



YEAR OF PRAYER 2018

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**2 Sept  
2018**

**Trinity 14**

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 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 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher:	Fr Michael Boag
10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher:	Revd Sarah Upchurch

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In this week's Gospel, Jesus confronts a group of Pharisees who accuse his disciples of disregarding the tradition of the elders. Quoting Isaiah, Jesus rebukes them, saying, 'This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' So then, how can we discern if a tradition is life-giving or not? How can we honour God with the whole of our selves and not just with a superficial faith? Jesus gives this advice: notice what comes out of you. Does your version of holiness lead to hospitality? To inclusion? To freedom? Does it cause your heart to open wide with compassion? Does it lead other people to feel loved and welcomed at God's table? Does it make you brave? Like everything else Jesus offers us, his confrontation with the Pharisees is an invitation; it's an invitation to consider what really is sacred and important in our spiritual lives. It's an invitation to go deeper, to practise what this week's epistle calls 'pure religion.' A religion of love for the widow, the orphan, the stranger, and the outcast. It's not a 'safe' religion, nor an easy one but a religion of the whole heart, as Jesus says, elsewhere in Mark's Gospel, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength... and 'love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.

*Fr Michael*

## Collect

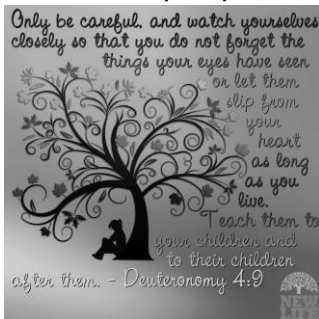
Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## First Reading

*Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-9*

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children—



## Psalms 15



## Second Reading

*James 1.17-27*

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we

would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce

God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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James 1:19

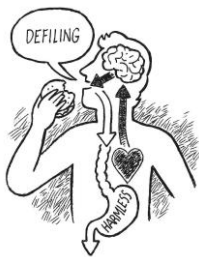
## Gospel

Mark 7.1-8,14,15,21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.'



For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

### Post - Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 4	10.30 Eucharist + Refreshments after	St Barnabas'
Thur 6	10.30 Eucharist + Refreshments after	St Nicholas'
Sun 9 Sept	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	10.00 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	11.45 Baptism	St Nicholas'

**Sunday 9 September 2018,**

**Trinity 15**

Isaiah 35.4-7a Psalm 146

James 2.1-10[11-13] 14-17

Mark 7.24-37

The next Parish Prayer Group will be on **Fri 14 Sept** at St Nicholas at 2.30pm. Please come and join your prayers with ours if you can



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IF I LET THE SINFUL STUFF INSIDE OF ME OUT, IT MAKES ME UNCLEAN.

THAT'S RIGHT.

BUT IF I KEEP IT **INSIDE** AND ACT LIKE IT'S NOT THERE, THAT MAKES ME A **HYPOCRITE**.

THAT'S TRUE TOO.

THAT DOESN'T LEAVE ME A LOT OF WIGGLE ROOM.



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MARK 7:1-23

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## DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

**Mondays** – JayDee's cake café and the Pastoral Centre is closed on Mondays until 17 Sept. On 24 Sept £1 from every cake sold will be donated to Macmillan. The Tuesday Forget-me-Not lunch café has stopped whilst consider what they can try next.

**Friday Lunch** in the Pastoral Centre, 2 courses and tea/coffee for £6.50. All welcome. To help with catering, please order tickets by **5 Sept for 7 Sept** at the Pastoral Centre or by calling 0300 111 8150.

**Tues 4 Sept** Mag meeting 17.00 at the Sue's. Please send titles of articles for inclusion into the office before this date and the copy deadline will be Sun 23 Sept.

The Worth Park History Soc launches on **Tues 18 Sept**, 2-4pm, Montefiore Meeting Rooms, Ridley's Court, Worth Park., top of Milton Mount Avenue. Parking is very limited so please walk or carshare

**Tues 25 Sept.** 9.30-10.30, in the Pastoral Centre Updates on Food Hygiene, a presentation by the Environmental Health Dept of Crawley Borough Council, arranged for Pastoral Centre volunteers, but anyone interested is welcome to join us.'

### Men's Breakfast Sat 29 Sept. 08.00

Full English Breakfast on offer to any of the men in the parish (Ladies' turn on 13 Oct) Sign-up sheets in the churches today.



**Sun 30 Sept** at 2.30pm, 4th Worth Scout Group celebrate 110 years, at a special service at St Nicholas, everyone welcome.

### Age UK West Sussex, Crawley

Join us for a classic film, whilst having a tasty cream tea

*Summer /Autumn Programme*

**Friday 14th Sep** Breakfast at Tiffany's

**Friday 19th October**

There's No Business Like Show business

**Friday 16th Nov** Some Like it Hot

**Time:** 2– 5pm (film starts at 2.30pm)

**Cost:** Members of Age uk: £5 an individual, £6 for a couple of friends coming together. Non-members + £2

**Includes:** film with tea or coffee and cream & jam scone.

**Venue:** Age Uk Crawley Centre. 1 Town Barn Road, West Green. RH11 7XG. Book your seat on 01293 544144 or email [bunty.dann@ageukwestsussex.org.uk](mailto:bunty.dann@ageukwestsussex.org.uk)

### Saturday 6 October Parish Harvest

**Lunch 12.30pm** in the Pastoral Centre.

Tickets £6.50, two courses with tea, coffee or cold drinks in aid of Parish Funds, and a raffle in aid of the MU. Call Mary Fry 01293 410383 for tickets or ask any member of the Mothers' Union.

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