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**17 June  
2018  
Trinity 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: Rev. Sarah Upchurch

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## BIN THE SIN

Those of us following the Football World Cup in Russia will hear the word 'sin bin' quite a number of times in the next few weeks. But in religious terms what is the word 'sin' all about? I suppose it conjures up in our minds the things we should have done or not have done. The Bible, Church teaching and history is all about rule breaking and disobedience of God's commands. But it is all so negative. The phrase 'Thou shalt not' makes daily life so unattractive. We are told that God's nature is that of unconditional love, a concept that is incomprehensible to all of us because of the way we think and behave every day. I prefer to think that the fundamental truth that Christ died for our sins is not so much about breaking the rules as a lack of love. I think it was St. Augustine who said, 'Love God and do what you like!'

Jesus spoke of loving God and our neighbours. So why not put sin in the bin and put the business of loving as a more positive alternative. That would make life so much more attractive.

Loving is not easy because of our innate self-centredness. But the more we think about it and struggle to be loving in all we think and do, the happier we shall be and consequently the happier it will make other people. So Love is the word that matters above all others.

*Fr Roger*

## Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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

*Ezekiel 17.22-24*

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig

from the lofty top of a cedar;

I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one

from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it

on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,

and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;

in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know

that I am the Lord.

I bring low the high tree,

I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree

and make the dry tree flourish.

I the Lord have spoken;

I will accomplish it.

All the trees of the forest will know that I the

**LORD**

bring down the tall tree and

make the low tree grow tall.

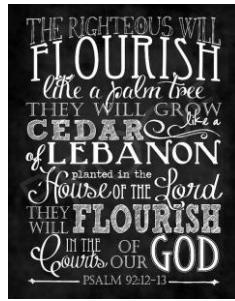
I dry up the green tree

and make the dry tree flourish.

“I the **LORD** have spoken,

and I will do it.”

*Ezekiel 17:24*



**Psalms**

92.1-4, 12-15\*

## Second Reading

*2 Corinthians 5.6-10 & 14-17*

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it

our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human

point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

IF  
ANYONE  
is in  
Christ  
the NEW  
CREATION  
has come  
THE OLD  
has gone  
THE NEW  
is here

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

## Gospel

Mark 4.26-34

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'



He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all

the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

## Post - Communion

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**



## SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 19	10.30 Eucharist + Refreshments after	St Barnabas'
Thur 21	10.30 Healing Eucharist + Refreshments after	St Nicholas'
Fri 22	Burial of Ashes	St Nicholas'
Sun 24	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Child-friendly Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	10.00 Sung Eucharist 11.45 Baptism	St Nicholas'

**Sunday 24 June 2018,  
Birth of John the Baptist**  
Isaiah 40. 1-11; Galatians 3. 23-29

## Join us at Messy Church!

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



Wed 27 June 2018 St Barnabas Hall,  
15.00-16.45 including a light tea

Wed 11 July 2018 Maidenbower Infant  
School Studio 15.15 – 16.30

## Worth & Pound Hill Mothers' Union Would you like to join their outing?

THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018  
Cost £10

A tour of Lancing College Chapel  
followed by a cream tea in Steyning.

We will be leaving the Pastoral Centre at  
1pm, driving to Lancing by car.  
If you would like to join us please let Mary  
Fry know by Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July.  
01293 410383  
or [mary.fry2@btinternet.com](mailto:mary.fry2@btinternet.com)

## DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

**Mondays – Cake Shop & Café** at St Barnabas' Pastoral Centre 12-17.00  
Fabulous cakes to buy and to order.

**Tuesdays - Forget-me-Not Café** in the Pastoral Centre. Dementia-friendly café - lunches & refreshments 12.30 to 14.30

**Friday Lunch** in the Pastoral Centre, 2 courses and tea/coffee for £6.50. All welcome. To help with catering, please order tickets by **20 June for 22 June** at the Pastoral Centre or by calling 0300 111 8150.

The next **Parish Prayer Group** will take place at 7.30pm on Mon 18th June at St Barnabas'.  
New and old friends 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](http://worthparish.eventbrite.co.uk) or via our Facebook page or from Graham Beaumont and Tony Chamier.

**Hall flooring** - work on the new flooring will be carried out from **Mon 30 July- Fri 3 Aug** when there will be no admittance to the Hall, entrance hall and Hall kitchen.

On **Sun 29 July** from 4.30pm a team will be required to empty these areas and again on either **Fri 3 Aug or Sat 4 Aug** to replace everything. If you can spare a couple of hours to help please call. Thank you. Phyl Pennell 883362.

The Saturday Market on 2 June raised £70.05. Thanks to our supporters.



**Saturday 23rd June**  
**Parish Summer Fair**  
**at St Barnabas',**  
**12 - 15.00**

We need your help - please sign the list displayed in both churches for the afternoon or join us in the morning to help set up from 09.00.

There are boxes in both churches for your donations - 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. please let us have your donations by next Tuesday. Perishable items cakes, plants, etc. on the day. ManyThanks.



**Keep voting for the Hall flooring project in the 6 local Tesco stores!**

*You are given a token at the checkout (ask for one) and vote for us! We will receive £1000 or more if we receive more votes*

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