

Trinity 20
9th
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 Gordon Parry

09.45 Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'

Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Gordon Parry

10.00 Eucharist with Baptism St Barnabas'

Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Sue Suddaby

11.30 Baptism St Nicholas' ~

Revd Gordon Parry

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Roger Brown writes...

From time to time you may read or hear about someone who has 'lost their faith'. They no longer go to church or have given up their Ministry because of problems with belief.

To 'lose one's faith' is a strange phrase because faith is not a substance or commodity - a thing to be lost. Faith is about a relationship with the mystery we call God.

There are those people who are full of certainty, which in my view is a very worrying position to hold. The opposite of certainty is not doubt but faith.

Our Christian journey is about learning to live with questions. We cannot, by definition, know all the answers but we keep on our journey, as we say, 'in good faith'. I suspect that many people hide their view on belief, thinking that others have no problems.

Believing is difficult, so join the club and let us journey together. For me, one of the most important words in the Bible is 'Hope'. I find great encouragement in the words of the Epistle to the Hebrews (Chapter 11). Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen!

Hope, as they say, springs eternal and St Paul tells us 'There are three things that last for ever.

Faith, Hope and Love.'

Collect

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your
Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live
the gospel of Christ and make us eager to
do your will, that we may share with the
whole creation the joys of eternal life;
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

2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c

The Healing of Naaman

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and



Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant.'

Psalms III

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2.8-15

The word of God is not chained

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

A Worker Approved by God

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.



Gospel

Luke 17.11-19

Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Mon	11am Julian Group	St Barnabas'
Tues	10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thurs	10.30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 16 Oct	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	09.45 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	11.30 Nic's – all age worship	St Nicholas'

Readings for Sunday 16th October

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Genesis 32.22-31

Psalms 121

2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5

Luke 18.1-8

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

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].

Wed 12 Oct 16

Maidenbower Infants School 15.15

Wed 19 Oct 16

St Barnabas' 15.00

Old and new friends welcome



Parish Home Groups will continue to meet every two weeks - if you are interested in joining a home group please contact either 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

Jar of Grace labels are available in both churches from today 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.

A sum of £352.50 was raised at John's funeral for the Parkinson's Association, for which many thanks. It was very generous and will be used for the local support groups. Patricia Welsh

The Coffee Morning in the Pastoral Centre on 30 September in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care raised £30. Thanks to our supporters.

Friday lunches 12.30pm in the Pastoral Centre - 2 courses + tea / coffee - £5.50. Everyone welcome. Please order tickets by **12th Oct** (for catering) for 14th Oct at the Centre or phone **0300 111 8150**.

Friday 28 October 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 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.

Mon 31st 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!

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).

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.

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. Enjoy the baking without gaining the calories!

The Saturday Market on 1st October raised £36.95

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. If you would like to know more 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.

Thank you to everyone who donated Harvest gifts for Open House & The Easter Team, an impressive collection of food & toiletries, much appreciated by the two charities.

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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