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28 January 18 Candlemas

Welcome to our services at
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: Fr Michael Boag

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

10.00 Candlemas Family Eucharist St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Michael Boag

12.00 Baptism St Nicholas'
Revd Gordon Parry

Selçuk is a town southern Turkey, about a mile or so northeast of the ancient city of Ephesus. Its original Greek name, Agios Theologos, refers to John the Theologian, by tradition, the Apostle John. And in the town are what's left of a 6th-century basilica, said to have been built on the site of the Apostle's tomb. From there, we are told John wrote the three epistles attributed to him. All his writings are full of light and love and it is a nice curiosity that not far from the basilica built over his grave, built in honour of this writer of the unconditional love of God, is a street called 'Love Street.' It is a respectable tourist shopping and eating area running along the base of a hill on which stands the ancient church. While there is no indication as to how it came by its name, how nice to find a street called Love, near the place that honours John and the love-filled writings that bear his name.

The Christmas feast, which comes to an end with the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, celebrates the light of truth and peace coming into a world darkened by violence and greed, the purity of divine shining love into the somewhat sordid, squalid and altogether messy human condition. But however inadequate the human response, John's simple observation, 'in this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us' reminds us that God is with us, before us and beside us at all times.

Fr. Michael

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. **Parking available at Pound Hill Junior School.** Everyone welcome!

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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 Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

For he has founded it upon the seas and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep. 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, or who can rise up in his holy place?'

'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, nor sworn an oath to a lie; who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,

'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a just reward from the God of their salvation.'

Such is the company of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

'Who is the King of glory?' 'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.'

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

'Who is this King of glory?' 'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

The Children's Society

The annual box holders' cash count for 2017 realised a total of £507.34 which, together with gift aid, where appropriate, produced a grand total of £583.04. Grateful thanks go to all of our supporters.

Brenda Booker

Gospel

Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,

according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher.



She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

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

Join us at Messy Church!

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



Wed 7 February Maidenbower 15.15 – 16.30

Wed 21 February 2018 St Barnabas Hall, 15.00-16.45 including a light tea

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 30 January	10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thurs 1 February	10.30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sunday 4 February	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Sung Child-friendly Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'

Next week's readings

Proverbs 8.1,22-31

Psalm 104.26-37

Colossians 1.15-20

John 1.1-14

2 February - Candlemas Day

Candlemas Proverb

If Candlemas be fair and bright,
Winter has another flight.

If Candlemas brings clouds and rain,
Winter will not come again.

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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 31st Jan for 2nd Feb at the P C or by calling 0300 111 8150

TODAY Sun 28th Jan 2.30-4.30pm

Free of Charge Seniors Tea Party at St Elizabeth's opposite Northgate Shops. Tea, cake, dancing entertainment from the children and board games!

Worth Book Club will be meeting in the Centre on the Monday 29th Jan at 19.00. If you are interested contact the Parish Office or just turn up!



Thurs 1st February St Nicholas Circle 20.00 A fun quiz to get you talking.

Saturday Market 3rd February at the Pastoral Centre – sometimes you don't realise that you need something until you see it! Come and have a browse and enjoy a cuppa and a chat at the same time.

PARISH LENT COURSE - 'Inspired to follow Art and the Bible Story', led by Fr Michael Boag, will begin on

Saturday February 17th at 2.00pm in the Pastoral Centre and continue weekly until March 17th. The Course will be preceded by a **Lent Soup Lunch at 1.00pm**, also in the Pastoral Centre. Donations will be accepted for World Team Bank. 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.

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

Saturday 24 February 10.00-12 noon

There will be a Book, Plant 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.

January 100 Club winners

£100 - Ann Phillipson
£50 - Don Hewerdine
£25 - Joan Pallett
£25 - Richard Sidaway

You have to be in it to win it – or so the saying goes. If you are not sure how this works, it is briefly this. You set up a payment of £10 per month and you will be issued with a number (between 1 and 100) which you keep for as long as you pay. Each month a number generator randomly picks 4 numbers in front of witnesses. Prizes allocated as above. Any money not given as prize money goes to the Church funds. Family and friends are welcome to join in too. Want to join? Please speak to Sheila Dring or call the office on 0300 111 8150

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