

**Trinity 17  
18<sup>th</sup>  
September  
2016**



**Peace Sunday**  
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 Parish Eucharist St Nicholas'  
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10.00 Eucharist : St Barnabas'  
*Celebrant and Preacher :* Revd Gerry Burgess

11.30 Nic's Animal Service  
Led by Greta Sawyer - All age worship with animal blessing. Please bring along your pet or a cuddly toy for this very special time together

13.30 Baptism St Nicholas'  
*Presiding:* Revd Gordon Parry

## From Gordon

– Wealth and God's Economy

Our Gospel reading deals with the management of wealth – a subject that preoccupies almost all societies both historically and today. Wealth can be very divisive and it clearly threatened the relationships between the corrupt steward, his master and his debtors.

Today we worry about wealth, having sufficient to lead a reasonable life, the widening gap between rich and poor in our society and many others, the management of our national wealth and the stewardship – good and bad - of corporate wealth by companies and banks. Within the retailing sector we have recently seen the devastating effects on tens of thousands of people through the closure of BHS, in part at least through individual greed. In contrast the John Lewis Partnership offers a model of shared wealth where all employees are partners and benefit from the profits made by the business and their efforts within it. It is interesting that two current Sunday evening TV series, 'Victoria' and 'Poldark' both have as their subtexts the relationship between rich and poor, opulence and destitution and the power and privilege that wealth and social position confer.

Then there's spiritual wealth. We are familiar with Matthew 6:21 (or Luke 12:34). 'For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.' The Church encourages the accumulation of spiritual wealth or 'spiritual capital' as it is often called. Such wealth or capital is renewed and augmented by our life as a Christian community. Through prayer, worship and a constant awareness of the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, it truly becomes wealth to be shared for the greater good of all.

## Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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

*Amos 8.4-7*

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
saying, 'When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;  
and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
We will make the ephah small and the  
shekel great,  
and practise deceit with false balances,  
buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.'  
The LORD has sworn by the pride  
of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their  
deeds.

From the  
*rising of the sun*  
unto the  
*going down*  
of the same  
the LORDS name  
is to be praised.  
Psalm 113

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## Second Reading

*1 Timothy 2.1-7*

### Instructions concerning Prayer

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our

Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

## Gospel Reading

*Luke 16.1-13*

### The Parable of the Dishonest Manager

Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.'" Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the



children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

### Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord

**Amen**

St Barnabas Vicarage - A certain lady (with occasional help) has been tackling the garden on Tuesday mornings. If you feel **you could join in** - please turn up with secateurs. It would be such an encouragement to our greenfingered lady. Even helping to take rubbish away would be appreciated as she is working flat out. Thanks also to Mowing Team for dealing with the grass and to Don for tackling the hedge.

**PCC Secretary** – we are looking for a volunteer to take on (or assist with) this role. For further details please contact the Parish office or speak to Glennis Parker.

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues	10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thurs	10.30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
25	09.45 Parish Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sept	10.00 Family Service	St Barnabas'
	11.30 Baptism Service	St Nicholas'

### Readings for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September (Trinity 18)

Amos 6.1a,4-7

Psalms 146

I Timothy 6.6-19

Luke 16.19-31

Old and new friends welcome!

Wed 28 Sept 16

St Barnabas' 15.00



Tbc Wed 12 Oct 16

Maidenbower Infants School 15.15

Wed 19 Oct 16

St Barnabas' 15.00

**Parish Home Groups** meet fortnightly on different days at different times and are open to all, no matter where you are on your journey of Faith. New people are welcome at any time. For further information contact Dave Parker 884574 or Joan Tick 884695.

Wed 19 Oct **Parish Prayer Group** 19.30 at St Barnabas' Church. Please join us if you feel able to - you'll be very welcome

Please note that our **Harvest Thanksgiving** Services are on 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct at normal times at both churches. Please donate tinned or packet foods for distribution to Open House and the Easter Team Thank you.

PCC- there is a copy of approved PCC minutes from the beginning of this PCC year, April 2016, available for viewing at the Office at St. Barnabas.

## DIARY NOTES

**Friday lunches** 12.30pm in the Pastoral Centre - 2 courses + tea / coffee - £5.50. Everyone welcome. Please order tickets by **21<sup>st</sup> Sept** (for catering) for 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept at the Centre or phone **0300 111 8150**.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September** 19.30 @ URC Speaker & discussion World Week of Peace for Israel/Palestine

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept** 10.00- 11.00am Pastoral Centre volunteers and would be volunteers meeting in the P. Centre. A refresher course on Food Safety training given by the Environmental Health department of CBC. Everyone welcome.

**24<sup>th</sup> Sept 16 10.00 – 11.45 Pastoral Centre - Book Sale** – This wonderful weather will not last – come and get your winter reading! Books can be brought to the Pastoral Centre on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 10.30 - 2.00 pm or on the Sat morning from 09.00

**29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016** 17.00 -21.00 Open Evening: Holy Trinity C of E Secondary School.

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept** 10.00 - 11.30 am PC Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Fund. Jenny, a local resident, is providing homemade cakes and the P C will provide the drinks to raise funds for Macmillan. Please support this charitable work.

**Mon Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>** for 7 weeks, **Christianity Explored** - a new Course for all thinking of Confirmation, or new to the Christian Faith happening at The Barn Church, Bewbush. Books £5.00 approx. Further info - contact Joan Tick or sign-up in church TODAY. 884695, [tickjoan@gmail.com](mailto:tickjoan@gmail.com)

**Sat Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 8.30am – Men's Breakfast** with a Speaker from Open House. Sign up sheets at the back of Church, by 2 Oct pls.

**Sat Oct 8<sup>th</sup> Mothers' Union Coffee Morning** 10.00 - 12noon in the P. Centre. Cakes, books & Bric-a-Brac for sale also a Raffle all in aid of M.U. projects. Donations of cakes & books would be wonderful.

## NOTICES

**The Coffee Shop** is open 10.30-12.00 on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 14.00 – 16.00 on Mondays Why not pop in for friendly chat, coffee, tea or delicious home-made cake.

On behalf of the ringers, thank you to all who helped at the Heritage Open Days last weekend. Over 50 people saw "Bell Ringing in Action" and c. £50 was raised for the tower fund from refreshments.

### The Pew Sheet

If you would like to have a go at making the pew sheet once a month please email below. We now have a team of three, one more and this would mean that we would take it in turns once a month. Tuition is available!!  
[pewsheet@worthparish.org.uk](mailto:pewsheet@worthparish.org.uk)

Magazine Deadline 19 Sept. All articles, news & other items will be gratefully received at [parishmag@outlook.com](mailto:parishmag@outlook.com)

## CONTACTS

During the interregnum the Rural Dean, the Revd Canon Julia Peaty + Church Wardens, Phyl Pennell and David Parker, are the sequestrators (responsible for clergy cover).

Also Revd Gordon Parry has offered his number 07802 43 23 98 if anyone specifically needs to talk with a member of clergy

### Churchwardens

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