



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

WORTH PARISH

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

**17 March
2019**

Lent 2



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: Fr Michael Boag

10.00 Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher Fr Michael Boag

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

Please send pew sheet notices
to pewsheet@worthparish.org
or phone 0300 111 8150

KEEP IT SIMPLE

Some of you may have heard of the nun,
Sister Wendy who died at the end of last
year. Living in her caravan, she devoted her
life to prayer, writing about it with great
enthusiasm and wisdom. She encouraged
people to practise *Simple Prayer*. This does
not mean that it is easy but it does mean
that prayer is not complicated. She said that
the essential act of prayer is to stand
unprotected before God so that he may
take possession of us. Much of the time we
tend to think of prayer as asking God for
this or that or that He should do something.
This is, of course, intercession but that is
only one aspect of prayer and, in a way, the
least important.

To be possessed by God lies at the heart of
Christian prayer. But is it something we
really want? There is a phrase in the Bible
which says: 'Our God is a consuming fire'.
To stand before Him quite defenceless and
helpless, as His consuming love reveals our
limitations, lies at the very heart of *simple
prayer*. But do we really want this? It means
letting go completely and we find this so
hard because we want to keep some
control. Perhaps all we really need to do is
to want to want to pray.

So keep it simple. Give it a try. Let the
Lord wrap you in His Love and be still and
silent for the Presence of the Lord the Holy
One is here.

be silent
still
aware
for there
in your own heart
the Spirit is at prayer
listen and learn
open and find
heart – wisdom
Christ

Roger

Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

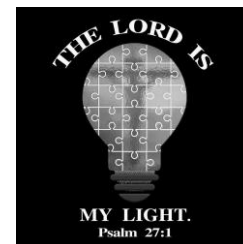
Reading Genesis 15.1-12,17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch

passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

Psalm Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?



When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh - my adversaries and foes - they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Reading Philippians 3.17-4.1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Gospel Luke 13.31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 19 Mar	10.30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Barnabas'
Thur 21 Mar	10.30 Healing Eucharist and refreshments after	St Nicholas'
Sun 24 Mar	08.00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00 Child Friendly Eucharist 10.00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'

Sunday 24 March 2019

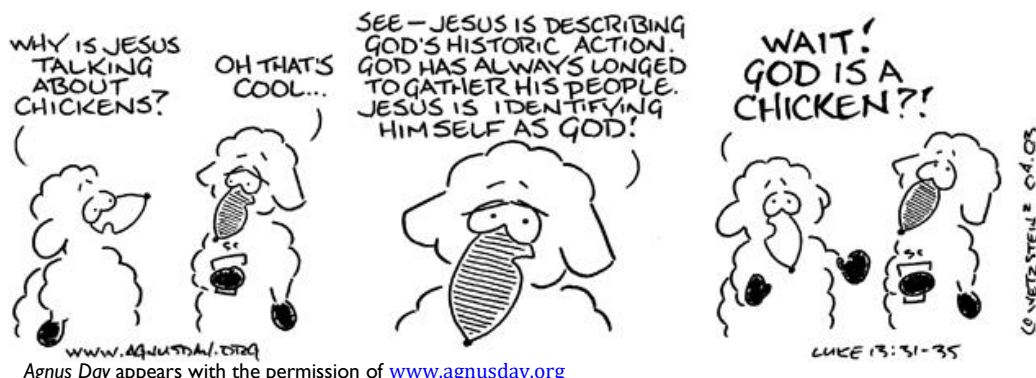
Lent 3

Isaiah 55.1-9 Psalm 63.1-9
1 Corinthians 10.1-13 Luke 13.1-9

Festivals this week

Mon 18 Mar	Cyril of Jerusalem 386 (C)
Tues 19 Mar	Joseph of Nazareth (F)
Wed 20 Mar	Cuthbert 687 (LF)
Thur 21 Mar	Thomas Cranmer 1556 (LF)

(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration



Join us at Messy Church!

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

Wed 27 Mar 15.00 at
St Barnabas' Hall



Sat 9 Mar to 6 Apr 14.00-16.00.

Pastoral Centre. **Lent Course:**
Fr Michael will lead the Diocesan Course
"Living Christ". Open to everyone
so please come and join us; you will
be made very welcome.

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

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 by **TODAY** to be entered on the Roll before the APCM; forms available in both churches. Return completed forms to a Churchwarden, or the Treasurer at St Nicholas', or Jane Stanford, Electoral Roll Officer, at St Barnabas'. Thank you.

Mon 14.00-16.30 & Tues 12.30-15.00
JayDee's Café at the Pastoral Centre

Tues 19 Mar and Thur 21 Mar 9.15-11.00
Toddlers Group St Barnabas' Hall

Thur 14 Mar 14.00 Knit & Natter
Pastoral Centre.

Friday Lunch 22 Mar 12.30 in the Pastoral Centre; two courses and tea/coffee for £6.50. All welcome. To help with catering, please order tickets by **20 Mar** at the Pastoral Centre or by calling 0300 111 8150.

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. Every little helps (by 13 Mar £960.83 already raised). Let Phyl know of any problems (883362).

Sat 23 Mar 9.30-11.00 Jumble Sale

In aid of Pastoral Centre Refurbishment; in St Barnabas' Hall. All welcome, refreshments available. Jumble may be brought to the Pastoral Centre on Fri 22 Mar 10.00-14.00 or to the Hall 19.00-20.00, also on Sat 23 from 8.30. Help on the Sat from 9.15-11.30 welcomed. Thank you.

Wed 27 Mar 19.30 Parish Prayer Group in the Pastoral Centre. Please join us to pray for the clergy, work and outreach of our two churches and Parish.

Worth Church logo products: please order by **31 Mar** for the next batch of orders. After that, the next date for ordering is 30 June

Thur 4 Apr from 11.00 St Nicholas' Spring Clean Come and help us! No experience needed but please bring cleaning equipment for brushing and dusting, wood and brass polishing. It is planned to provide a BBQ and bacon sarnies.

Worth & Pound Hill **Mothers' Union** wish to **thank** all who attended the Shrivings Service at St Barnabas' on 5 Mar; a wonderful attendance by both churches and Members from six of the Crawley District Branches. A total of **£154** was collected during the service for District funds for MU projects, and **£50** from donations for pancakes will be given to the Pastoral Centre Refurbishment Fund.

Copy Deadline for the next **Parish Magazine:** 18 March (tomorrow!). Items to Sue Perry.

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