



THE CHURCH
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WORTH PARISH

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

**13
January
2019**

Epiphany 2 Baptism of Christ



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: Revd Gordon Parry

10.00 Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'
Celebrant: Fr Michael Boag
Preacher: Revd Dr Dan Inman

10.00 Eucharist St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Bishop of Horsham,
Rt Revd Mark Sowerby
Sunday School: Leader, Caroline Formby

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John the Baptist is quite uncompromising in this account from Luke of his baptising and preaching. He looked forward to the imminent presence of Christ who would come with judgment and whom he, John, then baptised. For us, baptism is a symbolic act of cleansing, of washing clean our sinful tendencies and also a declaration of our life in Christ and in his Church. For Christ, however, his baptism was an act of identification with humanity and also a demonstration of the divine link with his Father who then sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon him. Baptism services can be quite baffling for families of children who, nonetheless, wish to have them baptised. What almost all those who offer themselves or their children for baptism do understand is the spiritual dimension of it. This is because very many people understand the significance of the spiritual, even if they have difficulty with religious observance and tradition.

At Christ's baptism, the presence of the Holy Spirit was given the physical form of a dove, a free-spirited bird of peace. God declared his love for his Son as an integral part of his own being. It is through our spiritual awareness and understanding that the deepest aspects of our life in and with Christ, our understanding of each other and of the world are most fully realised. We come to church in order to have that awareness and understanding nourished so that we can grow more fully as spiritual beings in Christ as well as citizens and servants of God's Kingdom.

Gordon

Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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**

Reading *Isaiah 43.1-7*

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Psalm *Psalm 29*

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendour. The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty



waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaks the

cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Reading *Acts 8.14-17*

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel *Luke 3.15-17, 21-22*

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I



is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Festivals this week	
Thur 17 Jan	Antony of Egypt 356 (LF) Charles Gore 1932 (C)
Fri 18 Jan	Amy Carmichael 1951 (C)
Sat 19 Jan	Wulfstan 1095 (LF)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

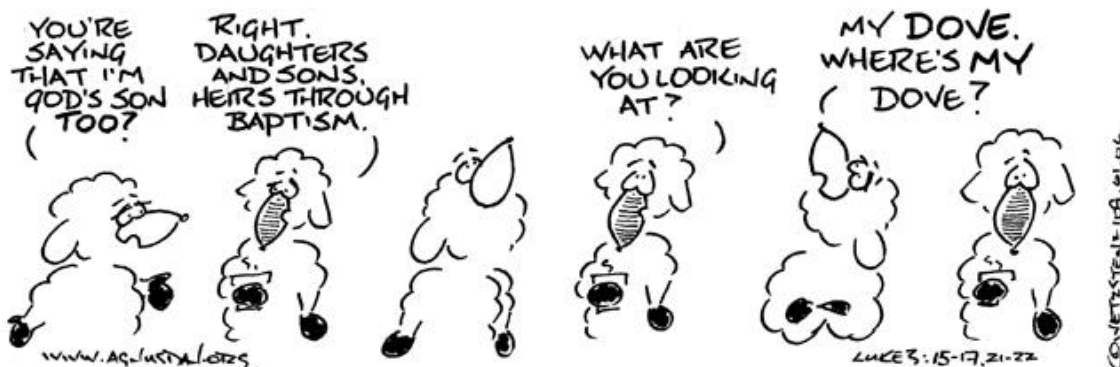
Today the preacher at 10.00 at St Barnabas' will be the **Rt Revd Mark Sowerby**. He has been the **Bishop of Horsham**, a suffragan bishop, since 2009.

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 15 Jan	10.30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Barnabas'
Thur 17 Jan	10.30 Healing Eucharist and refreshments after	St Nicholas'
Sun 20 Jan	08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	10.00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sunday 20 January 2018 Epiphany 3 Isaiah 62.1-5 Psalm 36.5-10 I Corinthians 12.1-11 John 2.1-11		

Today the preacher at 10.00 at St Nicholas' will be the **Revd Dr Dan Inman**, the Diocesan Director of Ordinands. Originally from Hayling Island, he was previously Chaplain at Queen's College, Oxford and Junior Research Fellow in the History of Theology.

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Doreen Ball on 3 Jan following a long battle with Alzheimer's. Her funeral will be at St Nicholas' at 11.00 on Wed 30 Jan, followed by a short committal at the Crematorium and a wake at the Regency Hotel, Crawley. Please advise Lesley or Richard if you are attending the wake, to assist with catering numbers.

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Jazz in January

Come and hear the Gentle Jazz Trio and guest vocalist Penny Payne. **Sun 20 Jan 14.00-16.00** at St Nicholas'. Turn up any time and listen to jazz while enjoying refreshments. Tickets available on the door or from churchwardens £10 or from jazzinjan.eventbrite.co.uk

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Mon 12.00-17.00 JayDee's Café at the Pastoral Centre.

Monday 14 Jan 11.00 Julian Group at St Barnabas'.

Toddlers Group Tues 15 Jan and Thur 17 Jan 9.15-11.00 St Barnabas' Hall.

Wed 16 Jan 19.00

St Nicholas' Committee meeting at the Rectory and **St Barnabas' Committee** meeting at the Pastoral Centre

Thur 17 Jan 14.00 Knit and Natter Pastoral Centre.

Friday lunch 18 Jan 12.30 in the Pastoral Centre; two courses and tea/coffee for £6.50. All welcome. To help with catering, please order tickets by **16 Jan** for 18 Jan at the Pastoral Centre or by calling 0300 111 8150.

18 - 25th January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Saturday 19 Jan St Barnabas Church is hired out nearly all day by the Phoenix Choir. They will also be using the Pastoral Centre, after the coffee shop closes.

Tues 22 Jan 9.30. Pastoral Centre There will be a short meeting for Pastoral Centre volunteers and would be volunteers.

The next **Parish Prayer Group** will be on **Mon 28 Jan 19.30** at St Barnabas'. All very welcome to join us in our thanksgiving and concerns for our Parish life and outreach.

Pastoral Centre Refurbishment

As one of the Co-Op's three local charities, we can receive 1% of our spend on selected products. Register your Co-Op card for our charity online or by ringing 0800 023 4708. Please help by registering your card. Every little helps. Let Phyl know of any problems (883362).

The Children's Society

Arrangements will be made in early 2019 for the collection of the home-held savings boxes for the annual cash count. Grateful thanks to all supporters. Brenda Booker

Join us at Messy Church!

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

Wed 23 Jan 15.15 at St Barnabas'.



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