



THE CHURCH
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WORTH PARISH

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

**11 August
2019**

Trinity 8



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 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher:	Fr Michael Boag
10:00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Celebrant	Revd Sarah Upchurch
Preacher	Revd Gordon Parry
11:45 Baptism	St Nicholas'

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

This Gospel reading covers a lot of ground and forms part of a longer sequence in St Luke's Gospel in which Christ is exploring with his disciples and wider audiences our relationship with God and its implications for everyday life on earth. Encountering the statement '...it is God's pleasure to give you the kingdom' sets the tone and the intention is a wonderful promise that relates not only to the qualities of heaven but to the qualities of unconditional, loving generosity that will help to enrich life on earth. These often conflict with the values of society which frequently suggest that the accumulation of wealth is its highest goal and good. Security which is supposedly derived from the accumulation of wealth is not comparable to the security that comes from love, care and support for the needy and undiminished hope in an eternal future. These aspects of God's reality can spread from his heavenly kingdom to earth if we would work towards such a goal, as many people of faith do. This requires us to be vigilant in relation to the secular pressures that can overwhelm us and this advice forms the final part of our Gospel reading. The imagery may relate to the society of the time, but the advice is at least as relevant to us today as pressures assault us in all dimensions: body, mind and spirit. God will find us, sometimes when we are least expecting it, and to acknowledge his presence in us through Christ's gift of the Holy Spirit is one of the most remarkable things that can happen to us.

Gordon

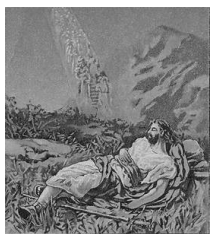
Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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 15.1-6*

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.

Psalm *Psalm 33.12-end*

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

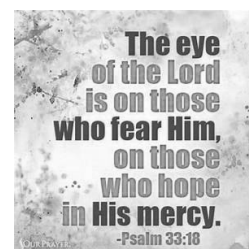
The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind. From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth - he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds. A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.

Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast

love, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in

him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.



Reading *Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old - and Sarah herself was barren - because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel Luke 12.32-40

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.



'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he

comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 13 Aug	10:30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Barnabas'
Thur 15 Aug	10:30 Healing Eucharist and refreshments after	St Nicholas'
Sun 18 Aug	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'

Sunday 18 August 2019

Trinity 9

Jeremiah 23.23-29 Psalm 82
Hebrews 11.29-12.2 Luke 12.49-56

Festivals this week

Tues 13 Aug	Jeremy Taylor, Bishop 1667 (LF); Florence Nightingale 1910, Octavia Hill 1912, Social Reformers (C)
Wed 14 Aug	Maximilian Kolbe, Martyr 1941 (C)
Thur 15 Aug	Blessed Virgin Mary (F)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

Open House always grateful for coffee, sugar and longlife milk, and tinned or packet food. Also grateful for clothing; although only new labelled underwear please. Thank you for all donations to date.
(Good, but used, female underwear can be handed in at CoCo's, the hair salon on Maidenbower Square, for the CoCo's Foundation and will go to Africa.)

Chichester Cathedral – Live Better Together 2019

Recipe for Peace Sat 21 Sept free drop-in event for all ages 13:30-15:30 on the Cathedral Green, followed by **Interfaith Thanksgiving** in the Cathedral's Lady Chapel at 16:00

Two free but ticketed talks: 1 Oct Dr Ruth Valerio on climate, conflict and prosperity and on **17 Oct an Interfaith Panel** considering efforts to combat climate change.

Throughout, a **Prayer Station for Peace** and a **Peace and Reconciliation Trail** in the Cathedral.

More information and booking: chichestercathedral.org.uk or 01243 812497

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

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 (£2,437.61 already raised). Let Phyl know of any problems (883362).

Pastoral Centre Café closed Monday afternoons during August; open Tues, Fri and Sat mornings 10:30-12:00.

Mon 12 Aug 11:00 Julian Group at St Barnabas'.

Wed 14 Aug 14:30 Parish Tea offered in the Pastoral Centre – good company – great food. Everybody welcome.

Thur 15 Aug 14:00 Knit & Natter
Pastoral Centre.

Friday Lunch 16 Aug 12:30 in the Pastoral Centre; two courses and tea/coffee for £6.50. All welcome. To help with catering, please order tickets by **14 Aug** at the Pastoral Centre or by calling 0300 111 8150.

Tues 20 Aug 14:30 Parish Prayer Group at St Nicholas'. Join us if you can to pray for our parish, clergy, churches and mission.

Sun 25 Aug 18:00 Choral Evensong
Quinquagesima and Worth Choir. Music by Orlando Gibbons, Hubert Parry, George Dyson and Herbert Sumsion. Followed by refreshments.

Sat 7 Sept 10:00-11:45 Saturday Market at the Pastoral Centre

Sat 14 Sep 15:00-16:30 Harvest Afternoon Tea at the Pastoral Centre in aid of Mothers' Union projects. Tickets £5 on sale from 4 Aug from Mary Fry, Jacky Hemsley & Joan Tick. There will also be a 'Harvest Hamper' raffle during the afternoon – 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, or online: adrian-and-bridget-plass-lancing.eventbrite.co.uk

Help us to win £5,000 for each of our churches from Ecclesiastical Insurance – take a photograph that celebrates what makes each church unique and send with a descriptive sentence (What makes this church special?) to hello@worthparish.org or leave in an envelope marked 'PP competition' at back of church. Closing date 30 September. Full details on posters in each church.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN - COMPETITION
A CHRISTMAS CARD for St Barnabas'
Winner will have the cards printed and sold.



Categories: under 12's, 12-16 years
Design must fit into a 5½ inch (14 cm) square
Deadline: 31 August 2019. For more details see flyers at the back of both churches.

Cornerstone Café at St Andrew's, Furnace Green has opportunities for paid cooks. Formal training not required; various days and shifts. Send CV to Rachel Lashwood, Café Manager at: cornerstone@standrewsfsg.com

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