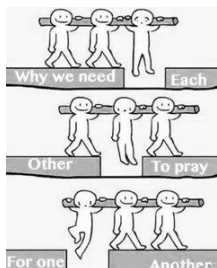


**Trinity 21  
16<sup>th</sup>  
October  
2016**



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 Peter Addenbrooke

09.45 Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'

*Celebrant and Preacher:* Revd Gordon Parry

10.00 Eucharist St Barnabas'

*Celebrant and Preacher:* Revd Sue Suddaby

11.30 All Age Nic's Service St Nicholas'  
Greta Sawyer

Please send pew sheet notices to  
[pewsheet@worthparish.org.uk](mailto:pewsheet@worthparish.org.uk) or  
phone 0300 111 8150

From Gordon:

## Prayer

Prayer is at the heart of our relationship with God.

In our Gospel reading for today we discover that Christ is encouraging us to pray and not to give up on prayer in much the same way as the widow did not give up her asking the reluctant judge for justice. God, Christ proclaimed, will all the more willingly respond to our prayers – our cries to the Almighty - than did the judge.

Issues arise when we anticipate God's answers and assume that a fervent request will be met by its granting - just in the form we desire. God would not be God if this were to be the case.

It might be helpful for us to consider prayer more as a coming into God's presence and listening. Under such circumstances, God may speak through our 'inner voice' or through the acquisition of a realisation or understanding of a situation that is of significance to us. It is also important to remember that in worship or in private prayer, we can also set before God our feelings or our desires as a narrative. We set out our hopes, fears and vulnerabilities and place them in the hands of God. This setting out connects us with God and appropriately places us humbly in relation to God.

Sometimes prayer is hard; hard to initiate, hard to sustain, hard to deploy humbly into the hands of God, knowing that it is not like any other form of communication. Prayer and faith are inextricably linked.

## Collect

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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 32.22-31*

### Jacob Wrestles at Peniel

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

## Psalm 121



*Psalm 121  
I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,  
from whence cometh my help.*

## Second Reading

*2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5*

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from

whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

## Gospel

*Luke 18.1-8*

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." 'And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

## Post Communion Prayer

Father of light,  
in whom is no change or shadow of turning,  
you give us every good and perfect gift  
and have brought us to birth by your word  
of truth:  
may we be a living sign of that kingdom  
where your whole creation will be made  
perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues	10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Wed	15.00 Messy Church	St Barnabas'
Thurs	10.30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
23	09.45 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Oct	10.00 Family Service	St Barnabas'
Bible	Non-Eucharist	
Sunday	11.30 Baptism	St Nicholas'

### Readings

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Ecclesiasticus 35. v. 12 – 17

Psalms 84. v. 1 – 6

2 Timothy 4. v. 6 - 8, 16 - 18.

Luke 18. v. 9 - 14

### Notices

#### Fun Mondays

The Pastoral Centre Café is open on Monday afternoons from 14.00 – 16.00. A group of regulars are keen to play some card or board games. Come to play or just to chat. Tea/coffee and cake available.

For 3 weeks in October, a List will be in both churches showing names of departed family & friends, please ensure that you mark beside their name indicating if you wish them to either be included in the 2017 Parish Remembrance Diary for their anniversary [A] and / or at the All Saint's Service [AS].

**Maidenbower Messy Church** – We had a huge attendance by new families and 30 children with their parents came along on Wednesday. A very uplifting

Wed 19 Oct 16

St Barnabas' 15.00

Wed 9 Nov 16

Maidenbower Infants 15.15

Wed 23 Nov 16

St Barnabas' 15.00

Old and new friends welcome!



**Thank you** to the 12 gentlemen who attended the Men's Breakfast on October 8th, £245 was raised to be shared between Open House and the Parish World Bank. Thanks to Chris Oxlade, our Speaker from Open House and to the ladies who cooked, served and cleared away on the morning.

**Parish Home Groups** - the following Groups will continue to meet every two weeks - Maidenbower, St Barnabas & Pound Hill. The Worth group will not meet again until January 2017. Please contact either Dave Parker 884574, Mark Chappell 07799767586 or Joan Tick 884695 for more information.

**Jar of Grace labels** are available in both churches for you to collect money in. This is to give thanks for your daily meals, enabling us to send money to UNICEF to help to protect children in emergencies around the world. Your Jars will be collected on Advent Sunday.

### Christmas Cards

Christmas cards featuring a painting of St Nicholas Church by Father Roger Brown are now available from Joan and Ian Pallett. They come in packs of 5 cards priced at £2.50 per pack.

**Thank you** to all who supported the Mothers' Union Coffee Morning last Saturday, £166.50 was raised for M.U. Projects.

## Diary Notes

**Friday lunches** 12.30pm in the Pastoral Centre - 2 courses + tea / coffee - £5.50. Everyone welcome. Please order tickets by **19<sup>th</sup> Oct** (for catering) for 21st Oct at the Centre or phone **0300 111 8150**.

### **Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Oct Parish Prayer Group**

19.30 at St Barnabas' Church. Please join us if you feel able to - you'll be very welcome

**Thur 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 19.30.** Mothers' Union St Barnabas Church "Songs of Praise" followed by cake and coffee. This will be led by Rev, Angela Martin. Please join us and sing some of those special songs. All welcome.

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 10.00 – 3.00** Family Activities at Chichester Cathedral "Stars and Spaces" See posters for details. £2.50 per child aged 3-12, no need to book, just 'drop in'!

**Sat 29<sup>th</sup> October 9.30 am - 11.15 am** Jumble Sale at St. Barnabas Hall. Please save your jumble for us but do not bring it yet as we have nowhere to store it. Helpers needed on the day.

**Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>** Parish Eucharist for All Saint's Sunday will be held at St Barnabas at 10.00am - no 9.45 service at St Nicholas.

**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> October A Book Club** will be meeting in the Pastoral Centre on the last Monday of each month at 7.00 pm. If you are interested contact the Parish Office or just turn up!

**Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov St Nicholas' Circle.** Life of a Librarian, speaker our own Chloe French talks about her work.

**Sat 12<sup>th</sup> November, Quiz Night** in the Hall, teams of 6, £5 per person, pay on the night, further details see posters.

**Sat November 26<sup>th</sup> Parish Quiet Day** at Copthorne Hub, Bowers Arms Rd. Copthorne, led by Rev'd Steve Burston.

10.30 -3.15pm Drinks, biscuits & fruit will be provided but please bring your own sandwiches and a donation for the day. Sign up sheets are in both churches now, further details from Joan Tick (884695)

### **Sat 3 December 12 noon - 3.00pm**

Advent Fair. We are looking for new ideas for stalls and people to help on the day. If you have some good suggestions and/or can help please contact the Parish Office or Jane Stanford (01293 543065).

**New Servers and Acolytes** We are very keen to encourage some more people to join our team of servers and acolytes for the 9.45am service at St Nicholas. For more info about what this involves, please speak to Jenny Dobson (01293 882939) or Joan Pallett (01342 713756).

Do you like **arranging flowers**? At St Nicholas' we need more people to join our list of people taking a turn to arrange flowers maybe 6 times a year. No experience or expertise required! Please contact Noreen Oxlade on 01293 884172 if you are interested.

## **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).

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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David Parker (St N)	01293 884574
Phyl Pennell (St B)	01293 883362
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