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25th June Trinity 2



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. 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 Peter Addenbrooke

09.45 Sung Eucharist St Nicholas' Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Alice Whalley

10.00 Family Service St Barnabas' Greta Sawyer

12.00 Baptism Service St Nicholas' Revd Alice Whalley

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

Where do YOU find God?

In the Lectionary - the calendar of psalms and readings for every day worship - we have the usual list of special festivals - Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and significant Saints days. Now we are in what is called Ordinary Time - the Sundays after Pentecost which last all summer until the beginning of Advent.

Reflecting on Ordinary Time I found myself wondering where we expect to find God. Of course, the big festivals are important and we all love and celebrate them. But you can't stay in the realm of high days and Holy Days all the time. Most of our lives are, well, ordinary. A phrase from St Augustine which I have mentioned before is "Life is for loving, Time only that we may find God." But where to look?

When we look at the life of Jesus we are all too familiar with His teaching and miracles, but in fact so much of all this is set in very ordinary circumstances. lesus was an itinerant preacher telling parables (stories) to do with everyday life - stories about fishing and farming and the natural world. So that by looking at the ordinary world around us we might get a glimpse of the mystery and wonder of God. When you think about it, the significant ceremonies of our faith are all rooted in the ordinary the water of Baptism - the Bread and Wine of the Eucharist. All everyday things. The ordinary becomes extraordinary because God has blessed it. To find God we need to look in the right place - the Wonder of Creation.

Psalm 69.8-11[12-17]18-20*

Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son lesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading leremiah 20. 7-13

The LORD is with me like a mighty

WARRIOR

Teremiah 20:11

Jeremiah Denounces His Persecutors

O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. 'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.'

But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Second Reading

Romans 6.1b-11

Dying and Rising with Christ

What then are we to say? Should we continue sin

QUESTION ANSWER

say then? Should we continue in sin so that grace may Multiply?

God forbid!!!! How shall we, that are dead to sin. still live in it?

Romans

6:1-2

order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ. being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all: but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ lesus.

Refurbishment of Parish Hall Toiletsour application to the Big Lottery Fund has been successful and we have been awarded a grant of £10,000. This is wonderful news! Work on the toilets will begin on 31 July 2017.

Gospel

Matthew 10.24-39

"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

Whom to Fear

So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Not Peace, but a Sword

Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth: I have not come to but sword. bring peace. а For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her motherin-law: and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more

than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me: and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy

of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it "

Post Communion

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 27 th June	10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Wed 28 th June	Messy Church	St Barnabas'
Thurs 29 th June	10.30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun	08.00 Holy	St Nicholas'
2 nd July	Communion	
	09.45 Sung	St Nicholas'
	Eucharist	
	10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	11.30 Nic's Mini	St Nicholas'
	Messy	

Readings for Sunday 2nd July **Trinity 3**

Ieremiah 28.5-9 Psalm 89.1-4.15-18* Romans 6.12-23 Matthew 10 40-42

Wed 28th June St Barnabas 15.00 Wed 12th July Maidenbower 15.15



Old and new friends welcome

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Notices & Diary Notes

Friday lunches 12.30 in the Pastoral Centre, 2 courses + tea / coffee - £5.50. All welcome. Please order tickets by 28th June (for catering) for 30th June at the PC or call 0300 111 8150

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

Sat Ist July The next Saturday Market takes place in the Pastoral Centre 10.00 - 11.45. We look forward to you joining us

The funeral of Bishop Geoffrey Rowell, former Bishop in Europe, will be held at Chichester cathedral at 14.30 on Wednesday 5th July.

Meurig has written a very moving piece which can be found here http://anglicanfrance.fr/2017/06/12/bisho p-geoffrey-rowell/

Sat 8th July Parish Summer Fair at St. Barnabas, Sat 8th July 12.00-15.00 Please donate 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 and cakes and home produce (on the day). A list of stalls is at the back of both churches - please sign up asap if you are able to help. Thank you.

Cup 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!

NB – **Change** of date: Revd Steve Burston will be licensed at St John's, in the centre of Crawley, on **Thurs 7**th **Sept 2017** at **7.30pm**. The family are very happy to be remaining in Crawley!

September 21st International Day of Peace [Live Better Together] at Chichester Cathedral between 10.30 & 21.30, engaging activities with Peace & Reconciliation in mind, a film and a Speaker [Dr Justine Huxley]. If you are interested please book your ticket <u>now</u> [prices range from Free - £10 depending on the sessions you attend] further details at www.chichestercathedral.org.uk or phone 0333 666 3366. Leaflets in both churches with

Monday 2nd October 19.30 St Nicholas The licensing of Revd Michael Boag as Rector of Worth. Please put this date in your diary to give Fr Michael a truly

more information.

enthusiastic welcome!

100 Club - June

£100	Gill Osborne	No. 30
£50	Rose Wells	No. 4
£25	Judy Stokes	No. 39
£25	Don Hewerdine	No. 45

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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