



YEAR OF PRAYER 2018

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### 18 Feb 18 Lent I

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

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#### IS CHRISTIANITY THE ONLY WAY TO GOD?

This is a good question to ask in a town like Crawley – a very mixed community with so many different cultures and religions. Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists are regular visitors to our house and we often have the opportunity and privilege to participate in their religious celebrations.

Jesus said, "No-one comes to the Father but by me". Does this mean that those of other Faiths are beyond redemption? If so, it excludes tens of millions of fellow human beings all over the world.

There is the universal longing in humanity to know the answer to the big question "Why are we here? Who or what is the meaning of life and can we ever know the answer to our own existence?" In other words "Is there a God, a Power behind this extraordinary universe and our planet in particular?"

The search for truth and meaning is rather like a stained glass window. It lets light in as all windows do but some parts allow more light than others depending on the depth and intensity of colour. For us the Christian faith can be seen as the clearer glass. Other religions let in light of different degrees of intensity, but the window needs to be seen as a whole. It follows that all religions have the same ultimate purpose – the search for truth and the meaning of reality as we experience it.

We can all learn from the faiths and the quest for truth of fellow humans. If you get the opportunity, find out more about other religions. As Jesus said, "Seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened". I cannot believe that God rejects genuine seekers of other faiths. Surely the Love of God embraces everyone.

*Roger*

## Collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days  
in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without  
sin:

give us grace to discipline ourselves in  
obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## First Reading

*Genesis 9.8-17*

Then God said to Noah and to his sons  
with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my  
covenant with you and your descendants  
after you, and with every living creature  
that is with you, the birds, the domestic  
animals, and every animal of the earth  
with you, as many as came out of the

ark. I establish my  
covenant with you, that  
never again shall all  
flesh be cut off by the  
waters of a flood, and  
never again shall there  
be a flood to destroy  
the earth.' God said,  
'This is the sign of the  
covenant that I make  
between me and you  
and every living  
creature that is with  
you, for all future  
generations: I have set  
my bow in the clouds,  
and it shall be a sign of  
the covenant between  
me and the  
earth. When I bring  
clouds over the earth

I SET MY  
RAINBOW  
IN THE  
Cloud  
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SIGN  
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Covenant  
BETWEEN  
ME  
AND THE  
EARTH  
GENESIS 9:13

and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will  
remember my covenant that is between  
me and you and every living creature of all  
flesh; and the waters shall never again  
become a flood to destroy all flesh. When  
the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and  
remember the everlasting covenant  
between God and every living creature of  
all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to  
Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant  
that I have established between me and all  
flesh that is on the earth.'

In you,  
LORD MY GOD,  
I put my  
TRUST.

**Psalm**

**25 1-9**

*Psalms 25:1*

## Second Reading

*1 Peter 3.18-end*

For Christ also suffered for sins once for  
all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in  
order to bring you to God. He was put to  
death in the  
flesh, but  
made alive in  
the spirit, in  
which also  
he went and  
made a

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1 Peter 3:18

proclamation to the spirits in prison, who  
in former times did not obey, when God  
waited patiently in the days of Noah,  
during the building of the ark, in which a  
few, that is, eight people, were saved  
through water. And baptism, which this  
prefigured, now saves you—not as a  
removal of dirt from the body, but as an  
appeal to God for a good conscience,  
through the resurrection of Jesus  
Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at  
the right hand of God, with angels,  
authorities, and powers made subject to  
him.

## Gospel

Mark 1.9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.



Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying,

'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

## Post Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Thank you** to the very kind anonymous donor of a beautiful quilt left at St Nicholas. At present it is being used as a cover for the piano until a permanent home has been decided.

## 100 Club

Here are the results of the Feb Draw.

£100	Ian Pallett	No 44
£50	Joan Tick	No 41
£25	Gerald Sandwell	No 29
£25	Mary Harrison	No 5

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 20 February	10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Wed 21 February	15.00 Messy Church	St Barnabas'
Thurs 22 February	10.30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sunday 25 February	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	10.00 Sung Eucharist 11.45 Baptism	St Nicholas'

**Sunday 25 Feb 2018**

**Lent 2**

Genesis 17.1-7,15,16 Psalm 22.23-31  
Romans 4.13-25 Mark 8.31-38

## 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

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

## **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 21<sup>st</sup> Feb for 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb at the P C or by calling 0300 111 8150

**Mondays New Cake Shop and Café** at the Pastoral Centre on Monday afternoons between 12.00 and 5.00pm. Fabulous cakes which just have to be seen! A PC volunteer will also be there to compère the games between 2 and 4pm.

**Tuesdays Forget-me-Not Café** – Dementia-friendly café opening this Tuesday to serve lunches and refreshments between 12.00 and 3.00pm

**Lent Soup Lunches at 1.00pm** also in the Pastoral Centre from **Sat 17 Feb**. Donations will be accepted for Parish Funds. All are welcome!

**PARISH LENT COURSE - 'Inspired to follow Art and the Bible Story'**, led by Fr Michael Boag, starts on **Sat 17 Feb at 2.00pm** in the Pastoral Centre and continue weekly until March 17th.

### **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**  
Book, Plant and Toy Sale in the Pastoral Centre in aid of St. Barnabas Fabric Fund, current project Hall Refurbishment. Book, Donations of items for sale may be brought to the Pastoral Centre on Friday 23 Feb between 10.00am and 2.00pm or on Sat morning from 9.15am. Thank you

**Monday February 26th 10.00am** at the Pastoral Centre - **A Wave of Prayer** for our linked dioceses, organised by Mothers' Union and open to everyone who wishes to join us in an hour of prayer, hymns & readings, followed by refreshments.

**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.

**Fri 2 March Women's World Day of Prayer** Services at the Friary, Crawley **10am** and at St Andrew's, Furnace Green **7.30pm** Please come, everyone welcome!

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](mailto:jstuartsharpe@aol.com)**

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