



1st October
Trinity 16

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 Gordon Parry
09.45 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher:	Revd Gordon Parry
10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	Revd Roger Combes
11.30 Nic's Mini Messy -	St Nicholas'
Animal Service	Joan Tick

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I am a school governor and I have learnt a lot over the years about how schools are run and the education system in general. I have come to value the professionalism and sheer hard work of our teachers and have begun to appreciate just what a difficult but also very rewarding job they do.

Amongst the papers I receive from Governor services was this story.

Once upon a time there were two woodcutters who had a bet on who could cut the most wood in a day. The first worked really hard all day without a break and was sure he was going to win the bet because he saw his colleague taking regular breaks throughout the day. However, at the end of the day he was amazed to see that his colleagues pile was actually much bigger than his. He wondered how his opponent could have been so successful with all that time out and asked him what he had been doing during his breaks. "I was sharpening my axe my friend, pay up."

It is all too easy to fill our lives with activity and neglect to give the time to God which will enable our Christian lives to grow and flourish. As this year of the Bible comes towards the end I wonder how sharp our Christian lives are. Have we done more Bible reading this year? Are we reading books and spending more time in prayer so that our faith can grow? The challenge is always to keep sharp!

Julia

Volunteers 11.15 today please to move chairs ready for tomorrow's Licensing.

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32

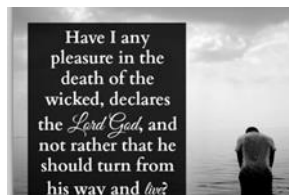
Individual Retribution

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity

will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.



Guide me in your
truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you
all day long.
Psalms 25:5

Psalms 25.1-8

Second Reading

Philippians 2.1-13

Imitating Christ's Humility

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the
earth,
and every tongue should confess

It is
God
← who →
WORKS
IN YOU
to WILL
& ACT
in order
to fulfill
HIS GOOD
PURPOSE
Philippians 2:13

that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the
Father.

Shining as Lights in the World

Therefore, my beloved, just
as you have always obeyed
me, not only in my
presence, but much more
now in my absence, work
out your own salvation with
fear and trembling; for it is
God who is at work in you,
enabling you both to will
and to work for his good
pleasure.

Gospel

Matthew 21.23-32

The Authority of Jesus Questioned

When he entered the temple, the chief
priests and the elders of the people came
to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By
what authority are you doing these things,
and who gave you this authority?' Jesus
said to them, 'I will also ask you one
question; if you tell me the answer, then I
will also tell you by what authority I do
these things. Did the baptism of John come
from heaven, or was it of human origin?'
And they argued with one another, 'If we
say, "From heaven", he will say to us,
"Why then did you not believe him?" But if
we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of
the crowd; for all regard John as a
prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do
not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither
will I tell you by what authority I am doing
these things.

The Parable of the Two Sons

'What do you
think? A man
had two sons;
he went to the
first and said,
"Son, go and
work in the



vineyard today." He answered, "I will not";
but later he changed his mind and
went. The father went to the second and
said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir";
but he did not go. Which of the two did
the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.'
Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the
tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going
into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For
John came to you in the way of
righteousness and you did not believe him,
but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes
believed him; and even after you saw it,
you did not change your minds and believe
him.

Post Communion

Almighty God, you have taught us through
your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole
heart and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 3 rd Oct	10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thurs 5 th Oct	10.30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 8 th October	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	09.45 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	12:00 Baptism	St Nicholas'

Readings for Sunday 8th October

Trinity 17

Isaiah 5.1-7

Psalm 80.9-17 Philippians 3.4b-14

Matthew 21.33-46

Notices & Diary Notes

Friday lunches 12.30 in the Pastoral Centre, 2 courses + tea / coffee - £6.50. All welcome. Please order tickets by 4th Oct (for catering) for 6th Oct at the PC or call 0300 111 8150

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!

Wednesday 4th October There will be a brief first planning meeting at 10.00 am in the downstairs meeting room at St. Barnabas for the Christmas Fair (18th November – NB change of date). If you are willing to be part of the planning group please attend. If you are willing to be involved in the group, but not available at this time please contact Jane Stanford (01293) 543065.

Thursday 5th Oct 20.00 St Nicholas Circle Talk by Dr Rose Wells on her work with the Martlets Hospice in Hove.

Saturday Market 7th October This will be held in the Pastoral Centre, 10.00am-11.45am on All welcome

An A4 booklet of the Parish Remembrance Diary is in both churches to update it for 2018. Please ✓ beside the name of your loved ones if you want them to be remembered in the weekly Intercessions or on All Saints' Day, or on both occasions. If anyone is to be added please write full names, date & year of their death on the page of the month concerned. Thank you.

Recruiting – Magazine editor/editors Our current editor is coming to the end of her tenure and we are looking for one or more people to take over from the beginning of 2018. 5 issues a year, but the format will be up to you to create your own masterpiece. Liz Gallagher will continue advertising and printing.

28th October, 9.30am Jumble Sale in the Parish Hall. Please save us your jumble, but do not bring it before 27th October as we have nowhere to store it.

Worth bell ringers rang a quarter peal on Sat. 23rd Sept. commemorating the centenary of the deaths of 3 listed on our war memorial. They died at Passchendaele in the Battles of The Menin Road and Polygon Wood. WG Rapley is buried in a WWI cemetery over there, the other two have no known graves and are remembered on the Tyne Cot memorial.

2nd Lieutenant William Godfrey Rapley 1st Battalion, The Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment). Died on 25th September 1917. Born in Crawley Down about 1894, son of Edwin and Leonora Dorse Rapley. Father a Domestic Gardener, later a Grocer.

Private Ralph Penfold Private L/10408 11th (Service) Battalion (1st South Down) Royal Sussex Regiment. Died on 26th September 1917. Born in Leigh, Surrey about 1893, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Penfold. Father was a Farm Labourer at Maple Cottage, Ifield.

Private Albert Hole Private G/18335, 13th (Service) Battalion (3rd South Down) Royal Sussex Regiment. Killed in action on 27th September 1917 at 'Tower Hamlets' Born in Worth about 1877, house painter living in Flint Lodge, Tilgate, Crawley. Son of James and Ann Hole.

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