



26th March
2017

MOTHERING SUNDAY

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 Family Service (non Eucharist)
St Barnabas' Greta Sawyer and
Revd David Knight

12.00 Baptism St Nicholas'
Revd Canon Julia Peaty

The Devil **you** know

Recently I read this and thought it had something important to say as Lent is all about our choices and self-discipline.

"No wise person will deny the existence of evil in the world, but I hope that it is evident that evil is not a living substance. It is a perversion of mind and spirit swerving away from the way of true virtue, which overtakes us when we are unwary. The greatest danger does not lie outside us; the enemy is within. Within us is the father of lies; within us dwells our adversary and we must examine our aims, explore our patterns of thought.

You, yourself, are the cause of your wickedness. You, yourself, are the commander of your shameful acts. Why blame another agent as an excuse for your own faults? If only you would not incite yourself and foster passionate desires which hold you captive as in a net. These tendencies belong to **us**. Let us stop seeking causes outside ourselves or blaming others for what goes wrong. Instead, **let us own our feelings** and attribute to ourselves, not to others, whatever evil we can avoid when we so choose".

The language is not exactly contemporary, but it speaks an important truth.

The quote comes from Bishop Ambrose of Milan who lived in the fourth century AD!! – 334-397.

Own up to the **devil you know**. You will see him every day in a mirror!

Roger

Collect

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human
family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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

Exodus 2.1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.



The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's

mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Psalms 34



Second Reading

Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



Gospel

John 19.25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Post Communion

Loving God,

as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food
and drink of eternal life:

help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of
faith;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 28	10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 30	10.30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Fri 31	13.00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Sun 2 nd April	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	09.45 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Eucharist Service	St Barnabas'
	11.30 Nic's Mini Messy Service	St Nicholas'

Readings for Sunday 2nd April

Lent 5

Ezekiel 37.1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8.6-11

John 11.1-45

Please send pew sheet notices to
pewsheet@worthparish.org.uk or
phone 0300 111 8150

Prayer for Mothering Sunday

Thank you God for the love of our
mothers:

thank you God for their care and
concern;

thank you God for the joys they have
shared with us;

thank you God for the pains they have
borne for us;

thank you God for all that they give us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Notices & Diary Notes

St Barnabas Julian Group.

There will be no meetings at St Barnabas
on 10th April or 8th May.

Next meeting 12th June.

Hall toilets refurbishment

Thank you to those who have contributed
so far. Funds have also been boosted with
a grant of £2150 from the Community
Initiative Fund, a grant of £5000 from
Courage-Dyer Recreational Trust and
now a grant of £1000 from Crawley
Borough Council.

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

NOTE: Pastoral Centre Easter closure -
The Centre will be open as usual on
Tuesday 11th April but will then close until
10.30am on Tuesday 18th April.

Friday lunches 12.30 in the PC 2 courses
+ tea / coffee - £5.50. All welcome. Please
order tickets by 29th Mar (for catering) for
31st Mar at the PC or call 0300 111 8150.

Tues 28th Mar – Lenten Soup Lunches
12.15 pm served on Tuesdays during Lent,
also on 4th and 11th April, at 12.15pm in
the Pastoral Centre, in aid of Parish World
Bank (charities). All welcome.

Wed 29th Mar 19.00 APCM St Barnabas
(for details see later notice)

Sat 2nd April The next Saturday Market takes place on 10.00am-11.45am in the Pastoral Centre. There will be a Knit n Natter stall and also a raffle on this occasion. Do join us for refreshments etc.

Tuesday 4th April 9.30am-10.15am St Barnabas'. A presentation by the Alzheimer's Society. We would like to make our Pastoral Centre 'dementia friendly'. This is open to all, please come & bring your friends and families.

Wed 5th April 17

Maidenbower 15.15-16.45



Wed 26th April 17

St Barnabas Hall 15.00 – 17.00

Old and new friends welcome

'Eternally Yours' on Friday 7th April, at 7.30 pm at The Hawth Theatre. Community Groups incl Worth choir tell the Easter Story in dance, drama & music. Bring the whole family! Tickets: £13.50 (discounts: £12)

Thurs 13th April Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Supper, St Barnabas' - this will take place at 7.00pm - please sign the list at St. Barnabas' if you intend to come (to help with catering) or contact the Parish Office. All welcome. Names by 9th April please.

PLEASE NOTE: Sat 15th April: Holy Saturday 8pm Service at St Nicholas' will not now take place.

May 27th & 28th Big Church Day Out at Wiston House, Steyning. Lots of fun & modern worship. Contact for tickets 01903 815020 - book by Mar 31st to save money.

**THIS WEEK: ANNUAL
PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING is
on Wednesday 29 March @ 19.00, St
Barnabas Church**

All are welcome, so please try to attend! Nomination forms for church wardens, deputy wardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod reps are available at the back of both churches. Nominations are needed for a church warden and deputy warden at both churches (annual appointments), There are 2 vacancies at St. Nicholas (3 year terms) and 3 vacancies at St. Barnabas (2 x 3 year terms and 1 x 1 year term) for PCC. 3 Deanery Synod reps are needed (3 year terms) - at least one from each church. **Completed forms to the church wardens by TODAY if possible.**

The **electoral rolls** are displayed in both churches. **Please check** that your entry is there and correct. Report any omissions / errors etc to Phyl Pennell or Dave P.

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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