



27th August - Trinity II

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 David Knight
10.00 Family Service (non Eucharist)	St Barnabas' Greta Sawyer
12.00 Baptism Service	St Nicholas'
	Revd David Knight

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pewsheets@worthparish.org.uk or
phone 0300 111 8150

SILENCE IS GOLDEN

On August 4th the Church remembered a French priest, Jean- Baptiste Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests. He lived at the end of the 19th century and was the Cure d'Ars in a small village parish which



became famous because of him. The Cure d'Ars was a renowned spiritual guide and confessor to countless Christians throughout Europe. He spent hours every day in the Confessional and led a deeply holy life. There is a story that one day when he went into his church he saw an elderly farmer, a very regular visitor, sitting in the pew directly in front of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament was reserved (as it is in our own chapel in St Nicholas). He asked the man about his prayer life and what words he used. "Oh, I don't, I just sits here and I looks at Him and He looks at me," said the farmer.

Silence is golden. Our world is full of noise in shops and public buildings; people are plugged in to their headphones or on their phones in the street. Even in this sacred place there is the distant drone of motorway traffic. As the psalmist put it "Be still and know that I am God".

Whenever you can, come here and sit in front of the Blessed Sacrament and be like that elderly farmer and look at Him as He looks at you.

Roger

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 51.1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,



my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.



Psalms 138

Second Reading

Romans 12.1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed



to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Gospel

Matthew 16.13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; 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 (September 17th), 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



SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 29th Aug	10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thurs 31st Aug	10.30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Fri 1 st Sept	14.00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Sun 3 rd Sept	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	09.45 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	11.30 Nic's Mini Messy	St Nicholas'

Readings for Sunday 3rd September

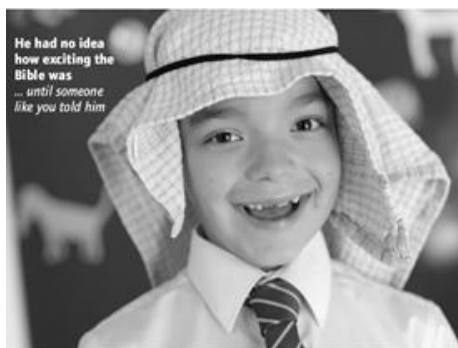
Trinity 12

Jeremiah 15.15-21

Psalms 26.1-8

Romans 12.9-21

Matthew 16.21-28



Sharing Bible stories with primary school children

Did you know that three in five children don't know that David and Goliath is a Bible story? Or that not one child in a school of over 400 pupils could tell their head teacher the story of Easter?

We need Christians and Churches ready to partner with their local school and help bring the stories to life for the children there.

Meet **Kerry & the team** from **Open the Book** and find out just how easy it is to make a difference.



Part of Bible Society

Bible Society: T: 01783 408222 E: enquiries@openthebook.net openthebook.net Charity Reg. No 232759

Venue:
St Albans Church, Gosspope Drive, Crawley,
West Sussex, RH11 8LD

Date and Time: 23rd Sept 2017 Register for 9.15am, finish at 1pm

To reserve your place please contact:

Email: enquiries@openthebook.net (include event date & names of attendees)

Telephone: 01783 418255 or contact Flavia Gerry Burgess 01444 81828

If you are interested in the life & work of a parish administrator & volunteer? – Try www.wordsworth.me

Notices & Diary Notes

Friday lunches 12.30 in the Pastoral Centre, 2 courses + tea / coffee - £6.50. All welcome. Please order tickets by 30th Aug (for catering) for 1st Sept at the PC or call 0300 111 8150 [Please note: there is a price rise from 1st September]

Hall Toilet Refurbishments The ladies Hall toilets are now complete as is the provision of the new toilet for the disabled. The gents' toilets are not quite ready and work here will be completed early Sept.

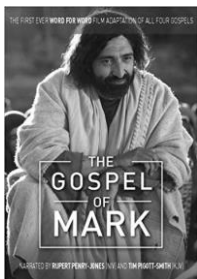
Saturday Market in the Pastoral Centre 2nd September - do join us for refreshments, bargains and chat!

Wed 30th August: Faith Committee Meeting Confirmation that we will meet 7.30pm at St Barnabas next Wednesday.

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.

100 Club

£100	Sue Perry	No. 9
£50	Andrea Elcombe	No. 43
£25	Ian Pallett	No. 44
£25	Joan Tick	No. 41

Sunday 17th September Harvest Thanksgiving services at both churches where we will collect your Jar of Grace donations and all packet & tinned food, toiletry & clothing, blankets, flasks, woolly hats and gloves as donations for Open House. We will also collect for the Easter Team, both require coffee, sugar, cereal, UHT milk, tinned foods- meat, fish - jars and cans of cooking sauces and biscuits. Thank you.

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!

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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