

Sunday
23rd July
Trinity 6



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 Gerry Burgess

09.45 Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'

Celebrant & Preacher Revd Canon Julia Peaty

10.00 Family Service (Non-Eucharist)

St Barnabas' Greta Sawyer

12.00 Baptism St Nicholas'

Revd Canon Julia Peaty

Next week: **No** 10.00 at St Barnabas',
but 09.45 Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas'

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

GROWING UP IN FAITH

How often do you, as a believer, ask questions?

It is the experience of all of us that our spiritual journey goes through different phases. What seemed so obvious years ago in the first flush of belief comes into question. Our life's experience exposes us to dilemmas. Take for example the problems of undeserved suffering. The tragedy of war, natural disasters and, of course, terrorism makes us wonder WHY? The book of Job in the Old Testament is fascinating and worth struggling with. It doesn't provide a glib answer but it sets before us the wonder and miracle of creation and our small place in it. A well-known priest once said that believing is a matter of living with questions. Don't be afraid to ask them. Within the Anglican tradition we are advised to rely on three basic concepts: Tradition, Scripture and Reason. We must use our capacity to reason and face up to the reality of life so full of dilemmas. The Archbishop of Canterbury said, "Believing is difficult so join the club". Perhaps one of the real problems is that we don't ask enough questions and get carried along by habit and routine. A genuine faith will always be a struggle. Don't be afraid of it. We all grow up in our spiritual journeys. A bishop said a long time ago... "As I get older I am **more sure** of fewer things".

Food for thought for all of us.

Roger

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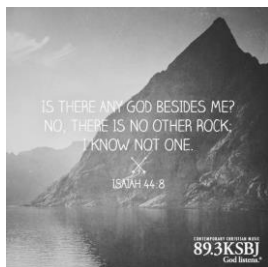
Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love
you such good things as pass our
understanding: pour into our hearts such
love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above
all things, may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading

Isaiah 44.6-8

Thus says
the Lord, the
King of Israel
and his
Redeemer,



the Lord of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before
me.

Who has announced from of old the
things to come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.
Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and
declared it?

You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not
one.

Psalms 86.11-17

Second Reading

Romans 8.12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are
debtors, not to the flesh, to live according
to the flesh— for if you live according to
the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit
you put to death the deeds of the body,
you will live. For all who are led by the
Spirit of God are children of God. For you
did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall
back into fear, but you have received a
spirit of adoption. When we cry,
'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing
witness with our spirit that we are
children of God, and if children, then
heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with
Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so
that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this
present time are not worth comparing
with the glory about to be revealed to
us. For the creation waits with eager
longing for the revealing of the children of
God; for the creation was subjected to
futility, not of its own will but by the will
of the one who subjected it, in hope that
the creation itself will be set free from its
bondage to decay and will obtain the
freedom of the glory of the children of
God. We know that the whole creation
has been groaning in labour pains until
now; and not only the creation, but we
ourselves, who have the first fruits of the
Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for
adoption, the redemption of our
bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now
hope that is seen is not hope. For who
hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for
what we do not see, we wait for it with
patience.

Gospel

Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."'

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the



end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 25 th July	10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thurs 27 th July	10.30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sat 29 th July	12.00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Sun 30th July	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	09.45 Parish Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	18.30 Choral Evensong	St Nicholas'

Readings for Sunday 30th July **Trinity 6 (Parish Eucharist)**

I Kings 3.5-12
Psalm 119.129-136
Romans 8.26-39
Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

100 Club Winners for July

£100 Malcolm Booker	23
£50 Don Hewerdine	42
£25 Brenda Booker	28
£25 Ian Pallett	44

Notices & Diary Notes

Friday lunches 12.30 in the Pastoral Centre, 2 courses + tea / coffee - £5.50. All welcome. Please order tickets by 26th July (for catering) for 28th July at the PC or call 0300 111 8150

Thursday 27th July at 2.30 pm The Parish Prayer Group next meeting at St Nicholas.

Everyone welcome - no previous experience necessary!

Sun 30th July 09.45 Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas'. **18.30 Choral Evensong** at St Nicholas. Everyone welcome, call the office if you would like a lift to either or both!

Mon 31st July Refurbishment of Parish Hall Toilets begins!

Revd Steve Burston will be licensed as Priest in charge of St John's Church on **Thurs 7th Sept 2017** at 19.30. Everyone welcome. If anyone is in need of a lift please contact the parish office. 0300 111 8150

Saturday 9th September 13.30 - 16.30 St Barnabas' showing a DVD of the Gospel of Mark, word for word narration and dramatisation. This to be followed by tea & cake and a time of fellowship. For further information please contact Joan Tick 884695 - Sign-up sheets in both Churches.

St Nicholas Circle is now taking its summer break. As many will want to go to Steve's licensing it has been decided to postpone the September talk to 2018. Next St Nicholas Circle will be Thurs 5th October

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]. Prices range from Free - £10 depending on the sessions you attend for further details phone 0333 666 3366 or www.chichestercathedral.org.uk. Leaflets in both churches with more information.

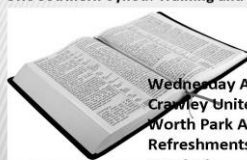
Have you got a spare 2hrs every 4/6 weeks? The Pastoral Centre welcomes volunteers in the coffee shop.



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

ENGAGING WITH GOD'S WORD

A seminar exploring 8 ways to engage with the Bible
Presented by: Rev Andy Twilley
URC Southern Synod: Training and Development Officer



Wednesday August 16th at
Crawley United Reformed Church,
Worth Park Avenue, RH10 3DF.
Refreshments at 7 pm for 7.30
pm start.

EVERYONE WELCOME – entry free

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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