



20th August - Trinity 10

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'
<i>Celebrant & Preacher:</i>	Revd Gordon Parry
09.45 Parish Eucharist	St Nicholas'
<i>Celebrant & Preacher</i>	Revd Gordon Parry
10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
<i>Celebrant & Preacher</i>	Revd David Knight
11.30 Nic's Mini Messy	St Nicholas'
	Greta Sawyer
13.00 Baptism Service	St Nicholas'
	Revd Gordon Parry

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phone 0300 111 8150

In the Gospel reading for today we read that Christ's disciples were irritated on his behalf by the persistence of the Canaanite woman whose daughter had a mental illness of some kind and who knew that Christ could deal with the illness.

The disciples reacted, as many do, in the face of mental illness and were surprised when Christ in effect overrode them with his remark 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' Having established the extent of the woman's faith, Christ then healed her daughter.

Mental illness still carries a stigma for many people. Such illness amongst younger people seems to be on the rise and a number of causes are cited for this increase. They include the pressures of social media, the education system, drug abuse and the false hopes and ambitions raised by the cult of celebrity status. Readers will be able – quite easily – to think of other possible triggers that they have encountered in those they know. As with physical illness, remedies are available, but access to professional help, diagnosis and treatment is often slow - far too slow - and leads to prolonged and debilitating incapacity amongst many who could be leading much more fulfilling lives. Mental illness has occurred – and will continue to occur – within our church community and amongst those we know in wider circles of acquaintance. Perhaps it is time that we collectively pressed for greater resources to be made available to deal effectively with it and perhaps we should give more time to praying for and listening to those we know whose lives are adversely affected by such illnesses.

Gordon

Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 56.1,6-8

The Covenant Extended to All Who Obey

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—

these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer;



their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Thus says the

Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel,

I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Psalm 67

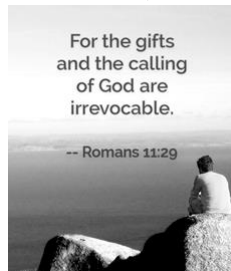


Second Reading

Romans 11.1-2a,29-32

Israel's Rejection Is Not Final

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.



SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 22 nd Aug	10.30 Eucharist 12.00 Funeral	St Barnabas' St Nicholas'
Thurs 24 th Aug	10.30 Eucharist 11.30 Burial of Ashes	St Nicholas' St Nicholas'
Sat 26 th Aug	14.00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Sun 27 th Aug	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	09.45 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Family Service	St Barnabas'
	12.00 Baptism	St Nicholas'

Readings for Sunday 27th August

Trinity 11

Isaiah 51.1-6

Psalm 138

Romans 12.1-8

Matthew 16.13-20

Gospel

Matthew 15.[10-20]21-28

Things That Defile

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

The Canaanite Woman's Faith

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the

house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Jar of Grace labels are available in both churches from today. This is your opportunity to save some coins, in a jar, in thanks for every meal you have between now and Harvest, when we will collect the jars for **UNICEF**. This money will then be used to help protect children put at risk during tragic emergencies around the world. Thank you



Holding God to His Word

"Have mercy on me, O Lord...help me...even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."



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Matthew 15

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 Epsom) 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 on a Sunday.



Notices & Diary Notes

Friday lunches 12.30 in the Pastoral Centre, 2 courses + tea / coffee - £5.50. All welcome. Please order tickets by 23rd Aug (for catering) for 25th Aug at the PC or call 0300 111 8150

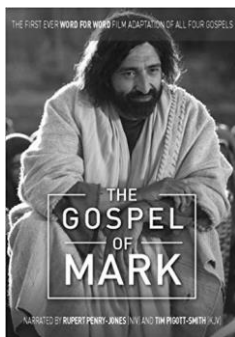
Toilet Refurbishments – work will continue until approx. 25th Aug.

Parish Prayer Group Mon 21st Aug 19.30 in the Pastoral Centre. Everyone welcome – no experience necessary!

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

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

Saturday 9th September 13.30 – 16.30



St Barnabas showing a DVD of The Gospel of Mark, followed by fellowship, tea & cakes. Please sign the sheet at the back of both churches. For further information please contact Joan Tick 884695.

September 21st International Day of Peace [Live better together] at Chichester Cathedral between 10.30 & 21.30. There are some tickets still available for the Talks if you wish to attend please book via the website www.chichestercathedral.org.uk Posters are in both churches with more information.

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!

Knit & Natter every Thurs 14.00 – 16.00 at the Centre. Don't know how to knit? We can help. Not sure about Nattering – we can help there too! Rather sew than knit – no problem, bring your current project along!



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



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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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