



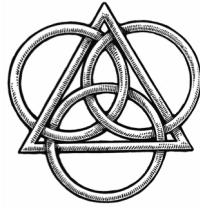
THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

# WORTH PARISH

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

**21 July  
2019**

**Trinity 5**



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 Jill Alderton
10:00	Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	Celebrant & Preacher:	Revd Jill Alderton
10:00	Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Roger Combes
12:00	Baptism	St Barnabas'

Please send pew sheet notices  
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or phone 0300 111 8150

The story of Martha and Mary speaks  
very clearly to busy people; particularly  
to those for whom busy-ness is a  
measure of success and achievement. 'I  
do, therefore, I am' - to mis-quote the  
seventeenth-century philosopher,  
mathematician and scientist, René  
Descartes ('I think, therefore I am')

For many people, in every walk of life,  
success seems to depend on a direct  
correlation between the amount of  
effort expended and the expected result.  
The more I do, the harder I work, the  
better I am/will be/will achieve/will be  
thought of and so on. In Church life, we  
look at numbers: 'Look at how many  
people came to this!' or 'See how many  
baptisms/confirmations/weddings we had  
this year!' This is very much a Martha  
approach. In this morning's Gospel  
account there's also something of the  
'Look at me! look at what I'm doing!'  
about Martha and a 'If I don't do it,  
nobody will!' Do what exactly, Martha;  
what is so urgent? We all love to take on  
tasks that make us feel/look good, but  
Jesus doesn't side with Martha on this  
question, he's with her sister who, while  
seemingly inactive, is actually listening to  
him, and he is saying the same to us:  
'Look to the value rather than to the  
amount of time spent.' This may mean  
doing less but doing better, it certainly  
means listening more and spending time  
better. When we create space in our  
busy lives free from distraction and  
activity, it is in that space God speaks to  
us.

Lord, teach us to listen!

*Fr Michael*

## Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour 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 18.1-10a*

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he



saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I

find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on - since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

## Psalm *Psalm 15*

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart; who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbours; in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honour those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

## Reading *Colossians 1.15-28*

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his



fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him - provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of

his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

### **Gospel** Luke 10.38-end

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named



Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

### **Post Communion**

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### **Favourite Recipes from the Bellringers:**

a recipe book including many of the cakes featured at the Afternoon Tea. Copies £1; to order email [laing.lucy@gmail.com](mailto:laing.lucy@gmail.com)

## **SERVICES THIS WEEK**

Tues 23 Jul	10:30 Healing Eucharist and refreshments after	St Barnabas'
Thur 25 Jul	10:30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Nicholas'
Sun 28 Jul	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Child Friendly Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 11:45 Baptism	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'

**Sunday 28 July 2019**

**Trinity 6**

Genesis 18.20-32 Psalm 138  
Colossians 2.6-15 Luke 11.1-13

## **Festivals this week**

Mon 22 Jul	Mary Magdelene (F)
Tues 23 Jul	Bridget of Sweden, Abbess 1373 (C)
Thur 25 Jul	James the Apostle (F)
Fri 26 Jul	Anne and Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary (LF)
Sat 27 Jul	Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop 1901 (C)

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

## **Pastoral Centre Refurbishment**

As one of the Co-op's three local charities, we can receive 1% of our selected spend on products. Register your Co-Op card for our charity online or by ringing 0800 023 4708. Every little helps (£2,232.00 already raised). Let Phyl know of any problems (883362).

## DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

**TODAY at both churches** following the morning services there will be **Cake & Coffee** in aid of the Mothers' Union "Summer of Hope" appeal. Donations on the morning; join us for refreshments, please. See posters for more details.

**Mon 12:00-17:00 JayDee's Café** at the Pastoral Centre

**Wed 24 Jul 19:30 Parish Prayer Group** at St Barnabas'. Please join us as we pray for clergy, congregations and parish.

**Thur 25 Jul 14:00 Knit & Natter**  
Pastoral Centre.

**Friday Lunch 26 Jul 12:30** in the Pastoral Centre; two courses and tea/coffee for £6.50. All welcome. To help with catering, please order tickets by **24 Jul** at the Pastoral Centre or by calling 0300 111 8150.

**Fri 26 Jul 10:00-15:00 Family Fun Day** at Chichester Cathedral: 'Up, Up and Away'. £2.50 per child ages 3-11 and a toddlers toy area. See posters for details.

**Fri 20 Sep 19:30 An Evening with Adrian and Bridget Plass** at St Michael and All Angels, Lancing. Adrian Plass is well known as an author of humorous and insightful books including the *Sacred Diary of Adrian Plass* series; a best-selling fictional satire of Christian life. Tickets £10 centre, £8 sides: tel. 01903 762793, email [stmichaelslancing@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelslancing@gmail.com), or online: [adrain-and-bridget-plass-lancing.eventbrite.co.uk](http://adrain-and-bridget-plass-lancing.eventbrite.co.uk)

**Crawley Local Plan Review (2020-2035)**  
Consultation - Visit:  
[www.crawley.gov.uk/crawley/2035](http://www.crawley.gov.uk/crawley/2035) or one of the staffed exhibitions.

As a parish we encourage **recycling**.

We collect:

- Spectacles without cases (to Boots Chemist for Third World countries);
- Postage stamps (to St Catherine's Hospice who sell them);
- Plastic bottle tops – any with a triangle containing a '2' (to Billingshurst Library for a children's hospice);
- Inkjet cartridges (to the Blond McIndoe Research Foundation)



As the storage facilities at St N's are limited, please take directly to St B's, or give to Sue on a Sunday.

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