



St Bs Mission Partners

The Mascher Family



About the Mascher Family: Bernie and Celia Mascher live in Naivasha, Kenya with their children Abbie and Theon. They manage a teaching facility, Helping Hands, which offers vocational training courses such as weaving, and a leadership/theological diploma to church leaders. They also run Little Hands School which integrates children with physical disabilities and other special needs. On Sundays they lead Naivasha International Fellowship.

Latest news from the Maschers: As many of you know, Celia was diagnosed with breast cancer in September. In November Bernie and Celia came to the UK for Celia to have surgery to remove the cancer. The surgery was successful. Thankfully she has not needed chemotherapy but had to return to the UK in January to have radiotherapy for four weeks while Bernie remained in Kenya with Abbie and Theon. It was a hard time for them all but thankfully the radiotherapy was successful.

Celia says "I returned to Kenya in mid-February. It was such a relief to be home again. According to the doctors in the UK, I am now effectively cured of breast cancer. I'll have to take some medication for several years and return to the UK for a few other treatments and check-ups. Physically, I'm doing better but emotionally, I'm still working through everything. I also have a few ongoing side effects from the drugs I'm taking and often feel nauseous and tired.

"A week ago on Friday I woke up feeling completely fine. How long had it been since I'd felt so normal? Then just a few hours later we had the visit by the government ministers who came looking for problems and threatening to close us down! That knocked us all a bit. I was told by a doctor in the UK that I should not return to work for 8 to 12 weeks. But it's not easy to keep away. In fact working at the school can be a good distraction. Each day I go up for my hug from Darwin, a little boy with Down's Syndrome who's just joined us. Also from a mischievous little boy called Victory. These kids are my therapy."

Give thanks for:

- Celia now being cancer free and back in Kenya with Bernie, Abbie and Theon.
- Bernie and Celia being able to handle the surprise visit from the Government ministers well.
- The opportunity to work with special children like Darwin and Victory, and see them grow into their full potential.

Please pray for:

- Continued strength and restoration for Celia.
- Continued physical, spiritual, emotional and cognitive development of Darwin, Victory and all the other children at Little Hands School.
- Favour for Bernie and Celia with the Government ministers and any follow up from their visit.

Pray for the Maschers: Tear off this slip to pray for Bernie and Celia through the week or pick up their prayer postcard from the World Mission Support board

Support the Maschers: Email carolineburns@stbarnabas.co.uk to find out how you can support the Maschers or Helping Hands, or to receive their newsletters

What's on this week...

Monday 24 April

10.00am Iranian Prayer Meeting - Parish Hall

Tuesday 25 April

10.00am English Conversation Class - Parish Hall

Wednesday 26 April

9.30am Barney's Toddler Group - Main Hall

2.15pm Wednesday Club - Parish Hall

Thursday 27 April

10.00am N12 Women - Parish Hall

7.30pm N12 Community Choir - Parish Hall

Friday 28 April

9.30am Barney's Toddler Group - Main Hall

Saturday 29 April

9.00am Coming Home to God - Main Hall

For contact details and full information on groups and activities, please check directory/programme card or our website:

www.stbarnabas.co.uk

Alternatively, you can pick up flyers at the back of church or get more information from the relevant noticeboards around church.

Inspire Women's Conference

Saturday 20 May 10am-6.30pm

Hosted by Inherit Life Church and held at Golders Green Parish Church, NW11. A refreshing day for women with worship, teaching and prayer ministry. Ticket price £12.50 per person.

For more information and to book tickets visit:

www.inheritlifechurch.com/inspire-womens-conference or

email: inspire@inheritlifechurch.com

Deaf? BSL User? Welcome!

We have a level 2 signer at our 9.30am service (Anne ☎ 07813 305036)

Farewell Gift for David Brown

After nearly 10 years on staff as Discipleship Pastor, David Brown is leaving St Barnabas. If you would like to contribute to a farewell gift to him, please use the envelopes available in church today and either put them in the offering baskets or hand them to a member of the Hospitality Team. We will be saying farewell to David and Anne on Sunday 14 May.

and a level 6 signer (Becca ☎ 07746 438640) at our 7pm service who would be delighted to help you access our service content. Please either text them directly or contact theoffice@stbarnabas.co.uk. For assistance at our 11.30am, email us and we will organise someone for you.

Financial Giving

To join our giving programme or for more information about our budget and finances, please take a copy of our publication "Mission and Money". This includes bank details, a standing order form and information about how you can Gift Aid your contributions.

www.stbarnabas.co.uk/giving

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Account number: 31658091

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Sunday 23 April 2017

Holy Communion 8am

Common Worship Service in the Side Chapel

Led by: Henry Kendal

1 Peter 1:3-9 & John 20:19-31

Morning Communion 9.30 & 11.30am

Informal Services with Communion and provision for children and youth - see below

9.30 Led by: David Brown & Sue Pritchard

11.30 Led by: David Brown & Peter Landry

Sermon: Helen Shannon

Hear Him call your name

John 20:1-18

Evening Communion 7pm

Informal Celebration-Style Service with Communion

Led by: Henry Kendal & Neil Richards

Sermon: Colin Brookes

Pearls from a Fisherman: Who, When, What & Why?

Children

Family Worship Gathering

All families are invited to join the Family Worship Gathering in the Parish Hall.

Youth

The Sunday Session 11-14 years
11.15am Youth Hall

The 5 14-18 years
5.00pm Youth Hall

Morning & Evening Communion

Please note that the Communion wine is non-alcoholic.

Please stand, sit or kneel as you feel comfortable. Refreshments are available throughout the service from the coffee points around the church.



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