



WORTH PARISH

Serving Crawley in Worth, Pound Hill, Maidenbower and Forge Wood

Crib Service

ST BARNABAS' CHURCH, POUND HILL

24TH DECEMBER, 2015, 4PM



Welcome !

Welcome to St Barnabas this Christmas Eve –as we celebrate as a family the amazing moment over 2000 years ago, when Jesus, God’s only Son was born and became the Hope of the World. Crib Services date back nearly 1000 years to St Francis of Assisi – but our own will be special and unique!

St Barnabas’ church building has celebrated 60 years as part of the Pound Hill community this year. But the building is just a small part of the story. Much more important are the people who have come and become a Church family over the last 60 years, so thank you for joining us today. We would love you to visit in 2016 to try out some of the other things that we offer for young people.

For Preschool and above

- Toddlers here every Tuesday and Thursday 9.15-11.15am in term time
- Messy Church here (tea provided) every 4th Wednesday 3-4.45pm
- Messy Church at Maidenbower Infant School
- Nic’s – A 30-minute service at 11.30am at St Nicholas’, Worth on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month
- Services to suit all ages here every Sunday 10am, with the 2nd and 4th Sundays being especially family-oriented
- Sunday School (Age 3+)

For Those Over 10

- A fortnightly Friday night youth club (Plugged In) 7-9pm – a safe relaxing space with table football, films, games, art and crafts, tuck shop etc. Entry by £1 donation.
- A Sunday youth club (Switched On) up at St Nicholas’, Worth, where lively discussion and games take place during the 09.45 service, on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.
- Services to suit all ages here at St Barnabas’ every Sunday 10am

We’d be glad to have you at any of our events or services. If you have a query about getting involved, find us on Facebook, visit our website or call the Parish Office on 0300 111 8150. Happy Christmas !

Canon Anthony Ball, Rector and Revd. Steve Burston, Curate



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About the Charities Which Your Donations Will Support

This year, please give what you can at our Christmas services, as collections are split equally between Worth Parish and these other charities:



Local Charity - www.rockinghorse.org.uk

Rockinghorse is a Brighton-based charity which has been supporting children for nearly 50 years. It was set up in 1967 to address a real need for additional healthcare resources for sick children and babies in Sussex.

Rockinghorse is the official fundraising arm of the Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital where they raise money for life-saving and cutting-edge medical equipment, and they additionally support the Baby Units at both the Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton and the Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath.

National Charity - www.capuk.org

Christians Against Poverty are a group striving to release people in the UK from debt, poverty and the causes. They are passionate about tackling poverty head on through money courses, debt help, job clubs and other financial advice, with their services all being run through local churches. Their vision is to help answer the national problem of debt by opening a CAP Debt Centre and running a CAP Money Course in every town and city in the UK by 2021, thus bringing freedom, good news and life-changing help to people in every community.



International Charity - www.marysmeals.org.uk

Mary's Meals was set up by a young Scottish fish farmer, moved by the plight of Bosnian children. The charity reaches out to people of all faiths and of none because what is important to them is "the hungry child. When there are hungry children in front of us today, we're going to feed them, and at the same time we're going to work on the solution to getting them fed in the long term."

Their one focus is that every child receives a nutritious daily meal in a place of education. These life-changing meals attract hungry children into the classroom where the food give them the energy and opportunity to learn and the chance of a brighter future. They currently feed 1,035,637 children daily and the UK Government is currently doubling every donation made to Mary's Meals.

READING

John 3:16

CAROL

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:

Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, and mean, and lowly,
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood
he would honour and obey,
love, and watch the lowly maiden,
in whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all must be
mild, obedient, good as he.

For he is our childhood's pattern,
day by day like us he grew,
he was little, weak, and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
when like stars his children crowned
all in white shall wait around.

Words:
C F Alexander
(1818-95)

GREETING A welcome from Rev'd Steve ending with:
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All say: **Amen**

Christ has brought us out of Darkness
to live in his marvellous light.

WE SAY SORRY

Father God, we say sorry for things we do and say and think which make you sad, and for not thinking of others before ourselves. Please forgive us, and help us to love you and other people more and more. **Amen**

WE ARE FORGIVEN

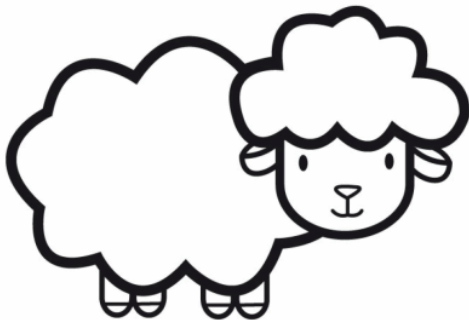
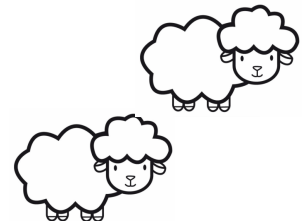
The Advent Calendar Game

The Twelve Days Of Nativity



On the first day of Christmas God gave to all the earth...

- A baby in a manger
- 2 Loving parents
- 3 Wise men
- 4 Shocked shepherds
- 5 Angel choirs
- 6 Woolly lambs
- 7 Spitting camels
- 8 Flying reindeer
- 9 Donkeys dancing
- 10 Grumpy inn guests
- 11 Christmas kisses
- 12 Twinkling stars



READING Reading Luke 2 1- 14

TALK At the Heart of Christmas is God's Love for Us!

THE RECEIVING OF THE POSADA (TRAVELLING NATIVITY)

THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY

THE ANIMALS IN A STABLE

CAROL

*during which
the animals
gather in the
stable*

Words:
Bishop Phillips
Brooks
(1835-93)

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together,
proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth!

MARY AND JOSEPH

CAROL

*during which
Mary and
Joseph gather
around the
crib*

Little donkey, little donkey on the dusty road
Got to keep on plodding onwards with your precious load
Been a long time, little donkey, through the winters night
Don't give up now, little donkey, Bethlehem's in sight

*Ring out those bells tonight
Bethlehem, Bethlehem
Follow that star tonight
Bethlehem, Bethlehem*

Little donkey, little donkey, had a heavy day
Little donkey, carry Mary safely on her way
Little donkey, little donkey, journey's end is near
There are wisemen waiting for a sign to bring them here
Do not falter little donkey, there's a star ahead
it will guide you, little donkey, to a cattle shed

*Ring out those bells tonight
Bethlehem, Bethlehem
Follow that star tonight
Bethlehem, Bethlehem*

Words:
Eric Boswell
(1921-2009)

Little donkey, little donkey, had a heavy day
Little donkey, carry Mary, safely on her way
Little donkey, carry Mary, safely on her way

JESUS IS BORN

CAROL

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head

The stars in the bright sky, looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes

I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my side, 'Til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever
And love me I pray

Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care
And take us to heaven
To live with Thee there.



THE ANGELS AND THE SHEPHERDS

CAROL

*during which
the angels
and
shepherds
gather round
Mary and
Joseph*

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind;
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.

"To you, in David's town, this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

**"The heavenly Babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid."**

**Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:**

**"All glory be to God on high
and on earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to me
begin and never cease."**

*Words:
Nahum Tate
(1652-1715)*

THE KINGS

CAROL

*during which
the three
Kings arrive at
the crib, a
collection is
taken and any
gifts are
brought up to
the Christmas
Tree*

**We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar;
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.**

**O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Born a King on Bethlehem plain,
Gold I bring, to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.**

**O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh,
Prayer and praising,**

**gladly raising,
Worship him,
God most high.**



**O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

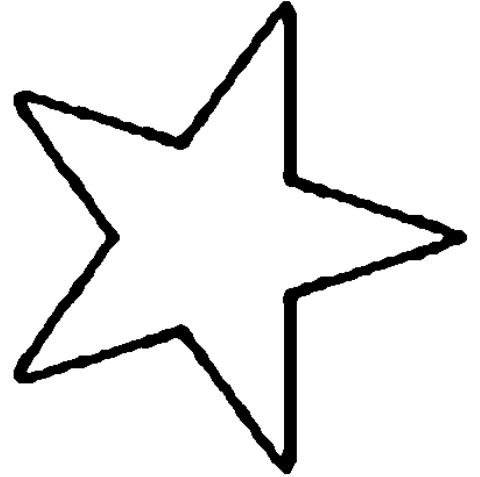
**Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.**

**O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and sacrifice;
Alleluia, alleluia,
Earth to heav'n replies.**

**O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

Words:
John Henry
Hopkins, Jr.,
(1857-1891)



CAROL

*during which
children and
adults are
encouraged to
place their
stars in and
around the
stable*

**Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace!
Sleep in heavenly peace!**

**Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from Heaven afar,
Heavenly Hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!**

**Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy Holy Face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy Birth!
Jesus, Lord, at Thy Birth!**

PRAYERS

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

CAROL

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye
to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him,
Born the King of Angels.

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps.



O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Lo! Star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer Him incense, gold and myrrh;
We to the Christ-child,
Bring our hearts oblations.

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
'Glory to God
In the highest'.

Words:
Latin tr
F Oakeley
(1802-80)

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

BLESSING *The Blessing is given and the service concludes*

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



