



YEAR OF PRAYER 2018

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Serving Crawley in Worth, Pound Hill, Maidenbower and Forge Wood

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14 January 18 Epiphany 2

Welcome to our services at
St Nicholas' in Worth and St Barnabas'
in Pound Hill.

This sheet details the readings in today's
services as well as notices for everyone.
Please do take it home and share it.

There are soft toys and books available at
the back of the church for children.

At Communion, everyone is welcome to
come up and receive a blessing or, if
baptised, share the bread and wine. If you
are here for the first time, please introduce
yourselves. After the 10.00 service on
Sunday please join us for refreshments.

SERVICES TODAY

08.00 Holy Communion St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Gordon Parry

10.00 Eucharist St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Michael Boag

10.00 Eucharist St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Gordon Parry

Our readings, including the psalm, lie right
at the heart of our Christian faith since
they tell of God's calling to us (Samuel).
God's total awareness and omnipresence
(Psalm 139), a vision of heaven (Revelation)
and God's promises to us expressed
through his Son (St John's Gospel).

We are in the Epiphany season when we
celebrate the revelation of God to us in the
form of the infant Christ and it is important
for each of us to consider how God,
through Christ, reveals himself to us at a
personal and profound level.

There will be times when God's
communication with us is not recognised,
as happened to Samuel or when
communication doesn't seem to be
happening at all and we feel abandoned and
lost as happened to those who walked
along the Emmaus road or to the writer of
a number of the psalms. The great power
of Psalm 139 is to remind us that we can
never, ever move ourselves beyond the
reach of God either physically or spiritually.
There will be times when our spirits
attempt to reach out to the habitations of
God and we have visions of heaven to
inspire us. These can take the form of
words as in Revelation, or can come to us
through painting, through sculpture and
through music. We will be particularly
sensitive to one or more of these media.

God's incarnation as the infant Christ
shows us that we can be near to God in
the warp and weft of our daily lives and
that our lives' experience, however
circumscribed, gives us the means to access
a sense of God and the promises that he
has made to us through the birth, life, death
and resurrection of his Son.

Gordon

Wonderful news! The Rev'd Sarah
Upchurch will be licensed as Associate
Vicar for St. Barnabas on **Tuesday 13
March at 7.30pm** at St. Barnabas.
Please put the date in your diaries.
Everyone welcome!

Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

1 Samuel 3. 1-10

Now the boy
Samuel was
ministering to
the LORD under



Samuel was called by God and appeared to the temple from childhood to serve the LORD.

Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

**Psalms 139 1-5,
12-18**

"I will praise You
for I am fearfully &
wonderfully made."

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Second Reading

Revelations 5.1-10

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I
saw
between
the
throne
and the
four living



creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth

Gospel

John 1.43-51

The next day
Jesus decided
to go to



Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of

Israel!' Jesus

answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than



these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Post Communion

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 16 January	10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thurs 18 January	10.30 Healing Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Fri 19 Jan	12.00 Burial of Ashes	St Nicholas'
Sunday 21 January	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'

Readings for Sun 21 January

Genesis 14.17-20

Psalms 128

Revelation 19.6-10

John 2.1-11

Join us at Messy Church!

Just turn up for crafts, refreshments, activities, a song and a story at our:



Wed 24 January 2018 St Barnabas Hall,
15.00-16.45 including a light tea

Wed 7 February Maidenbower 15.15 –
16.30

Family Activities

@Chichester
Cathedral

'Famous
Folk'

Friday 16th February 2018 from 10.00am – 3pm



A fun filled family day to be held in Chichester Cathedral

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Friday Lunch in the Pastoral Centre, 2 courses and tea/coffee for £6.50. All welcome. To help with catering, please order tickets by 17th for 19th Jan at the Pastoral Centre or by calling 0300 111 8150

Tuesday 16 January There will be a meeting for **Pastoral Centre volunteers** (and would be volunteers) at 9.30am in the Pastoral Centre

PRAYER GROUP

The next Parish Prayer Group is at St Nicholas 2.30pm

Wednesday 17th January

All welcome especially new friends.



PARISH LENT COURSE ~

'Inspired to Follow: Art and the Bible Story' will begin in February in the Pastoral Centre. It will be led by Fr. Michael Boag, and will continue for 5 weeks. See leaflets & posters for further details. All are welcome.

CURC - Lent Course

"Walking the Way" Tuesday February 20th at 2.00pm at Crawley United Reformed Church for 5 weeks, all are welcome.

Saturday 24 February 10.00-12 noon

There will be a Book and Toy Sale in the Pastoral Centre in aid of St. Barnabas Fabric Fund, current project Hall Refurbishment. Please save your good condition books and toys for us.

No longer needed spectacles are collected at the Pastoral Centre, but no empty spectacle cases please. Many thanks.

TIME AND TALENT Our churches need volunteers to clean, garden, ring bells, sing in the choir, arrange flowers, become servers, serve in the Pastoral Centre and various other roles. Please consider donating an hour or more to help keep our churches running smoothly. You could become part of a group or offer your time to suit you! **Please contact the Rector or the Office to find out how YOU could help!**

The Home Groups spring into fortnightly action again! **If you would like to join or find out more, please contact the group leaders or ring the office on 0300 111 8150**



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

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