

Cornerstone

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Dear All,

Christmas – A Story to Share

When he shared bread and wine with his friends at the last meal before his arrest, Jesus said, 'Do this in memory of me.' (Luke 22:19) – and we do.

Different churches call it different things: The Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, The Eucharist, The Mass. 'Mass' comes from the final line of the service in Latin, 'Ite, missa est.' – meaning 'Go, it is the dismissal'. In our service the priest says, 'Go in peace to Love and serve the Lord.' and everyone responds, 'In the name of Christ. Amen.'

Christmas(s) is the commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ and our celebrations of the day begin with sharing Holy Communion just after midnight ('Midnight Mass').

For many people Christmas is a time of get-togethers – of seeing family and friends, but maybe for Christians the 'being sent out' is equally - if not more - important. Christmas isn't just a story to remember for a few faithful souls, but a story to *tell* - to a new audience, a new generation.

As a vicar I'm blessed because I get lots of invitations to tell the Christmas story – the first part of the story of God's rescue plan for lost humankind – to hundreds of children from local schools, but I hope that, amid all the festivities, you will make and take opportunities to tell people the Christmas story too – and what it means, personally, to you.

Have a blessed Christmas!

Merrin

Graduation Day

After 3 years of dedicated study, with the Open University, My daughter Natalie graduated with a History degree. This was a great achievement, as not only was she studying and working full time, she was also looking after her family.

The 21st September was a very proud moment for ken and myself when we went to the Barbican centre to watch Natalie receive her diploma at her graduation ceremony. Natalie's husband and 3 children were also there. Celebrations followed by all the family.

After working in a bank for 24 years, (Natalie was a 45 year old "mature" student) she decided to change careers and become a History teacher. (Her love of History came from her dad, not me!) Natalie is now teaching in a school in Hornchurch. Well done Natalie!

God Bless

Irene Hall

A beautiful day trip

Since joining Barry in retirement, we have been enjoying our time together by going on a number of day trips. One outing we had in the summer was to a place I have always wanted to visit a lavender farm.

The lavender farm (Mayfield Lavender Farm in Surrey), was spectacular, and we had a lovely time walking through the rows of lavender. There was also a farm shop selling a large range of products containing lavender. We were able to enjoy a nice lunch there and later in the day, we enjoyed a lavender cream tea, which attracted lots of wasps!

It was such a pleasant experience at the farm, and this is one day trip we are hoping to make annually! Praise the Lord for His wonderful creation of lavender!

Nicky Westover



Spiritual Life Together

1st Sunday: 10:30am. Morning Worship
6:30pm. Holy Communion

2nd Sunday: 10:30am Holy Communion
6:30pm. Evening Prayer

3rd Sunday: 10:30am. Morning Worship
6:30pm, Holy Communion

4th Sunday: 10:30am. Holy Communion
6:30pm. Open Service

5th Sunday: 10:30am Holy Communion
6:30pm. Evening Prayer

Sunday Club (our groups for children) meet during the morning service in term-time. During school holidays and for one Sunday in the middle of each half-term our morning services are for all ages together.

Wednesdays 10:00 am. Holy Communion

Be still, and know that I am God. (Psalm 46 v 10)

Who's Who at St. Paul's

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