



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
before Lent  
5<sup>th</sup> February  
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 Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'  
*Celebrant & Preacher:* Revd Gordon Parry  
10.00 Eucharist Service St Barnabas'  
*Celebrant & Preacher:* Revd Roger Combes  
11.30 Nic's St Nicholas'  
Greta Sawyer

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Last week we closed one chapter in the life of Jesus as the extended period of reflection on the meaning of the Incarnation ended with the celebration of Candlemas. Now we move into what is called 'Ordinary Time', which will run up to Ash Wednesday on 1<sup>st</sup> March.

This Sunday we continue our reading of Matthew's gospel with Jesus's familiar image of how Christians are called to be salt and light in the world. As we read this, we are reminded of those words at the end of the baptism service 'Shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father'.

Then Jesus moves on to remind people that he has come not to abolish the law but to fulfil it. Of course, we need to understand what Jesus means by the law if we are to understand his message. That deep understanding of scripture only comes when we set aside time to study it in depth and this Year of the Bible has been organised to help us do just that. The next opportunity to engage together is on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 10-12noon at St Andrew's Furnace Green when Canon Anthony Cane from the cathedral is coming to lead us. The title for the session is 'How is the Bible the word of God'. I hope many of us will come to this open session of the Deanery Synod and continue the thinking begun at our Deanery Roadshow in January.

*Julia*

## Collect

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 58.1-9a[b-12]*

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if

they were a nation that practised righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide

yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

*She confidently trusts the Lord to take care of her Psalm 112.7*

## Psalm

**112.1-9[10]**

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 2.1-12[13-16]*

### Proclaiming Christ Crucified

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

### The True Wisdom of God

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is

*WHAT NO eye has seen  
WHAT NO ear has heard  
WHAT NO human mind has CONCEIVED  
1 Corinthians 2.9*

written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.[ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. 'For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?' But we have the mind of Christ.

## Gospel

*Matthew 5.13-20*

## Salt and Light

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

## The Law and the Prophets

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets;

I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

## Prayer

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	15.15 Mb Messy	Mb Inf. Sch.
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup>	14.30 Julian Group	St Nicholas'
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	09.45 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	12.00 Baptism	St Nicholas'

## Readings for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent

**Ecclesiasticus 15.15-20**

**Psalm 119.1-8 | Corinthians 3.1-9**

**Matthew 5.21-37**

## Wed 8 February 17

Maidenbower Infants School  
15.15-16.45

## Wed 15 February 17

St Barnabas Hall 15.00 – 17.0.

Old and new friends welcome!



## Notices & Diary Notes

'Enid Edwards, member of St. Barnabas for some years, died last Sunday, 29th January. Enid's funeral service will be at St. Barnabas on Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb at 15.00.

The funeral service for Father Craig will be at All Saints Church in Whitstable next Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> Feb at noon. If you would like a lift please call the office 0300 111 8150

The next Parish Prayer Group will be at St Barnabas at 7.30pm on **Thursday 16 February 2017**. Everyone welcome.

Rev'd Steve Burston has been appointed Priest in charge of St John's Church in the centre of Crawley. He will be licenced at St John's on **Tuesday 12th September 2017** at 7.30pm. The family are very happy to be remaining in Crawley!

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

Friday lunches 12.30 in the Centre - 2 courses + tea / coffee - £5.50. All welcome. Pls order tickets by 8<sup>th</sup> Feb (for catering) for 10<sup>th</sup> Feb at the PC or call 0300 111 8150.

**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 RH10 6NU. All welcome! Refreshments! Invitations from either church if you would like to attend!

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Feb Book Sale** 10.00 - 11.45 in the Pastoral Centre in aid of the Hall Toilets Project. Please save your unwanted good cond. books for us Thank you

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Feb Worth Book Club** for all will be meeting in the Centre at 19.00.

**Friday March 17<sup>th</sup>** - our Parish will be prayed for in Chichester Cathedral during Evensong at 17.30, No booking needed but signing the list is helpful so we can advise on numbers and see if anyone requires a lift.

As a parish we encourage recycling. We collect 1] spectacles (given to Boots Chemist for use in 3rd world countries), 2] postage stamps (to St. Catherine's hospice who sell them), 3] plastic bottle tops – any with a triangle containing a 2 (to Billingshurst Library for a local Children's hospice), 4] inkjet cartridges (not Kodak or Epson) and 5] old mobile phones (to Blond McIndoe Research Foundation at East Grinstead hospital). As the storage facilities are limited at St N's please take directly to St B or give to Sue P on a Sunday.



### 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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