

What's the point of life?
What happens when we die?
Is forgiveness possible?
What relevance does Jesus have for our lives
today?



Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed and non-threatening setting over six thought-provoking weekly sessions...

It is low-key, friendly and fun – and is beginning at St Mary's on Thursday 25 February.

Perhaps you want to investigate whether God exists, or perhaps you would like to be baptised or confirmed and want to find out more about what it means to be a Christian. Alpha is an ideal starting-point. See the leaflets at the back of church or speak to Becky Bevan or Tom Moffatt

Pause for Praise

Wednesday evenings from 24th February
at St Mary's Church

Tea and coffee from 8pm, worship starts at 8.30pm
Take a break from the rush of life and pause for a few moments....

Be still in God's peaceful presence and praise Him in worship

St Barnabas Church Contact List

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The Grapevine

February 21st 2010

Welcome

Today's collect (Prayer)



Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted
forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin;
give us grace to discipline ourselves in
obedience with your spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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.
Amen



Today's Readings

Psalm 121 & Luke 4:1-13

Please stay and say hello to one another and share in our refreshments at the end of the service.

No collection is taken during this service.
Contributions may be left in the basket on the information desk.

A crèche area is available at the back of church for the under 5's.

Coffee Sponsorship



If you would like to sponsor the coffee to celebrate a birthday, wedding anniversary etc or in memory of a loved one, please collect a form from the information desk or email Pete at revdpj@btinternet.com

Prayers

During this week please spend time praying for the following:-

- All who live in Floral Way
- Jane Saunders
- Armed forces in Afghanistan
- The Haywards
- Staff & pupils returning to school
- Kirsten - following her Baptism



Please let Pete know if you would like anyone added to our prayer list.

St Barnabas Church, Thatcham

Serving To Build Community

Our Vision Statement

We are a Church continuously being renewed by the Holy Spirit, serving to build community, founded on the person and work of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God.

Mothers Union

February 24, 2pm
Have a good Lent –
David Winter
St Mary's Church

Fairtrade Coffee Morning & Book Sale

February 27th 10.00am-
12.00 noon
at Mary's Church Meeting
Room
Supporting the Mother's
Union Overseas Fund
Why not enter your cake
into the Cake competition?
Judging begins at
10.15 am
More information at back
of Church.

SOS/ Beetle Drive March 13th

After SOS we are holding a
Beetle Drive and linking
with Thatcham Park PTA.
All money raised will now
be going to St Barnabas.



Congratulations

to Jamie, Helen & Thomas Read.

We give thanks to God for the safe arrival of Elizabeth Alice born Thursday 11th February at 5.41pm Weighing 7lb 8oz

Lent Lunches

Come for soup, bread and
cheese,
Followed by coffee, all for a
donation to Christian Aid.
All ages welcome!
Every Friday at 12.30pm
At the Methodist Church,
Chapel Street
From 19th February
To 26th March 2010.

On Good Friday the venue
is St Mary's Church.



Volunteers needed
to help Pete on March 19th
as St Barnabas are hosting
on this day.