



Hailsham Free
CHURCH

Sunday 3rd December

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God to everyone who believes ..."

"... it is written. The righteous shall live by faith."

...Romans 1: 16 - 17 ESV

2017 BARNABAS FUND

Can we put ourselves into a Refugee situation or a child that has been ill, what being Orphaned is like? Have we ever been to a place where these things are happening? Are we giving our best gift to someone like this who really needs it? Again we are reminded that God gave His best Gift at Christmas.

Aiding the Afflicted is not a job for one person or organisation, but a work for all of us, together. In the conflict zone of East Ukraine, many have fled west, where Believers have given them refuge and many lives have been transformed. War is 'normal' in many countries of the world; here our God is working in amazing ways. In South Sudan, in the Middle East, in Pakistan, in Yemen, in the Central African Republic and in Myanmar. Barnabas is involved in Prayer, in giving time, providing humanitarian aid, supplying shelter for homeless refugees. They are very much on the front line where the battle is greatest and where Love casts out certain fear.

As we sit down to our daily meals, can we remember those whose lives require sacrifice, missing meals, serving in hospitals, giving up sleep for duty, taking responsibilities that are beyond the normal commitments of Believers. Behind the scenes, finance and administration are constantly regulated. Educational standards are sought for persecuted children. When bombs destroy habitation, buildings have to be rebuilt and lives protected for the future. Distribution of funds needs special discernment.

From Romans 12, let us see what Barnabas is achieving. "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. Contributing to the needs of others, sharing with God's people in need. Giving hospitality, humble in service, zealous in generosity, not repaying evil for evil, not taking revenge, overcoming evil with good, in faith and with Grace, often in the heart of persecution." Barnabas says with scripture 'live at peace'.

Please contribute your Love Gift into the Barnabas Christmas Box.
Thank You.

Thank youyou.

What's on this week

Sunday 3rd December.

Welcome to Hailsham Free Church.

A special welcome if you are visiting for the first time today.

Prayer – We meet in the church office every Sunday before each service, at 10:25 in the morning and 6:15 in the evening. Anyone is welcome to join us.

Morning Service **10:45am**

Pastor Tim will be preaching from Romans 11:36. Sermon Title: "Soli Deo Gloria" Gods Glory Alone.

Evening Service **6:30pm**

Pastor Tim is leading the service and will be preaching, from 1 John 2:1-2 Sermon Title. Rejoice in the Saviour.

Crèche: If you have young children, then please make use of our crèche room, where the service will be relayed.

Young people: We have a children's group that runs during the service.

Primary & Junior:

From age 3 - school year 6.

Home Groups

Monday

Prayer Meeting	9.30am
Elders Meeting	10.45am
Christars	7:00pm

Tuesday

Adventurers.	6:15pm
Pastor's day off.	

Wednesday

Mums & Toddlers.	10:00am
Followers.	6:00pm
Practice for Singers and Musicians.	7:30pm

Thursday

Faith in Action,	2-4pm
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Friday

Saturday

Sunday next week. DV

Morning Service. **10:45am**

Glen Scrivener will be leading the service and will be preaching.

Evening Service. **4:30pm**

Carols in the Park.

Theme verse 2017

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.

All our services are recorded on CD. To get a copy please speak to someone on the sound desk at the back of the church; alternatively you can find them on the church website; www.hailshamfreechurch.org

Be Involved

Information ...

Congratulations.

To Paul and Abi on the announcement of their engagement.

FIA Shoe Boxes.

Will all who have kindly taken shoe boxes to fill can you please make sure they are returned as soon as possible, if this is a problem please speak with Karen or Jeanette many thanks.

Church Christmas card

Today is the last opportunity if you want to be included in the Church Christmas card.

Carol's in the Park

Mince pies and other delights are needed for the refreshments after the Carols in the Park event, many thanks.

Church Flowers for Christmas.

Contributions towards the cost of the flowers for the Christmas services, if you would like to help please see June Collman or place your gift in the offering box and mark your gift "Flowers".

Barnabas

BARNABAS, with our help, is seeking to relieve oppression and injustice among Christians across the world. They are tackling famines in many places like Yemen and Bangladesh, bringing the attention of the Middle East to the world Media and upholding the Christian Faith where persecution is greatest. Please remember Patrick and Rosemary Sookhdeo with the administration team in prayer.

Offerings - We don't take up an offering during the services, but we have two offering boxes at the entrance to the church, so that you can give as you are led by the Lord. We would like to encourage you to give to His work, as He directs you. If you pay tax, then **Gift Aiding increases the amount**

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