



YEAR OF PRAYER 2018

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**4 Mar 18  
Lent 3**

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 Roger Combes

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The Gospel reading for today at first sight appears as a classic stand-off between the values of materialism, spirituality and belief. The Temple had become a market and seemed to have lost any sense of its original purpose. The same could be said of so many significant, sacred buildings today with their long queues (even this freezing week outside Westminster Abbey) and their shops, cafes and exhibition spaces. They appear to be much more aligned to the demands of tourism than those of sanctity, prayerful reflection and worship. Silence and space are compromised: God is forgotten. Yet, the substantial income from visitors helps to maintain our cathedrals and other sacred places so why should we 'bite the hands' that help to sustain them?

Not far from Westminster Abbey, freezing in doorways, are London's homeless. The churches have a long, honourable history of helping the poor as Christ taught that we should. Yet there still seems a disconnect between the grandeur and orderliness of church buildings and the rank deprivation and misery that – even in 21<sup>st</sup> century Britain – are so painfully present in our society.

Our New Testament reading throws our conventional value system upside-down. Our society is based on power and yet this power, as currently exercised, allows deprivation and homelessness to disfigure human society. Christ's teaching exhorts us to do things differently, to value all people and to love our neighbours as ourselves. 2000 years ago, the realisation of the power of the Cross animated and energised people like nothing before and gave rise to the church of which we are a part today.

How can we recover that energy and ensure, by an active reflection of the love of God, that gross poverty and deprivation are banished from our streets?

*Revd Gordon*

## Collect

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy  
but first he suffered pain, and entered not  
into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the  
way of the cross, may find it none other  
than the way of life and peace;  
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. **Amen.**

## First Reading

*Exodus 20.1-17*

Then God spoke all  
these words:

I am the Lord your  
God, who brought  
you out of the land of  
Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you  
shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol,  
whether in the form of anything that is in  
heaven above, or that is on the earth  
beneath, or that is in the water under the  
earth. You shall not bow down to them  
or worship them; for I the Lord your God  
am a jealous God, punishing children for  
the iniquity of parents, to the third and  
the fourth generation of those who reject  
me, but showing steadfast love to the  
thousandth generation of those who love  
me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the  
name of the Lord your God, for  
the Lord will not acquit anyone who  
misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it  
holy. For six days you shall labour and do  
all your work. But the seventh day is a  
sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall  
not do any work—you, your son or your  
daughter, your male or female slave, your  
livestock, or the alien resident in your  
towns. For in six days the Lord made  
heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in



them, but rested the seventh day;  
therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath  
day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so  
that your days may be long in the land  
that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against  
your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's  
house; you shall not covet your  
neighbour's wife, or male or female slave,  
or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs  
to your neighbour.

## Psalm

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## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 1.18-25*

For the message about the cross is  
foolishness to those who are perishing,  
but to us who are being saved it is the  
power of God. For it is written,  
'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I  
will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is  
the scribe? Where is the debater of this  
age? Has not God made foolish the  
wisdom of the world? For since, in the  
wisdom of God, the world did not know  
God through wisdom, God decided,  
through the foolishness of our  
proclamation, to save those who  
believe. For Jews demand signs and  
Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim  
Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews  
and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those  
who are the called, both Jews and Greeks,  
Christ the power of God and the wisdom



of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is

stronger than human strength.

## Gospel

John 2.13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His



disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

## Post Communion

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 6 March	10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Wed 7 March	15.15 Messy Church	Maidenbower Infant School
Thurs 8 March	10.30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 11 March	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Family Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	10.00 Family Eucharist	St Nicholas'

**Sunday 11 Mar 2018**

**Mothering Sunday**

Colossians 3. 12-17 Luke 2. 33-35\*

## Join us at Messy Church!

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



Wed 7 March 2018 Maidenbower Infant School Studio 15.15 – 16.30

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

**Good news!** The Community Initiative Fund has awarded us £1300 towards the cost of new Hall flooring. We await the results of other grant applications.

The Book, Plant and Toy Sale made £141.61. Many thanks to all our supporters.

## **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 7<sup>th</sup> Mar for 9<sup>th</sup> Mar 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.

**Forget-me-Not Café** every Tuesday in the pastoral centre – Dementia-friendly café serving lunches & refreshments from 12.00 to 3.00pm

**Lent Soup Lunches at 1.00pm** also in the Pastoral Centre until **Sat 17 Mar**. Donations will be accepted for Parish World Bank. All are welcome!

**PARISH LENT COURSE - 'Inspired to follow Art and the Bible Story'**, led by Fr Michael Boag, continues in the Pastoral Centre weekly until March 17th.

### **CURC - Lent Course**

“Walking the Way” Tuesdays at 2.00pm at Crawley United Reformed Church for 3 more weeks, all are welcome.

**Tues 6 Mar @18.00 Magazine planning meeting** – Have you got a piece to contribute?

**Spring cleaning** in the Pastoral Centre 11.30-2.15 **Wednesday 7 March**. If you can spare even an hour, do join us. Bring a sandwich lunch, drinks/**cake** provided.

Revd Sarah Upchurch will be licensed as Associate Vicar for St. Barnabas on **Tues 13 March at 7.30pm** at St. Barnabas. Everyone welcome! Please sign the list in both churches for the 'bring and share' light refreshments TODAY.

On **Thurs 15th March** Chichester will be praying for our churches at the 5.30pm Sung Evensong. We are warmly invited to the Cathedral for a guided tour, complimentary tea in the Cloisters Cafe (at 4.30pm) and to join the service (see poster in church). If you would like to come please sign **TODAY** and indicate if you need a lift or would be able to provide one or phone 873073 or [jstuartsharpe@aol.com](mailto:jstuartsharpe@aol.com)

**24 March** Jumble Sale St Barnabas Hall 09.30 – 11.15 – Please save any items, but do not bring until the day before please.

Fr Michael has been given tickets (Circle Box) for Samuel Barber's Pulitzer Prize winning opera 'Vanessa' (libretto by Gian-Carlo Menotti and said to be inspired by Karen Blixen's 'Seven Gothic Tales') at Glyndebourne on Sunday 12 August. If interested, please let him know. The donor suggests a donation to church finds of (at least) £75 each (plus GiftAid)

If you have, or know of anybody who has, a spare room to rent for myself and Molly the dog (the little one that comes to church every week) for approx eight months, would you please contact Fr Michael or the office Many thanks. Viv

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