



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

WORTH PARISH

Serving Crawley in Worth, Pound Hill, Maidenbower and Forge Wood

**28 October
2018**

Ss Simon & Jude Apostles



Welcome to our services at
St Barnabas' in Pound Hill and
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:	Fr Michael Boag
10.00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher:	Fr Michael Boag
10.00 Child Friendly Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher:	Revd Gordon Parry
11.45 Baptism	St Nicholas'
	Fr Michael Boag

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to pewsheet@worthparish.org
or phone 0300 111 8150

The two apostles we celebrate today are perhaps most noteworthy for their obscurity. Perhaps they should be patron saints of the anonymous and the unknown. Simon is called the 'Zealot' or the 'Canaanite', but that may be because he isn't the more famous Simon called Peter. Jude is known as the brother of James, but more especially as he is not Iscariot. Perhaps that is why Jude became the saint of last resort, the one who would empathise with lost causes, hopeless cases, if his name was always being confused with that of the Traitor. Judas, not Iscariot, and Simon the Zealot, according to tradition, took the Gospel north into Persia and there they met their end; one clubbed to death the other sawn in two.

Of them we know little, their personalities, their triumphs, their failures. Were they intelligent? Were they persuasive? Did they stand out from the crowd? Their footsteps have left no trace in the sand and their deaths, though brutal, are but two among so many, yet it is the Gospel they carried that remains and is their memorial. The seeds of the knowledge of the Kingdom and Love of God which they planted in the hearts of the men and women they encountered on their journeys have borne fruit.

Though we may count ourselves as unknown and obscure, the Apostles teach us that each of us is chosen by God to be members of his household, citizens with the saints, built together, with Simon and Jude, into a dwelling place for and beloved of God.

Fr Michael

Collect

.Almighty God, who built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone: so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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

Isaiah 28.14-16

Therefore hear the word of the Lord, you scoffers who rule this people in Jerusalem. Because you have said, 'We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we have an agreement; when the overwhelming scourge passes through it will not come to us; for we have made lies our refuge, and in falsehood we have taken shelter'; therefore thus says the Lord God, See, I am laying in Zion a foundation stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation: 'One who trusts will not panic.'

Psalm 119.89-96

The Lord exists for ever; your word is firmly fixed in heaven.

Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

By your appointment they stand today, for all things are your servants.

If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my misery.

I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life.

I am yours; save me, for I have sought your precepts.

The wicked lie in wait to destroy me, but I consider your decrees.

I have seen a limit to all perfection, but your commandment is exceedingly broad.

Second Reading

Ephesians 2.19-22

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Gospel

John 15.17-27

If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, "Servants are not greater than their master." If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. It was to fulfil the word that is written in their law, "They hated me without a cause." When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

YOU DID NOT
CHOOSE ME,
BUT
I CHOSE YOU
AND APPOINTED YOU
that you might go and
BEAR FRUIT—
fruit
THAT WILL LAST...
JOHN 15:16A

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

Memorials

Today is your last chance to indicate if you wish your loved one's names to be read at the All Souls service on Saturday 3 November. Lists are at the back of both churches. Thank you

Operation Christmas Child 2018

This year we are again supporting OCC by providing shoeboxes filled with presents for children in need throughout the world. Last year our 50 boxes went to Albania. It would be fabulous if we could increase the number of boxes this year. Will you be willing to fill a box? See the separate sheet for more information and ideas. If you would like to support this initiative, but can't get out to the shops Sue Perry has made up some boxes which have cost about £16 – this includes a £5 donation towards transport & distribution costs – speak to her! Don't forget – next week is the **last week to donate**.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 30 Oct	10.30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Barnabas'
Thur 1 Nov	10.30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Nicholas'
Sat 3 Nov	16.00 Time to Remember	St Barnabas'
	18.30 All Souls Requiem	St Nicholas'
Sun 4 Nov	08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	10.00 Sung Eucharist, Baptism & Confirmation (Bishop Mark)	St Nicholas'

Sunday 4 November 2018

All Saints

Isaiah 25.6-9 Psalm 24.1-6
Revelation 21.1-6a John 11.32-44

Join us at Messy Church!

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



Wed 7 Nov 15.00 - 16.45
Maidenbower Infant School

DO YOU THINK THE DISCIPLES ACTUALLY BOUGHT THAT "IT'S BETTER FOR YOU THAT I GO" LINE?



www.agnusday.org

IT WAS THE TRUTH – THE CHURCH WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED OTHERWISE!



MAYBE, BUT IT STILL SOUNDS LIKE A LOUSY BREAK-UP EXCUSE. "IT'S NOT YOU, IT'S ME"



JOHN 15: 26-27; 16: 1-15

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Mondays – JayDee’s Café 12.00 – 17.00
at the Pastoral Centre.

Toddlers Group Tues 30 Oct and Thur 1 Nov 9.15-11.00. St Barnabas’ Hall

Thur 1 Nov 14.00 Knit & Natter.
Pastoral Centre

Friday Lunch in the Pastoral Centre, two courses and tea/coffee for £6.50. All welcome. To help with catering, please order tickets by **31 Oct** for **2 Nov** at the Pastoral Centre or by calling 0300 111 8150.

Thur 1 Nov St Nicholas’ Circle meets at the Pastoral Centre when Pam Newley will be giving us some stories from her life and sharing her 8 favourite records in her very own ‘Desert Island Discs’. **19.30 for 20.00**

Sat 3 Nov 10.00-11.45 Saturday Market
at the Pastoral Centre. Do join us for bargains, chat and refreshments

Sat 3 Nov 14.00 ‘Poppy Appeal’ Recital
by Simon Morris in Holy Trinity, Forest Row, Retiring collection, refreshments at 15.00

Sat 3 Nov 18.00 at St Barnabas’ – **A Time to Remember** - A quiet, reflective service

Sat 3 Nov 18.30 at St Nicholas’
All Souls Requiem Eucharist.

Sun 4 Nov All Saints Sunday, we will welcome Bishop Mark to St Nicholas for the Confirmation of Lisa Arnold & Luke Milburn and the Baptism and Confirmation of Toby Carpenter.

Sat 10 Nov Jumble Sale 9.30-11.00 in the Hall. Please save your jumble but do not bring it before 9 Nov as we do not have storage space; if you are able to help please sign the list at St Barnabas’ Thank you!

Sat 24 Nov 15.00-16.15. The Mothers’ Union invite you to a **Pre-Christmas**

Afternoon Tea at the Pastoral Centre. Tickets from Mary Fry 01293 410383 (St B) & Jacky Hemsley (St N) **@ £5 per person.** There will also be a Christmas Hamper Raffle. All in aid of MU projects. See Posters for details.

Sat 1 Dec Christmas Fair
Stalls **11.00-13.00**; Lunches 12.0-14.00. Bottles (full!), Christmas items – chocolates, biscuits, cakes, puddings, mince pies and crackers, gifts, raffle prizes, toys welcome. A box for contributions will be in each church from 4 Nov and a signing list for those willing to help at the Fair. Thank you.

Sat 8 Dec 14.00-16.00 Advent Reflective Afternoon led by Fr Michael at the Pastoral Centre. Light refreshments. A visual journey through Advent. All welcome.

Toby, who joined us this year, has started a local locksmith business, so if you need help, please call him on 07779 777557

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