



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

**6 October
2019**

Harvest Thanksgiving



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 Harvest Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Michael Boag

10:00 Harvest Eucharist
& Sunday School St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Sarah Upchurch

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'Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say,
Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to
everyone. The Lord is near.'

St Paul's words of encouragement to the
Christians in Philippi reminds me of the
story of Joseph of Cyprus, who sold a
parcel of land and gave the proceeds to the
infant Church, then introduced Paul (as in
Saul, one time persecutor of the faithful) to
the apostles and was able to persuade them
to accept him - given Paul's recent history
that must have been interesting!

So positive an influence did Joseph have on
those around him they called him 'Son of
Exhortation,' or 'of Encouragement' or, if
you prefer the King James Bible, 'The Son
of Consolation.' We know him as Barnabas.
To our ears 'Exhortation' sounds like an
old-time preacher or rowing coach,
'Consolation' is a therapist and
'Encouragement' is hardly heroic, even just
a little bit limp.

But if you think about it, it is more
challenging, more demanding, more risky
and ultimately more rewarding to be
encouraging than to be discouraging. In a
community, encouragement leads to
companionship, which leads to generosity,
which leads to loyalty, which leads to the
building up and strengthening of the
community and equips it to face every
challenge.

And today, Harvest, we are called to be
encouraging and to be thankful. To be
thankful for what we have been given and
to encourage one another in the work of
bringing in God's harvest; that is, his harvest
of peace and plenty.

Fr Michael

Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 Deuteronomy 26.1-11



When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land

that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord

your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Psalms Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made

us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Reading Philippians 4.4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

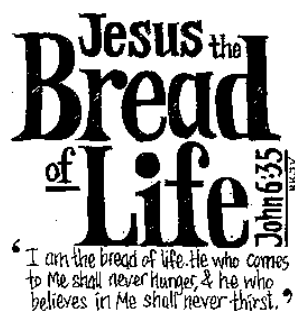
Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel John 6.25-35

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not

Make a joyful noise
unto the LORD,
all ye lands. Psalm 100:1

because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They



said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Post Communion

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

TODAY: 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

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Mon 7 Oct	11:30 Burial of Ashes	St Nicholas'
Tues 8 Oct	10:30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Barnabas'
Thur 10 Oct	10:30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Nicholas'
Sun 13 Oct	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 11:45 Baptism	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'

Sunday 13 October 2019

Trinity 17

2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2.8-15 Luke 17.11-19

Festivals this week

Wed 9 Oct	Denys and Companions, Martyrs c.250 (C) Robert Grosseteste, Bishop 1253 (C)
Thurs 10 Oct	Paulinus, Bishop & Missionary 644 (LF) Thomas Traherne, Poet 1674 (C)
Fri 11 Oct	Ethelburga, Abbess 675 (C) James the Deacon, Companion of Paulinus 7C (C)
Sat 12 Oct	Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary 709 (LF) Elizabeth Fry, Prison Reformer 1845 (C) Edith Cavell, Nurse 1915 (C)

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

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.

UNICEF Jar of Grace Appeal

We are collecting money for UNICEF until our Harvest services **TODAY**. Please bring your Jars of Grace to church at Harvest. The money raised will help children in emergencies around the world. Thank you.

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!

The coffee morning on 28 September at St Barnabas' for **Macmillan** raised £140.57. Thank you to everyone who came. It was lovely. Kate Sullivan and family.



DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Pastoral Centre Refurbishment

As one of the Co-op's three local charities, we can receive back 1% of our spending. Every little helps (£2,881.58 already raised). Further information from Phyl (883362).

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

Toddlers Group Tues 8 Oct and Thur 10 Oct 9.15-11.00 St Barnabas' Hall

Wed 9 Oct 14:30 Parish Tea offered in the Pastoral Centre – good company – great food. Everybody welcome.

Thur 10 Oct 14:00 Knit & Natter Pastoral Centre.

Thur 10 Oct 14:30 Julian Group at St Nicholas' for half an hour of silent prayer. Please join us if you can.

Friday Lunch 11 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 **9 Oct** at the Pastoral Centre or by calling 0300 111 8150.

The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas'

Fri 11 Oct 19:00-20:30 Ages 12-16.
Entry free. Weekly during term time.

Sat 12 Oct 10:30 repeated Tues 15 Oct 19:30, at the **URC**. Hannah Jones talks on a visit to Israel and Palestine with eminent people and URC members. Do please come if you can.

Sun 13 Oct 14:30 Piano Recital by Samuel Higgs in St Nicholas': **Passion and Peace** - a concert of original, contemporary piano music to lift your spirits and kindle your daydreams.

Chichester Cathedral: A free but ticketed talk on **17 Oct** - an **Interfaith Panel** considering efforts to combat climate change. Information and booking: 01243 812497 or chichestercathedral.org.uk

Sat 19 October 14:00-17:00 Quiet Afternoon at the Pastoral Centre. 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. Tickets – www.paulkerensa-lancing.eventbrite.co.uk

Sat 26 Oct 9:30-11:00 Jumble Sale
St Barnabas' Hall

We are collecting **Christmas shoeboxes for Link to Hope** who send them to families and the elderly in Eastern Europe. Instructions at the back of each Church. Please return your filled boxes by **31 Oct** so that we can send them off.

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