek Holy Communion:** at 1pm every Wednesday in the Chapel.

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