

**Trinity 11
7th August
2016**



Welcome to our services at
St Nicholas' in Worth and St
Barnabas' in Pound Hill.

This sheet details the readings in today's services and notices about our community. Please do take it home.

If you are here for the first time, please do introduce yourselves. We'd also love you to join us for refreshments after the service. Please feel free to use the soft toys and books at the back of the church for your children. At Communion, everyone is welcome to come up and receive a blessing or, if baptised, share the bread and wine.

SERVICES TODAY

08.00 Holy Communion St Nicholas'

Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Gordon Parry

09.45 Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'

Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Steve Burston

10.00 Eucharist St Barnabas'

Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Gordon Parry

11.30 Nic's All Age Worship St Nicholas'

Presiding: Revd Steve Burston

The Pew Sheet

If you would like to have a go at making the pew sheet once a month please phone Sue Walshe on 01293 887997 or use email below. It works very well with a team of 2 using the pew sheet email address for notices but we need to have a couple more people on board.
pewsheet@worthparish.org.uk

The Curate Writes:

We have just been away for the first time in a new caravan! It was an unexpected gift from some dear friends and we have been so blessed already by having it. However, can I tell you how nerve-racking hooking up the caravan to our car was the first time. The night before, I was excited to go away, however, as I lay in bed I began to worry. What if we hit a neighbour's car as we manoeuvred out of our drive?! Would our old Seat blow up towing? Would we be driving along the M3 and suddenly see an identical caravan overtaking us - and then realise it wasn't an identical caravan - it was in fact our caravan! I was filled with uncertainty and it's not a nice place to be. We only have to look at the news or even our own Parish and see that we live in uncertain times. What should be our response? I think the key is in our Hebrew reading that repeats and repeats the word 'faith'. Elton Trueblood wrote these words, and I think they are profoundly true:

"The deepest conviction of the Christian is that Christ was not wrong."

Faith involves certain beliefs. Faith involves an attitude of hope and confidence. But, at its core, faith is trusting a person. Yes, there is uncertainty in life, but there is faith in a person - Jesus Christ.

Steve

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.

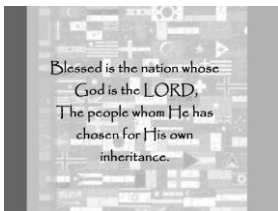
Amen

First Reading

Genesis 15. 1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Psalm 33. 12-22



Second Reading

Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8-16

The Meaning of Faith

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

The Faith of Abraham

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12. 32-40

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.



Watchful Slaves

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Mon	11.00 Julian Group	St Barnabas'
Tues	09.00 Morning Prayer 10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas' St Barnabas'
Wed	09.00 Morning Prayer & Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thurs	09.00 Morning Prayer 10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas' St Nicholas'
Fri	09.00 Morning Prayer & Eucharist 11.30 Chat & Pray	St Barnabas' Stepneys
Sat	09.00 Morning Prayer and Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	12.00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
	14.00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Sun	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
14 th	10.00	St Barnabas'
Aug	Parish Eucharist	
	12.00 Holy Baptism	St Nicholas'

Readings for Sunday 14th August (Trinity 12)

Jeremiah 23.23-29

Psalms 82

Hebrews 11.29 - 12.2

Luke 12.49-56

I'LL DO IT MY WAY! A Modern-Day Parable of the 'Lost Son' is being presented as a dance, drama and singing Summer School at St Elizabeth's Northgate! 22-25 August, open to all aged 7-16. No experience necessary. The summer school will end in a performance at the Hawth on 25th August! Contact Louise on 07721416323 or email lyrie@aol.com

'Prayerful Pilates' is a workshop for adults on Tuesday 30 August 7-8pm at St Elizabeth's Northgate. Men & women welcome. No experience necessary. Strengthen and relax your body and mind, with a focus on God. Accompanied by relaxing Christian music. Book through Louise on 07721416323 or lyrie@aol.com

NOTICES AND DIARY NOTES

Friday lunches 12.30pm in the Pastoral Centre - 2 courses + tea / coffee - £5.50. Everyone welcome. Please order tickets by **10th Aug** (for catering) for 12th Aug at the Centre (pay on the day) or phone **0300 111 8150**.

The Pastoral Centre always welcomes home made cakes. If anyone is willing to bake any items for us these will be gratefully received. Reimbursement can be arranged for ingredients used.

The Coffee Shop is open 10.30am-12 on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays only throughout the summer hols. Why not pop in for friendly chat, coffee, tea or delicious home-made cake.

Sat 20th August 9.00 am - 11.45am

There will be a gardening and clear up morning at St. Barnabas. All offers of help welcome. We also welcome offers of help in taking garden rubbish etc to the tip. There is a sign up list at St. Barnabas - or just turn up on the day. Refreshments provided.

Friday August 26th 10.00am-3.00pm - Children's Activity Day (Bold and Beautiful) at Chichester Cathedral for ages 3-12 years (£2.50 per child). No need to book.

Sunday September 4th 10.00am - Parish Eucharist at St. Nicholas' followed by BBQ/Bring and Share lunch and farewells to Anthony and Steve on the Rectory Lawn. The sign up lists for the 'bring & share' element are now displayed in both churches. BBQ items will be provided- burgers, sausages, rolls etc- donations towards the cost of these will be welcomed on the day. Offers of help please to the church wardens. Thank you.

Saturday September 10th 3pm - Anthony's Installation as Canon at Westminster Abbey. The coach is now full and the list for the reception afterwards is

closed. If you have signed up for the coach please put £13 per seat in a named envelope to Sue or one of the church wardens – no loose cash please.

Saturday September 17th 8.30am - Ladies' Breakfast at the Pastoral Centre with guest Speaker from Open House.

Please sign up on the sheets at the back of Church.

29th September 2016 from 5pm - 9pm OPEN EVENING: Holy Trinity C of E Secondary School.

Maidenbower Messy Church Only

There will be no Messy Church at Maidenbower School in September. It will be resuming as normal from October. A notice will be sent out to parents by the school office.

Book / Reading Club

If anyone would be interested in joining a monthly book club at the Pastoral Centre or has any questions about such a venture please contact the parish office or Liz Gallagher on 07779166464 – books available on loan

Canon Anthony is taking annual leave from 20 July to 18 August. When he returns, Revd Steve will take his annual leave until 3rd Sep.

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