



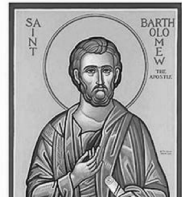
THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

WORTH PARISH

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

**18 August
2019**

Trinity 9



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

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

Travelling to a part of the country you're
not familiar with is an opportunity to
meet new people, visit new places, and
gain new experiences. In my case having
come to Worth from West Yorkshire,
getting lost in the parish, and discovering
there is somewhere even further south
than London (that isn't France). Having
completed one year of ordination
training and with two more to go, I have
already learned much from my tutors
and fellow ordinands.

However, coming to a part of England I
know very little about makes me realise
just how much more there is to learn!
This is a humbling experience that we
will all have gone through at some point;
having to address our preconceptions
about other people, places, and things.
Spending time in an unfamiliar place also
means we have to root ourselves in what
is meaningful and sustaining for us; for
me, that is the regular rhythm of the
Church's daily office: morning and
evening prayer, a sort of constant
companion on the road.

I encourage you also to develop a
pattern of daily prayer - it is a way of
helping us "run the race" (Hebrews
12.1), following the example that the
holy men and women of old, the saints,
have set us. I look forward over the
course of this month to get to know you
all a bit better, and learn from your
experiences in these two churches
which make up your spiritual home.

Jonathan

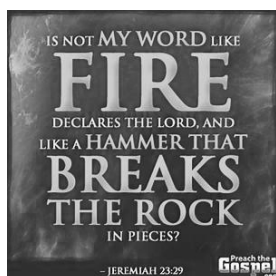
Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 Jeremiah 23.23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my

word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?



Psalms Psalm 82

God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgement: 'How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?

Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.'

They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

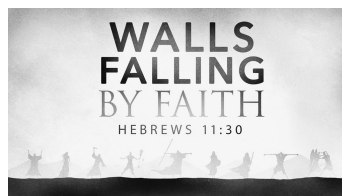


I say, 'You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.'

Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

Reading Hebrews 11.29-12.2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were



drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab

the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race

that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel Luke 12.49-56



‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring

peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’

He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?’

Post Communion

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your

peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 20 Aug	10:30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Barnabas'
Thur 22 Aug	10:30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Nicholas'
Fri 23 Aug	11:30 Burial of Ashes	St Nicholas'
Sun 25 Aug	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Child Friendly Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 11:45 Baptism 12.45 Baptism 18:00 Choral Evensong	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'

Sunday 25 August 2019

Trinity 10

Isaiah 58.9b-14 Psalm 103.1-8
Hebrews 12.18-29 Luke 13.10-17

Festivals this week

Tues 20 Aug	Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux 1153 (LF) William & Catherine Booth, Founders of the Salvation Army 1912, 1890 (C)
Sat 24 Aug	Bartholomew the Apostle (F)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

Chichester Cathedral – Live Better Together 2019

- ** Tasting my Future Fri 20 Sep 19:30 A** (free) film about women who fled wars, persecution and danger for refuge in the UK, and now share their traditional cooking and celebrate with an exuberant party. Quaker Meeting House, Priory Road, Chichester PO19 1NX
- ** 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 (£2,506.88 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.

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.

Thur 22 Aug 14:00 Knit & Natter
Pastoral Centre.

Friday Lunch 23 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 **21 Aug** at the Pastoral Centre or by calling 0300 111 8150.

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

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.)

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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