



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

# WORTH PARISH

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

## 3 February 2019 Presentation of Christ in the Temple; Candlemas



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.**

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.

There are soft toys and books available for  
children. Note that we do not normally sing  
the starred (\*) verses in hymns.

### SERVICES TODAY

08.00 Holy Communion St Nicholas'  
Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Gordon Parry

10.00 Child Friendly Sung Eucharist  
and Baptism St Nicholas'  
Celebrant & Preacher Fr Michael Boag

10.00 Eucharist St Barnabas'  
Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Sarah Upchurch  
Sunday School Leader, Caroline Formby

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Mary and Joseph bring Jesus up to  
Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, in  
the Temple, as was the custom... and  
they offered a sacrifice according to  
what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a  
pair of turtle-doves or two young  
pigeons.'

Christmas is about gift, Epiphany is  
about how the gift is seen and known  
and now at Candlemas, we consider  
how the gift is received. Today we draw  
the Christmas season to a close and will  
soon be looking towards Lent, the  
season of renewal and reflection that  
prepares us for the great Paschal  
mystery of Jesus' death and  
resurrection.

Luke brings to a close the Old  
Testament. Messiah has come; he is  
here. Jesus is revealed to Simeon as the  
light of the world, the light that dispels  
all darkness of sin and despair, the light  
that reveals the inner thoughts. Inner  
thoughts that are not always pretty, as  
Luke spells out: 'This child is set for the  
fall and rising of many... and for a sign...  
that the thoughts of many hearts may be  
revealed.' Luke is telling us, here is  
Messiah. You see him presented in the  
Temple, the longed for light of the  
world. In time, you will see him  
displayed to the world on the Cross,  
rejected by the darkness of human fear.  
But fear will not have the final word.  
God's promise, like the one he made to  
Simeon, is the same to us: you will see  
the light of salvation, such a light as  
dispels all darkness, that cannot be  
extinguished. Do not be afraid but  
rejoice in the light of God's love.

*Fr Michael*

## Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

## Reading *Malachi 3.1-5*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord



of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he

will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

## Psalm *Psalms 24*

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who

have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

## Reading *Hebrews 2.14-18*

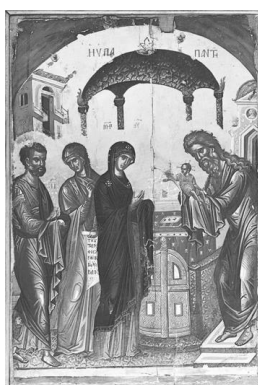
Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

## Gospel *Luke 2.22-40*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as

holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was



righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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## Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen**

Festivals this week	
Mon 4 Feb	Gilbert of Sempringham 1189 (C)
Wed 6 Feb	The Martyrs of Japan 1597 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 5 Feb	10.30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Barnabas'
Thur 7 Feb	10.30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Nicholas'
Sun 10 Feb	08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	10.00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
<b>Sunday 10 February 2019</b> <b>4 before Lent</b> Isaiah 6.1-8 Psalm 138 I Corinthians 15.1-11 Luke 5.1-11		

**'Saxons, Deception & Fantasy'**  
**Hand Made Opera Sat 9 Feb 19.30**  
and **Sun 10 Feb 15.30** in St Nicholas'.  
Gilbert & Sullivan, Purcell, Mozart and Strauss. Refreshments in interval. Free entry; donations towards church repairs and parish projects.



## DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

**Toddlers Group Tues 5 Feb and Thur 7 Feb 9.15-11.00** St Barnabas' Hall

**Thur 7 Feb 14.00 Knit and Natter.**  
Pastoral Centre.

**Friday Lunch 8 Feb 12.30** in the Pastoral Centre; two courses and tea/coffee for £6.50. All welcome. To help with catering, please order tickets by **6 Feb** at the Pastoral Centre or by calling 0300 111 8150.

**Thur 7 Feb 20.00 St Nicholas Circle**  
Pastoral Centre. Table Top Quiz and Fellowship.

**Sat 9 Feb 10.00-12.00 Book, Plant and Toy Sale** in the Pastoral Centre in aid of Pastoral Centre refurbishment. Donations of items from Fri 8 Feb 10.00-14.00 or on Sat 9 Feb from 9.15. Thank you.

**Tues 12 Feb 14.30 Parish Prayer Group** St Nicholas'. All very welcome.

**Wed 13 Feb 14.30-16.00 Pastoral Assistants' Tea** Pastoral Centre.

**Messy Church! Wed 13 Feb 15.15**  
at Maidenbower Infant School.

**Thur 14 Feb. 18.30 for 19.00 Valentine's Buffet Supper** Pastoral Centre. Please bring a small plate of food to share with others. Quiz, belly dancers, free glass of Prosecco, raffle. All welcome.

**Discover Gatwick:** a free 'Behind the Scenes' event. Available dates: **19 Mar, 30 Apr** 09.00-14.00. Register interest at [community@gatwickairport.com](mailto:community@gatwickairport.com)

**Sat 16 Feb 08.45 for 09.00 Men's Breakfast** Pastoral Centre. Full English Breakfast on offer to any of the men in the Parish.  
(Ladies' turn on **23 Feb**)



**Fri 22 Feb 10.00-15.00 Family Fun Day**  
Chichester Cathedral: "Wonderful Water". No booking. See posters in our Churches.

Our Parish will be prayed for at **Chichester Cathedral** on **Tues 26 Feb 17.30** Evensong as well as the 8.00 Eucharist. We are invited to tea at 16.30 in the Cloisters Café. If you wish to attend and need or can provide a lift please contact Stuart Sharpe on 873073 or [jstuartsharpe@aol.com](mailto:jstuartsharpe@aol.com).

**Thur 28 Feb Mothers' Union – Wave of Prayer 10.00 at St Nicholas'** followed by Communion. Everyone welcome and we look forward to including the usual 10.30 congregation from 10.00 too.  
**MU AGM 19.30** preceded by the Eucharist service at St Barnabas', gathering at the Pastoral Centre first, followed by tea/coffee and cake! As many Members and prospective members as possible to attend please.

The **Electoral Roll** has to be renewed every 6 years (last done 2013) and this year we delete all previous details and produce a new Roll. If you wish to be included you **MUST** complete an Application Form; available in both churches. Return completed forms to a Churchwarden, or the Treasurer at St Nicholas', or Jane, Electoral Roll Officer, at St Barnabas'. Thank you.

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