



**Epiphany 3/  
Fifth Day of the  
Week of Prayer  
for Christian  
Unity  
22nd January  
2017**



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 for everyone. **It is for you to take home and share.** If you are here for the first time, please do introduce yourselves. 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. We'd also love you to join us for refreshments after the service

## SERVICES TODAY

08.00 Holy Communion St Nicholas'  
*Celebrant & Preacher:* Revd Gordon Parry

09.45 Parish Eucharist St Nicholas'  
*Celebrant & Preacher:* Bishop Martin

12.00 Baptism St Nicholas'  
Revd David Knight

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### **When did you answer the call?**

The calling of Peter, Andrew, James and John is significant for one simple reason. It is about obedience, unhesitating obedience. No questions asked. They simply left their nets, their work and in the case of James and John, their father, and went off with Jesus. It is often argued that the disciples must have met Jesus or seen and heard him beforehand, but that is not what Matthew tells us. Their response was immediate. Jesus called and off they went. This is echoed elsewhere in the Gospels- A man says "let me go and bury my father. Then I will follow you". Jesus says, "let the dead bury the dead and follow me". There is something about the call of Jesus that demands absolute obedience. What about our calling? I doubt that our response to the call of Jesus is as dramatic as that of the disciples. Many of us are cradle Christians, born into a Christian family and have belonged to the church all our lives. True, we may have strayed, had doubts and not been sure, but we stayed and went on in our pilgrimage. Some may have experienced a sudden conversion but not that many. For others the decision to follow Christ came as a result of the influence of a friend or a particular event such as a Baptism. We all have a vocation to call others in whatever way we can, often not knowing what the outcome might be. I remember a chorus we used to sing at a children's service many years ago - "Trust and obey for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and OBEY"

Roger

## Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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

*Isaiah 9.1-4*

### **The Righteous Reign of the Coming King**

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

## Psalm 27.1,4-12



## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 1.10-18*

### **Divisions in the Church**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same

mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

### **Christ the Power and Wisdom of God**

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

## Gospel

*Matthew 4.12-23*

### **Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee**

Now when Jesus\* heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

### **Jesus Calls the First Disciples**

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter,

and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

### Jesus Ministers to Crowds of People

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

### Post Communion

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

## Notices & Diary Notes

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Fr Craig Barber. Please hold him and his family in your prayers.

### The (C of E) Children's Society,

Although we have 'lost' three of our supporters the annual count of individual savings' boxes realized a total of £556.40 and this sum has been sent to the society. Many thanks to everyone who kindly contributed. Please see the next Parish Mag for more details. *From Brenda Booker*

### The Saturday Market on 14th January raised £70.31 for church funds.

### Church in the Pub

Fri 27th Jan 8 pm

The Coaching Halt, Maidenbower

Friday lunches 12.30 in the Pastoral Centre - 2 courses + tea / coffee - £5.50. Everyone welcome. Please order tickets by 25th Jan (for catering) for 27th Jan at the Centre or phone 0300 111 8150.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.** *There will be an Ecumenical Service at the Shared Church of Christ The Lord, Broadfield today at 5.00 p.m. All are very welcome.*

### Tuesday 24th January 2017 at 19.30

East Grinstead Deanery Roadshow with Bishop Richard Jackson for the Year of the Bible. This will take place at St. Mary's, Southgate, RH10 6DL. Everyone welcome.

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	15.00 Messy Church	St Barnabas'
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	09.45 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Family Eucharist	St Barnabas'

### Readings for Sunday 29th Jan

#### Epiphany 4

1 Kings 17.8-16

Psalm 36.5-10

1 Corinthians 1.18-31

John 2.1-11

### Wed 25 January 17

St Barnabas' 15.00-16.45



### Wed 8 February 17

Maidenbower Infants School  
15.15-16.45

Old and new friends welcome!

**Parish Home Groups** will continue to meet at Maidenbower, Pound Hill & Worth, each one having different themes. For info in joining one please call either Dave Parker 884574 or Joan Tick 884695.

Anyone interested in being Confirmed this year please pass your name to Revd Gordon Parry, Joan Tick or contact the Parish Office in the next couple of weeks. Thank you.

**Safeguarding Training on Sat 28th January 2017 at St Barnabas 09.30 – 12:00 (tbc)** Any queries please contact Noreen Oxlade on 884172 or Email: noxlade@hotmail.com.

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Jan Worth Book Club** will be meeting in the Centre on the last Monday of each month at 19.00. If you are interested contact the Parish Office or just turn up!

**Warren Mailey-Smith** (late St Nicholas Head Choirboy) will be playing at the Chichester Cathedral lunchtime concert on Tuesday 7th February starting at 1.10pm.

The **Lighthouse Project** is turning 20! Please join us for our 20th Celebration Service on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017**, 4.30pm – 5.30pm at St Andrew's Church, Furnace Green RH106NU All welcome! Please join us for some 'party nibbles' afterwards! Do take a take an invitation from either church if you would like to attend!

**Sat 25th February Book Sale** 10.00 am - 11.45 am in the Pastoral Centre in aid of the Hall Toilets Project. Please save your unwanted books for us ( good condition only). Thank you.

**The Pastoral Centre** is open  
Mon 14.00 – 16.00 &  
Tues, Fri, Sat 10.30 – 12.00  
for tea, coffee, snacks, cake and friendship

**Friday March 17<sup>th</sup>** - our Parish will be prayed for in Chichester Cathedral during Evensong at 5.30pm, if you would like to attend you do not need to book and refreshments are available in the Cloisters Cafe until 5.00pm. A sheet will be available in both churches for you to sign if you wish to attend so we can advise on numbers and if anyone requires a lift.

### **Fun Mondays**

The Pastoral Centre Café is open Term Time 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.

**Heat for Health** is a local initiative designed to help people understand the link between a warm home and healthy living. Contact 01444477191 or [midsussex.gov.uk](http://midsussex.gov.uk) for info and a free room card thermometer.

### **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

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