



**3 June
2018
Trinity 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: Revd Gordon Parry

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

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phone 0300 111 8150

What a problem Jesus was for the authorities of his day! The issue this time being the purpose of the Sabbath. Sabbath law had its origins in the ten commandments but by the time of Jesus, it had become more and more complex. Rules governing the lighting of fires, for example, precisely what counted as work and what did not, even the distance someone could walk on the Sabbath; all were laid down to be carefully observed.

To the Pharisees, picking ears of corn was classed as work and so forbidden on the Sabbath; even if the disciples were hungry and this was all the food they had. Jesus reminded them of a time David bent the Law so that he and his men could eat and that a law given for the good of God's people was now a burden to them.

For Jesus, the Sabbath was given for men and women not the other way around; so he goes into the synagogue and brings a man with a withered arm into the middle of the gathering. He asks the simple question: is it against the law to do good on the Sabbath?

Needless to say, his critics have no answer. Jesus is angry that they are not prepared to reflect on the question and so offers an answer they must have suspected was coming; he heals the man. No wonder they turned against him.

It's a good reminder to us to check our priorities are rightly ordered; focussed on the abundant life God offers and not on the obstacles we set up that limit our enjoyment of his gifts.

Fr Michael

Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

Deuteronomy 5.12-15



Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. 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, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Psalms 81 1-10



Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4.5-12

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.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but

not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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2 CORINTHIANS 4:8-9

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Gospel

Mark 2.23 - 3.6

One sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'



Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he

said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Tuesdays - Forget-me-Not Café in the PC – Dementia-friendly café - lunches & refreshments 12.30 to 14.30

Post Communion

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SERVICES THIS WEEK

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| Tues 5 June | 10.30 Eucharist | St Barnabas' |
| Thurs 7 June | 10.30 Eucharist | St Nicholas' |
| Sat 9 June | 16.00 Wedding | St Nicholas' |
| Sun 10 June | 08.00 Holy Communion | St Nicholas' |
| | 10.00 Eucharist | St Barnabas' |
| | 10.00 Sung Eucharist | St Nicholas' |

Sunday 10 June 2018

Trinity 2

Genesis 3.8-15

Psalms 130

2 Corinthians 4.13 - 5.1

Mark 3.20-35

Join us at Messy Church!

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

Wed 13 June 2018 Maidenbower Infant School Studio 15.15 – 16.30

Wed 27 June 2018 St Barn

15.00-16.45 including a ligh



Plastic milk bottle tops, used postage stamps, unwanted mobile phones and used printer inkjet cartridges can be used by various charities.

Please bring to the Pastoral Centre.

Thank you.



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 **6 June for 8 June** at the Pastoral Centre or by calling 0300 111 8150

Friday 8 June Reigate Baptist Church 19.30 - The Greatest Story Ever Toured biblesociety.org.uk/biblecoursetour for £6 tickets. More info or would like a lift? Call 0300 111 8150 – up to 3 car spaces offered!

Mon 11 June at 7.30pm Peace & Reconciliation; Israel/Palestine @ URC Pound Hill. Everyone welcome

Tickets are now available for “The Art of Guitar: Virtuoso Classics” a concert at St Nicholas’ on **Sat 14 July**.

Performed by Mark Jennings, this promises to be an exhilarating evening of some of the finest Spanish and Classical guitar music. A bar and refreshments are available from 6pm, the concert starts 7pm and, with interval, will end around 8.45pm. Tickets are £10 and available from worthparish.eventbrite.co.uk, via our Facebook page or from Graham Beaumont and Tony Chamier.



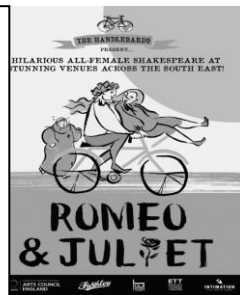
Mondays – Cake Shop & Café in the PC 12.00 – 17.00 Fabulous cakes to buy and to order.



Saturday 23rd June
Parish Summer Fair
at St. Barnabas,
12 noon - 3.00pm.

We need your help - please sign the list displayed in both churches. The more volunteers the less work for everyone. There is a box at the back of both churches for your donations of items to use as prizes and to sell - new or as new only please. Your donations might include books, bottles (full ones!) - alcohol, fruit juices, toiletries, condiments, etc, cuddly toys, gift items, jewellery, toys, etc. We will ask for perishable items nearer the time- cakes, plants, etc. Thank you’.

A picnic in the grounds of **Cuckfield Park**, with a performance of **Romeo & Juliet** performed by the **Handlebards**,
Sat 16th June 2018.
16.00



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Project - Hall flooring

May and June **Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme**

Make sure you vote in 6 local Tesco stores **NOW!** You are given a token at the checkout (ask for one) and vote for us! We will receive £1000 or more if we receive the highest number of votes! #getintothehabit

Bags of Help

Bags of Help supports local community projects which we can help develop which project receives up to £1000. To apply for a grant, nominate a project or for more visit tesco.com/help

