



YEAR OF PRAYER 2018

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11 Feb 18 Sunday Before Lent

Welcome to our services at
St Barnabas in Pound Hill & St Nicholas
in Worth

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 Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Michael Boag

10.00 Eucharist St Barnabas'

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd David Knight

11.45 Baptism Service : Fr Michael Boag

Revd Sarah Upchurch will be licensed as
Associate Vicar for St. Barnabas on **Tues
13 March at 7.30pm** at St. Barnabas.
Everyone welcome! We are hoping to
have 'bring and share' light refreshments.
There is a 'sign up' list in both churches.

The Gospel reading is Mark's description of
what is known as the Transfiguration. There
are similar accounts in both Matthew's and
Luke's Gospels. It is linked to the Old
Testament reading because in both there is
mention of the prophet Elijah. The
Transfiguration takes place on a mountain, a
location for many revelatory moments of
Christ's ministry. In the gospels we read that
Christ prays, preaches and replenishes his
strength on mountains. On this mountain
Peter, James and John are privileged to see a
glimpse of God's glory, reflected in the
dazzling whiteness of Christ's apparel and the
radiance of his face. They are witnesses to the
historic relationship between Christ and the
Old Testament prophets who had foretold his
coming on earth. It was an event like no
other in their experience and, occasionally,
we too can experience the presence of Christ
- through love, through beauty, through the
overcoming of overwhelming odds - at a level
of intensity that leaves us speechless but
nourishes our faith.

These moments pass and it was only to be
expected that Peter would wish to
commemorate the moment by building
'dwellings' to perpetuate the memory of such
an awesome event. Even this impulse was,
however, eclipsed by the message the three
disciples received from God 'This is my Son,
the Beloved, with him I am well pleased; listen
to him.'

Our lives move between sensation and
memory, sound and echo. That is the nature
of human experience. May we constantly give
thanks for Christ's prolonged ministry among
human kind, long enough for us to have
a historic well of plentiful experience, brought
to us through the Gospels, to remind us of
the potential for profound transformation
Christ brings to those who are open to him.

Gordon

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

2 Kings 2.1-12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to

the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued

walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire



separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.



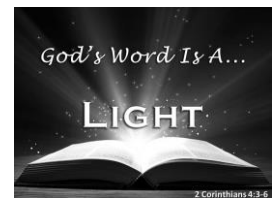
Psalms 50 1-6

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to

those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the



light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

Gospel

Mark 9.2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.



As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This weekend we remember Private William John Stanford who died on 09/02/1918. He was just 18 when he died. He had only just joined up, was still doing basic training and had not yet been deployed abroad. He died at home and is buried in Worth churchyard down by the fence adjoining the motorway.

Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 13 February	10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thurs 15 February	10.30 Eucharist 12.30 Funeral	St Nicholas'
Sunday 18 February	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	10.00 Sung Eucharist 11.45 Baptism	St Nicholas'

Sunday 18 Feb 2018

Lent I

Genesis 9.8-17
Peter 3.18-end

Psalms 25.1-9
Mark 1.9-15

Join us at Messy Church!

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



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

Wed 7 March 2018 Maidenbower Infant School Studio 15.15 – 16.30

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

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 14th Feb for 16th Feb at the P C or by calling 0300 111 8150

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

12 Feb New Cake Shop and Café opening at the Pastoral Centre on Monday afternoons. A PC volunteer will also be there to compère the games.

16/17 Feb Garden Tidy Up at St B
2.00-4.00pm on the Fri and 09.30 – 11.30 on Sat. Many hands make light work!

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 Parish Funds. All are welcome!

PRAYER GROUP

The next Parish Prayer Group is at St Barnabas 7.30pm

Monday 19 February.

All welcome, especially you



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, 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.

Key holders: Apart from the new cake café on Mondays and Lunch café on Tuesdays which are open to all, please will all key holders note that there is no access through areas which are hired to private hirers for the duration of their hire. New hiring calendars are now displayed in the relevant areas.

On **Thurs 15th March** the Cathedral will be praying for our churches at the 5.30 pm Sung Evensong.

We are warmly invited to the Cathedral on this day, including a complimentary tea in the Cloisters Cafe at 4.30 pm. It is also possible to have a guided tour before tea. Please see the poster at the back of church conveying this invitation and use the sign-up sheets to indicate whether you would like to attend and need a lift or would be able to provide one **or phone 873073 or jstuartsharpe@aol.com**

Julian Group **Mon 12 Feb 11.00**
Anyone and everyone welcome!

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