



29th
October
Bible
Sunday

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

10.00 Parish Eucharist

St Barnabas'

Celebrant & Preacher

Fr Michael Boag

Following the 10.00 the refreshments-tea/coffee, biscuits etc are being provided by the local Coop store. There will be a very short talk about the Coop and its charity work and we are hoping that the Pastoral Centre will be one of the Coop's chosen charities for 2018. We hope as many of you as possible will be present.

In this morning's reading from the book of Nehemiah, a crowd has gathered and asked Ezra, the scribe, to read to them. Not just the priests, Levites, or even just the men, but all the people, men and women have gathered and asked Ezra to read to them from Scripture. And they gather, not at the temple but at the Water Gate, where all are admitted to the city. It's uncertain where the gate was, but its name suggests somewhere near the Gihon spring, Jerusalem's only natural water source, on the eastern side of the city, a place of refreshment and joy. The occasion could have been marked by dismay, as it was for King Josiah, when he first heard the words from the law book found in the temple and tore his clothes in mourning, recognizing the nation's neglect of divine commands and fearing God's wrath. Instead, however, when the people begin to weep, Ezra tells them instead to rejoice, because 'this day is holy to the Lord'. Rather than fasting, they are told to feast and share their food, because 'the joy of the Lord is your strength'. St Paul encourages 'with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him'. On this Bible Sunday, therefore, may we find the Holy Scriptures to be a deep source of encouragement, refreshment and joy.

Michael

Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading

Nehemiah 8. 1-4a, 8-12;

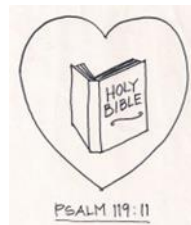
In the seventh month all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said



to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to

our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.



Psalm
119. 9-16

Second Reading

Colossians 3. 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and

most of all let
♥ Love ♥
guide your
Life ~col 3:14~

patience. Bear with one

another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel

Matthew 24. 30-35

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see “the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven” with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.



The Lesson of the Fig Tree

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as

soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Post Communion

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

MESSY CHURCH

Wed 8th November 17

Maidenbower Infants Sch. 15.15-16.45

Wed 22nd November 17

St Barnabas Hall 15.00 – 17.00

Old and new friends welcome



SERVICES THIS WEEK

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| Tues 31 st Oct | 10.30 Eucharist | St Barnabas' |
| Thurs 2 nd Nov | 10.30 Eucharist | St Nicholas' |
| Sat 4 th Nov | 12.00 All Souls' Service | St Barnabas' |
| Sun 5 th November | 08.00 Holy Communion | St Nicholas' |
| | 09.45 Sung Eucharist | St Nicholas' |
| | 10.00 Eucharist | St Barnabas' |
| | 11.30 Mini Messy | St Nicholas' |

Readings for Sun 5th November –

All Saints' Sunday

Revelation 7.9-17

Psalms 34.1-10

1 John 3.1-3

Matthew 5.1-12

Thank you, thank you, thank you, to the anonymous donor who left a large CAF cheque donation at St Nicholas this week. It is very much appreciated and will be carefully used.

Notices & Diary Notes

Friday lunches 12.30 in the Pastoral Centre, 2 courses + tea / coffee - £6.50. All welcome. Please order tickets by 1st Nov (for catering) for 3rd Nov at the PC or call 0300 111 8150

Saturday 4th November 12 noon at St. Barnabas'. All Souls Service.

Friday 10th November 14.30 The Prayer Group will be meeting at St Nicholas. Everyone welcome, no experience necessary.

Sat 18th November Christmas Fair

There is a box in both churches for any contributions you are able to make for the various stalls – raffle prizes, new gifts etc. There is also a list of stalls - please fill in one of the gaps if you can- all offers of help welcomed. Thank you

POSADA (Travelling Crib) will be on the move again during December if you would like to "Host" the travellers overnight please add your name, address & phone number to the lists in both churches, with any dates that you are UNABLE to accommodate them. It is a great way to spread the Word and meet new & old friends. More info from Joan Tick, 884695.

Operation Christmas Child: We have had a great response to this mission. The last day for collection of shoe boxes will be **Sunday 12 Nov 17. If you need a home collection, please call the office.**

Recruiting – Magazine editor(s) We are looking for 1/1+ people to take over from the beginning of 2018. We try to issue 5 mags a year, but the format is up to you to create your own masterpiece. Help given if needed. Advertising and printing is all sorted. **Could this be you?**

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

Alfred Lee (Private G/1781) of the 8th Battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment. Died on 29th October 1917 and buried at Minty Farm Cemetery.. Enlisted in Horsham, born Worth about 1895. Alfred was a casualty of the Second battle of Passchendaele also known as the Third battle of Ypres.

Worth bell ringers will be ringing a quarter peal this Sunday, the hundredth anniversary of his death, in his memory.

Have you got a spare couple of hours every other month. The Pastoral Centre welcomes volunteers in the coffee shop



Many Hands Make LIGHT Work

Knit 'n Natter – every Thurs 14.00 - 16.00 in the Pastoral Centre. Don't know how to knit? We can help. Not sure about nattering – we can help there too!

Rather do another craft? No problem, bring your current project along



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