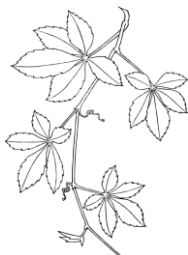


**3rd Sunday
before
Advent
6th November
2016**



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 & Preacher:
Revd Canon Anthony Stidolph
09.45 Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher:
Revd Canon Anthony Stidolph
10.00 Eucharist St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Roger Combes
11.30 Nic's St Nicholas'
Presiding Greta Sawyer

I am sure like me you have been enjoying the beautiful colours nature has given us this autumn. It seems that the warm dry weather of September has made the reds of my Virginia Creeper and Acer especially vibrant this year. I find that as I look out of the window I am drawn to pause and take time to worship God in the beauty of his creation. Following our celebration of All Saints last week and our commemoration of our departed love ones this past week our thoughts now turn to Advent; as the Sunday themes of Trinity give way to a new season of expectation. On this 3rd Sunday before Advent we begin to look forward. But we mustn't rush through the weeks we need to take time, especially when the world wants us to be focused exclusively on the commercial excess of Christmas. I must say I found it quite depressing when on the 25th October I received the Christmas edition of Good Housekeeping. It is too soon to read recipes for the perfect turkey and roast potatoes!

So let's all vow to take time this year to prepare our hearts to welcome the baby Jesus by taking this season of expectation seriously.

Thanks

Julia

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pewsheet@worthparish.org.uk or
phone 0300 111 8150

Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:

grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;

where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading

Job 19.23-27a

'O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

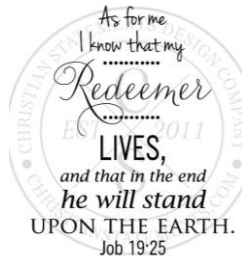
O that with an iron pen and with lead

they were engraved on a rock for ever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;

and after my skin has been thus destroyed,

then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

My heart faints within me!



Psalms 17 1-9

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17

The Man of Lawlessness

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

Chosen for Salvation

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers

and sisters beloved by the Lord,

because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.



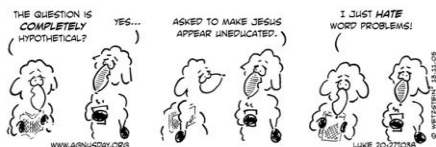
Gospel

Luke 20.27-38

The Question about the Resurrection

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally, the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'



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Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues	10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Wed	15.30 Messy Church	Maidenbower
Thurs	10.30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 13	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	09.45 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Nov	10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'

Readings for Remembrance Sunday 13th November

Malachi 4.1-2a

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

Luke 21.5-19

Notices

New Servers and Acolytes Fancy holding a candle and seeing what the service looks like from the other side of the altar? For more info, please speak to Jenny Dobson (01293 882939) or Joan Pallett (01342 713756).

Kneelers at St Nicholas' – Thank you to those who have emailed in their thoughts. Any more views for, or against, keeping a reduced number of kneelers, please email the parish office by the end of November.

Jar of Grace labels are available in both churches. The idea is to give thanks for your daily meals, supporting UNICEF in protecting children in emergencies around the world. Jars to be collected on 27 Nov.

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

Christmas Cards

Christmas cards featuring a painting of St Nicholas Church by Father Roger Brown. They come in packs of 5 cards priced at £2.50 per pack. See Joan Pallett please

Diary Notes

Friday lunches 12.30pm in the Pastoral Centre - 2 courses + tea / coffee - £5.50. Everyone welcome. Please order tickets by **9th Nov** (for catering) for 11th Nov at the Centre or phone **0300 111 8150**.

Thurs 10th Nov 14.30 at St Nicholas' &/or **Mon 14th Nov** 11.00 at St Barnabas' The Julian groups meet for 30 minutes of contemplative prayer and meditation. All welcome at either or both.

Sat 12th November, Quiz Night in the Hall, come as a team of 6 or join a team on the night, £5 per person, pay on the night. Doors open 19.00 for those bringing a take-away 19.45 start of the quiz.

Sat November 26th 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. please sign up ASAP to enable us to proceed, thank you.

Sat 3 December 12 noon - 3.00pm Advent Fair. Sign up sheets at the back of both churches and also a box for contributions to the event- raffle/tombola/ bottles etc. Thank you. (Jane Stanford 01293 543065).

Sat 28th January 2017 Safeguarding Training at St Barnabas 09.30 – 12.00 tbc Anyone interested in attending please contact Noreen Oxlade by email only please noxlade@hotmail.com

Christmas Charities 2016- cash collections at Christmas services will be split equally between a national charity, a local charity and our Parish. If you wish to have a say in which charities please complete one of the slips available at the back of both churches and hand to a church warden **TODAY - 6th Nov.**

Fun Mondays

The PC 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 Jumble Sale on 29 October in aid of the Hall refurbishments raised £268.27. Thanks to all our supporters.

Sun 27th Nov Open meeting after both 0800 and 0945 Services. If you would like to discuss any key questions concerning St Nicholas church life and buildings, stay for a short while after Church and ask the Wardens., or just enjoy a coffee.

Wed 9 Nov 16

Maidenbower Infants 15.15

Wed 23 Nov 16

St Barnabas' 15.00

Old and new friends welcome!



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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Phyl Pennell (St B)	01293 883362
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