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

**24 November  
2019**

## Christ the King



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 Child Friendly Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher:	Revd Sarah Upchurch
11:45 Baptism	St Nicholas'

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### Christ the King

When you picture Jesus in your mind's eye, do you think of a Galilean carpenter or a radical preacher and envisage, like me, a man in dusty robes with very few possessions?

Surely this image of Jesus is not at all like a king?

When I think of a king, I think of armour, a crown, armies and servants, a man of wealth. What we learn from scripture is that Jesus had none of this. When we consider the life and teaching of Jesus, time and again natural ideas and concepts are often turned on their head.

Maybe it will help us to think about Jesus as King when we consider what Jesus said about his Kingdom. Recently our midweek readings at the Eucharist have included the parables Jesus told to illustrate the nature of the Kingdom of God. There was the story of the shepherd and his lost sheep and the woman who found her lost coin. At Messy Church we learned about the parable of the sower and the great tree that grows from a tiny mustard seed, where the birds come and make homes in the branches.

We learned that in God's Kingdom, truth, justice and mercy are evident; acceptance and forgiveness are present. There is room for everyone if they so choose.

The citizens of the King are helping and encouraging his Kingdom to grow. They have made Jesus King of their hearts. Have you?

Peace be with you,

*Revd Sarah*

## Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## Reading Jeremiah 23.1-6

Jeremiah 23:1  
Woe be unto the pastors  
that destroy and scatter the  
sheep of my pasture!  
saith the LORD.

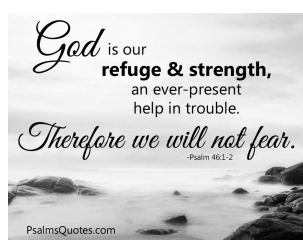
Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore,

thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

## Psalm Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the



heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. 'Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.' The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

## Reading Colossians 1.11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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.

## Gospel Luke 23.33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.



[Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the

Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

## Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Crawley Interfaith Network (CIFN)

Promoting mutual respect and understanding. For events in November and December – see posters in the churches for details.

## Festivals this week

Mon 25 Nov	Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr 4 <sup>th</sup> century (C) Isaac Watts, Hymn Writer 1748 (C)
Sat 30 Nov	Andrew the Apostle (F)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 26 Nov	10:30 Healing Eucharist and refreshments after	St Barnabas'
Thur 28 Nov	10:30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Nicholas'
Sun 1 Dec	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Eucharist 10:00 Child Friendly Sung Eucharist 12:30 Wedding with Baptism	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'

## Sunday 1 December 2019 Advent I

Isaiah 2.1-5 Psalm 122  
Romans 13.11-14 Matthew 24.36-44

## December Messy Church

Please join us for the story, crafts, songs and prayers, followed by a light tea. Each month we are now offering a choice of weekend or weekday, the next Messy Church will be on: **Sat 7 Dec 15:30** and **Wed 11 Dec 15.00**, in the Hall at St Barnabas'.

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



## John Hillsley

John's funeral will be held at St Nicholas' on Wed 4 Dec at 13:00 followed by refreshments organised by Pam in the Church. The family will attend the Crematorium at 14:00 and return to the Church.

## DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

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

**Mon 25 Nov Macmillan Afternoon Tea** in the Pastoral Centre. £7.50 per person (where £5 will go to the charity). Do support this event.

**Toddlers Group Tues 26 Nov and Thur 28 Nov 9:15-11:00** St Barnabas' Hall

**Thur 28 Nov 14:00 Knit & Natter** Pastoral Centre.

**Thur 28 Nov 19:45 Mothers' Union** at St Barnabas': Preparing for Advent and Branch Meeting.

**Friday Lunch 29 Nov 12:30** in the Pastoral Centre; two courses and tea/coffee for £6.50. All welcome. To help with catering, please order tickets by **27 Nov** at the Pastoral Centre or by calling 0300 111 8150.

On **Fri 6 Dec** there will be a special Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pud lunch. Please book this by **1 Dec** to ensure that a big joint is ordered! Call Pam on 01293 883388 or the Office.

### The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas'  
**Fri 29 Nov 19:00-20:30** Ages 12-16.  
Entry free. Weekly during term time.

**Sat 30 Nov 14:00 Advent Study Day** at the Pastoral Centre.

**Sun 1 Dec 18:30 A Candlelit Advent** at St Nicholas'

**Thur 5 Dec 20:00 St Nicholas' Circle** at the Pastoral Centre. Christmas Cheese and Wine.

**Sat 7 Dec 11:00-14:00 Christmas Fair** There is a box (with details) in both churches for your contributions. There are also labelled paper plates – please take one and return it (complete with homemade goodies) on 7 Dec for the Fair. We are grateful for all donations. If you can help on the day please let us know. Thank you.

**Sat 7 Dec 19:30 Forest Row Lifeboat Choir Christmas Concert** at Freshfield Hall, Forest Row in aid of RNLI. Also at Chequer Mead Theatre, East Grinstead on **Fri 13 Dec 12:30** and at Trinity Methodist Church, East Grinstead on **Sat 14 Dec 14:30**. See posters for details.

**Sun 8 Dec 16:00 Christingle Service** at St Barnabas'. If you would like a "candle" collection box please collect from either church before the day and bring it, containing your donation for the Children's Society, to the service. Everyone welcome.

**Mon 9 Dec 11:00 Julian Group** at St Barnabas' for half an hour of silent prayer. Old and new friends welcome.

**Thur 12 Dec 14:30 Julian Group** at St Nicholas' for half an hour of silent prayer. Please join us if you can.

### 100 Club November Draw

£100 Trevor Stokes (38)  
£50 Elizabeth Whyman (22)  
£25 Val Rudd (13)  
£25 Joan Tick (41)

**Be Aware:** Be careful with all bags and purses in Crawley Town after reports of a theft outside M&S and in the M&S café, and a lady who accepted help at a car park pay-station but had her credit card stolen. Be careful, and be safe rather than sorry.

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