



11th June
Trinity
Sunday
St Barnabas
Patronal



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:	Rev'd Gordon Parry
09.45 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher:	Rev'd Gordon Parry
10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Celebrant and Preacher	Rev'd David Knight
12.00 Holy Baptism	St Nicholas'
	Rev'd Canon Julia Peaty

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Don't try to EXPLAIN GOD

Many years ago, Bishop John Robinson (of 'Honest to God' fame for those who remember it) was asked, "How would you explain the doctrine of the Holy Trinity to a ten year old"? He replied, "I wouldn't". He went on to say that trying to explain such a concept simply would not work, as it is, after all, totally incomprehensible. So what do we make of the mystery of the Holy Trinity?

All language about God is expressed in metaphor. The concept of the Trinity is an attempt to do justice to the ideas of God we find in the New Testament. Jesus spoke of his Father. Jesus himself was called the Christ by his followers. After his death and resurrection, he spoke of sending his Spirit. Three different ways of speaking of the Divine mystery. Like a three legged stool – if you take away one of the legs it will collapse. All three must be held together if we are to do justice to the evidence of the New Testament. We must remember that the New Testament was the attempt of the very early Church to hold together in narrative form the experience of those first believers. They needed a tangible document for the benefit of those who would follow them in the life of faith once the first eye witnesses had died.

Perhaps we are wanting to explain the inexplicable. Religion isn't meant to be analysed or dissected. It is about commitment to the 'other'. It is about a deep personal faith in the revealed nature of God as we have received it. So don't worry about *understanding* the Holy Trinity. Our task is to love and pray that we may be faithful followers of Jesus who is Lord forever.

Roger

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal
Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to
worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all
adversities;
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

Acts 11. 19-30

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'. At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit

that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.



Second Reading

Galatians 2.1-10

Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. I went up in response to a revelation. Then I laid before them (though only in a private meeting with the acknowledged leaders) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure that I was not running, or had not run, in vain. But even Titus, who was with me, was not compelled to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. But because of false believers secretly brought in, who slipped in to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might enslave us— we did not submit to them even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might always remain with you. And from those who were supposed to be acknowledged leaders (what they actually were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those leaders contributed nothing to me. On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted

with the gospel for the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel for the circumcised (for he who worked through Peter making him an apostle to the circumcised also worked through me in sending me to the Gentiles), and when James and Cephas and John, who were acknowledged pillars, recognized the grace that had been given to me, they gave to Barnabas and me the right hand of fellowship, agreeing that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. They asked only one thing, that we remember the poor, which was actually what I was eager to do.

Gospel

John 15. 12-17

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants* any longer, because the servant* does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Post Communion

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son
and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of
love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.
Amen.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Mon 12 th June	11.00 Julian Group	St Barnabas'
Tues 13 th June	10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thurs 15 th June	10.30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sat 17 th June	14.00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Sun 18 th June	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	09.45 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	11.30 Messy Church (Nic's)	St Nicholas'

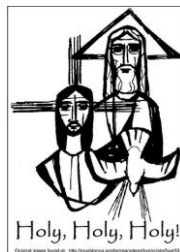
Readings for Sunday 18th June **First Sunday After Trinity**

Exodus 19.2-8a

Psalms 100

Romans 5.1-8

Matthew 9.35 - 10.8 [9-23]



Thank you to all who supported the Mothers' Union Cream Tea on June 3rd, **£140** was raised for M.U. Projects.

iN Focus Newsletters are no longer being produced by the Church of England, May 2017 was the last issue, so please do not think we have forgotten to print them, we have not.

Notices & Diary Notes

Friday lunches 12.30 in the Pastoral Centre, 2 courses + tea / coffee - £5.50. All welcome. Please order tickets by 14th June (for catering) for 16th June at the PC or call 0300 111 8150

Julian Group

St Barnabas' 12th June. 11.00am
Old and new friends welcome

Wed 14th June
Maidenbower 15.15

Wed 28th June
St Barnabas 15.00

Old and new friends welcome



Tuesday 27th June 9.30am a meeting for **Pastoral Centre volunteers** (and would-be volunteers) in the Pastoral Centre.

Sat 8th July Parish Summer Fair

at St. Barnabas, Sat 8th July 12.00-15.00 We are looking for raffle and tombola prizes as well as bottles (full) for the bottle stall, books and items for a Garden Stall, e.g. tools, pots, etc. There is a list of stalls, that we hope to have, at the back of both churches - please sign up to help us. Thank you.

Cake Competition at the Parish Summer Fair 8th July. Two categories ... under 12 years and over 12 years. Entry £1. More details to follow. Get practising!

This weekend we commemorate two men from the Worth War Memorial who died on 7th and 8th June 1917. Both took part in the fighting on the first day of the Battle of Messines, and were casualties of the first day's fighting.

George Alfred Moore 7th June 1917

Private GS/41851 26th (Service) Battalion (Bankers) Royal Fusiliers. Died of wounds on 7th June 1917. Commemorated on the Menin Gate memorial in Ypres, Belgium

William Peter Parsons 8th June 2017

Private 34657 9th (Service) Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. Killed in action 8th June 1917. His parents lived at Oak Cottage, 32 Hazelwick Road in Three Bridges.

His entry at the the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) site:

<http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/450555/PARSONS,%20W%20P>

and the documents that you can view from there, illustrate how the vast number of war dead, and their relatives, were dealt with after the war.

CONTACTS

During the interregnum the Rural Dean, the Revd Canon Julia Peaty & Church Wardens, Phyl Pennell and Gerald Sandwell, 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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