

Dear all,

Today is the Feast of Barnabas, the apostle. Names fascinate me, both their meanings, and the reason that they have been chosen. It is something that I pick up in baptism services. In more traditional societies, the meaning of names is highly significant - something that we have lost somewhat, where it is more the sound of the name, or its associations that matter. (Feel free to disagree with me!).

In the bible, names really matter, and especially names that are changed. So, we see Jacob (the Supplanter) becomes Israel (wrestled with God), Abram (high father) becomes Abraham (father of nations), Zechariah's son is to be called John (Jochanan = God is gracious), and, of course, Jesus (Yeshua, or Joshua = God is salvation). The name often represents either or both their character and a prophetic statement of their calling.

In Acts 4 we read *There was not a needy person among [the church], for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.*

What a wonderful thing to be named – even if it is nick-named! Would that we could all deserve that name. What a powerful place the church would be then.

[The enemy of the early church, Saul (asked for/prayed for) becomes Paul (small). 'Prayed for' becomes 'titch'! I wonder what is happening here]

Why don't you explore the meaning of your name, and, if you are able, why you were given it.

Tomorrow is Trinity Sunday. It is traditionally the Sunday that vicar's give the sermon to their curates, with some degree of relief! They then sit back to see which heresy they veer towards! It is just coincidence that Sonia always preaches and presides on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month (honest!).

The lectionary readings for Sunday morning are: Proverbs 8;1-4, 22-31; Romans 5:1-5; and John 16:12-15. The Psalm is Psalm 8.

The hymns for the service are [HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - YouTube](#), [My God, How Wonderful Thou Art \(Tune: Westminster - 7vv\) \[with lyrics for congregations\] - YouTube](#), and [Thou Whose Almighty Word \(Tune: Italian Hymn - 4vv\) \[with lyrics for congregations\] - YouTube](#)

Anglican Chant [♪ Psalm 8 | O Lord our Governor | with LYRICS - YouTube](#)

Keith Green [Keith Green - How Majestic is Thy Name \(Psalm 8\) - YouTube](#)

And another contemporary take [Psalm 8: Word for Word \(lyrics\) • Scripture Song - YouTube](#)

And a contemporary Hebrew version [Adonai Adoneinu - From Generation to Generation \(Official\) - YouTube](#)

Anthems suggested for Trinity include:

[Blessed Angel Spirits \(Hymn to the Trinity\) - Tchaikovsky \[with lyrics for congregations\] - YouTube](#)

[O Trinity, Most Blessed Light \(Turner\) - Washington Master Chorale - 2016 - YouTube](#)

[VICTORIA - Benedicta sit Sancta Trinitas. Musica Ficta - YouTube](#) (with introduction, translated)

[John Stainer: I saw the Lord - YouTube](#)

[Bortniansky - Cherubic Hymn \(No. 7\) - YouTube](#)

Don't forget...

**DO NOT MISS!**



Priory Church  
Deeping St James

# Rose and Sweet Pea Show

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2022. 1-4.30pm

Grand Raffle	Vicar's Arms Bar
Afternoon Teas	Children's Games
BBQ	Pony & trap rides
Plant Stall	and so much more!

## Fun for all!

**Horticultural Show in Church.** Classes for flowers, fruit and veg, baking, art, craft and children's competitions. Full details on Priory Church website [dsj.org.uk](http://dsj.org.uk) or phone 01778 348107



# Pennyless



Penny Stevens on violin and Les Woods playing guitar form a distinctive and powerful sound as they range through the world of original and roots folk music, high energy and fun!

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**  
**Priory Hall Garden, DSJ**

Bring your own picnic. Garden open from 6pm.  
Music starts 7pm. Event inside if wet.

Tickets £10 (children free) include teas or coffee from J Astle 01778 346879 or V Worthington 01778 343860



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Kate writes about the Rose & Sweet Pea Show...

Pink slips, giving details of the Horticultural Show are available at the back of church or at Sam's Convenience store, Rycroft Avenue.

Naturally there is much to be done to make this a successful fundraising event for the church. Could you make cakes for the teas and to sell, or acting as a relief steward in the church and on the stalls, helping with children's games, tea refreshments or manning the BBQ? Tickets will be available for the Grand Draw with many fabulous prizes kindly donated by local businesses. Could you sell some books to your friends and family? There will be posters and flyers to distribute and so much more. Please have a word with Nick or Jan -the churchwardens- or a member of the PCC if you can help in any way.



Stay safe.

Blessings and love

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