

12th November Remembrance 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: Fr Michael Boag
09.45 Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Michael Boag
10.00 Eucharist St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Revd David Knight
12.00 Baptism: Fr Michael Boag

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

In 1917, a year after the battle of the Somme, the carnage still going on with no clear end in sight, Wilfred Owen, who was killed in action just days before the Armistice the following year, wrote:

**What passing-bells for these who die as
cattle?**

Only the monstrous anger of the guns.

Only the stuttering rifles' rapid rattle

Can patter out their hasty orisons.

**No mockeries now for them; no prayers nor
bells,**

**Nor any voice of mourning save the choirs, -
The shrill, demented choirs of wailing shells;
And bugles calling for them from sad shires.
What candles may be held to speed them
all?**

**Not in the hands of boys, but in their eyes
Shall shine the holy glimmers of goodbyes.
The pallor of girls' brows shall be their pall;
Their flowers the tenderness of patient
minds,
And each slow dusk a drawing down of
blinds.**

Right at the start, 'die as cattle' jolts us with its image of the slaughterhouse and after all the horror, dusk falls in the last line and speaks of finality. The dusk is slow, for that is how time passes for those who mourn, and with the drawing down of blinds and the attendant sadness we may think of a house in Shrewsbury's Monkmoor Road, where at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, a telegram was delivered that informed Wilfred Owen's parents of his death just a week earlier. We will remember them.

Michael

Collect

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Micah 4 verses 1-4

Peace and Security through Obedience



In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

Psalm 23



Second Reading

John 15 verses 9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.



*Greater love
has no one than this:
that he lay down his life for his friends.*

John 15:13

Post Communion Prayer

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Mon 13	11am Julian Group	St Barnabas'
Tues 14	10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thurs 15	10.30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 19 Nov	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	09.45 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
		St Nicholas'

Readings for Sunday 19th November 2nd before Advent

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18 Psalm 90.1-8[9-11]12*
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 Matthew 25.14-30

Wed 22 Nov 17

St Barnabas Hall 15.00 – 17.00

Wed 6 Dec 17

Maidenbower 15.15-16.45

Old and new friends welcome!



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

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Friday lunches 12.30 in the Pastoral Centre, 2 courses + tea / coffee - £6.50. All welcome. Please order tickets by 8th Nov (for catering) for 10th Nov at the PC or call 0300 111 8150

STOP PRESS – from **Advent Sunday, 3rd Dec.**, the morning service at St Nicholas will revert to its old time of 10.00. The sign on the bell tower door will become accurate once more!

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

Our Christingle Service is on

Sunday December 3rd 11.30 at St Nicholas, in aid of The Children's Society, All welcome.

Sat 28th January 2017 Safeguarding Training at St Barnabas 09.30 – 12.00 tbc Anyone interested in attending please contact **Noreen Oxlade** by email only please noxlade@hotmail.com

Christmas Cards

Christmas cards featuring a painting of St Nicholas Church by Father Roger Brown are still available. They come in packs of 5 cards priced at £2.50 per pack. See Joan Pallett please

Fun Mondays

The Pastoral Centre Café is open on Monday afternoons from 14.00 – 16.00. A group of regulars are keen to play some card or board games. Come to play or just to chat. Tea/coffee and cake

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?

NEEDED: another cleaner for St. Nic's to join the team to help service the toilet block once a month! Please contact: Noreen Oxlade 884172 if you are able to help!

Operation Christmas Child: We have had a great response to this mission with over 30 completed boxes so far. **Sunday 12 Nov 17 (Today)** is the last day for collection of shoe boxes! If you need a **home collection, please call the Office:** On 0300 111 8150

Do you like **arranging flowers**? At St Nicholas' we need more people to join our list of people taking a turn to arrange flowers maybe 6 times a year. No experience or expertise required! Please contact Noreen Oxlade on 01293 884172 if you are interested.

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THE INQUISITIVE MIND OF A CHILD A Poem for Remembrance Day



Why are they selling poppies, Mummy?
Selling poppies in town today.

The poppies, child, are flowers of love.
For the men who marched away.

But why have they chosen a poppy,
Mummy?
Why not a beautiful rose?

Because my child, men fought and died
In the fields where the poppies grow.

But why are the poppies so red, Mummy?
Why are the poppies so red?

Red is the colour of blood, my child.
The blood that our soldiers shed.

The heart of the poppy is black, Mummy.
Why does it have to be black?

Black, my child, is the symbol of grief.
For the men who never came back.

But why, Mummy are you crying so?
Your tears are giving you pain.

My tears are my fears for you my child.
For the world is forgetting again.

Author unknown

The Pastoral Centre always welcomes homemade cakes. If anyone is willing to bake any items for us these will be gratefully received. Reimbursement can be arranged for ingredients used. Enjoy the baking without gaining the calories!