



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

**29 September
2019**

St Michael and All Angels



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 & Baptism St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Michael Boag

10:00 Eucharist & Sunday School St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Gordon Parry

11.45 Baptism St Nicholas'

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The angels are God's messengers, constituted in a wonderful order, each with a well-appointed role to play. Some are sent to announce glad tidings, some to warn, others to defend, to comfort. So it is with us. We are called to bring messages of God's love and compassion to those around us. These messages are gifts for us to share as widely as possible. Indeed, the more we share the gifts of kindness, courtesy, peace and joy, the more they multiply and thus we, and those around us, are richly blessed.

In the Church, when all the parts fit together, the result is pleasing to behold. As a living body, the Church is never static. We may sometimes be still and tranquil but we are always in a state of change, however imperceptible and uneven it may be; growing or declining. Change makes us look at things afresh, assess things in new circumstances and should prompt us to discern what is God's will and purpose for us, and what is not.

Every member of the Church has a part to play, and learning what that might be can be described as a call or calling. We are all called to bring messages of God's love and compassion to those around us. Unlike the angels who attend on God and listen to his every word, we may well be hearing his call but not recognising it or listening to it.

So, come, angels and archangels, and teach us how to listen to the messages you bring!

Fr Michael

Collect

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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 Genesis 28.10-17

Jacob left Beersheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place.



And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of

Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

Psalm Psalm 103.19-end

The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to his spoken

word. Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will. Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Reading Revelation 12.7-12

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in



heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world - he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!'

Gospel John 1.47-end



When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!'

Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you

under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

Post Communion

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

October Messy Church

Please join us for the story, crafts, songs and prayers, followed by a light tea. We are now offering a choice of weekend or weekday, so choose either:

Sat 19 Oct 15.30 or Wed 23 Oct 15.00, both in the hall at St Barnabas'.

Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and enjoy!



UNICEF Jar of Grace Appeal

We are collecting money for UNICEF from now until our Harvest services on 6 Oct. Please put some coins in a jar in thanks of every meal you have in the next month and bring your Jars of Grace to church at Harvest. The money raised will help children in emergencies around the world. Pick up a label for your jar, or envelope, from church and start collecting now. Thank you.

Brian, Mervyn and Derek Wakelin wish to thank the Congregation for their prayers and support whilst grieving the loss of their mother Rosemary.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 1 Oct	10:30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Barnabas'
Thur 3 Oct	10:30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Nicholas'
Sun 6 Oct	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Harvest Eucharist 10:00 Child Friendly Harvest Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'

Sunday 6 October 2019

Harvest Thanksgiving

Deuteronomy 26.1-11 Psalm 100

Philippians 4.4-9 John 6.25-35

Festivals this week

Mon 30 Sep	Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures 420 (C)
Tues 1 Oct	Remigius, Bishop, Apostle of the Franks 533 (C) Anthony Ashley Cooper, Social Reformer 1885 (C)
Thur 3 Oct	George Bell, Bishop of Chichester, Peacemaker 1958 (C)
Fri 4 Oct	Francis of Assisi, Founder of the Friars Minor 1226 (LF)

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

Are you organizing a parish event? Would you like a poster for it? Complete a simple form online and we will make your poster. Go to: worthparish.org/posters



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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 (over £2,600 already raised). Let Phyl know of any problems (883362).

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

Toddlers Group Tues 1 Oct and Thur 3 Oct 9.15-11.00 St Barnabas' Hall

Thur 3 Oct 14:00 Knit & Natter
Pastoral Centre.

Thur 3 Oct St Nicholas' Circle 20:00 A talk "Life and Thoughts" by Shahbaz, a member of the St Barnabas' congregation. Doors open 19:30.

Friday Lunch 4 Oct 12:30 in the Pastoral Centre; two courses and tea/coffee for £6.50. All welcome. To help with catering, please order tickets by **2 Oct** at the Pastoral Centre or by calling 0300 111 8150.

The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas'

Fri 4 Oct 19:00-20:30 Ages 12-16.
Entry free. Weekly during term time.

Sat 5 Oct 10:00 Saturday Market

St Barnabas'. There will be cards on sale (even Christmas cards!) that contain a Christian message.

6 Oct Harvest Donations We will be collecting tins, packets of food, toiletries, woollen hats scarves & gloves for the Crawley Partnership of Open House & The Easter Team. Please bring your donations to either church on that day together with your Jars of Grace collections. Thank you

Chichester Diocesan Harvest Appeal

This will not be happening this year; instead parishes may wish to support hospitality for Bishops visiting before Lambeth 2020. An action list, for example to meet and greet, will be issued soon.

Chichester Cathedral: 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. Information and booking: chichestercathedral.org.uk or 01243 812497

Sat 19 October 14:00-17:00 Quiet

Afternoon at St Barnabas'. You are invited to the Pastoral Centre where Revd Gordon Parry will lead quiet reflection on Word, Image and Music. Please join us. ALL VERY WELCOME

Thur 24 October 19:30 An Evening with Paul Kerensa at St Michael and All Angels, South Lancing. An evening of comedy, stand-up and songs. Paul has written for *Miranda*, *Not Going Out* and *Top Gear*. Tickets – www.paulkerensa-lancing.eventbrite.co.uk

A list is in both churches with names of the **dearly departed** who you might wish to be remembered during 2020. Please tick by each name to be remembered on and during the week of their anniversary of death; or add any names with date of death. Thank you.

Safeguarding: Many thanks to all who have undertaken Basic and Foundation Training. Michael, Sarah and I attended our SQP Audit on 24 Sep and feel we have done fairly well, but await official results shortly. A special thanks to Group leaders and all who helped us prepare! Noreen Oxlade.

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