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

**1 December
2019**

Advent 1



Welcome to our services at
St Barnabas' in Pound Hill and
St Nicholas' in Worth

*Today Advent begins and our 10am service
starts on page 12.*

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

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

12:30 Wedding and Baptism St Nicholas'

18:30 A Candlelit Advent St Nicholas'

Advent is a time when many ideas run concurrently. The expectation of the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the coming of the long awaited Saviour foretold by ancient prophecies and the expectation of the second coming of Christ, our King and our Judge, who will bring to fulfilment God's plan for all peoples and worlds. The cosmic and the particular, the historic and the transcendent, where an unremarkable story of a young mother and her infant meets something so profound, mysterious and awesome; echoing down the ages, changing our perceptions of love, of truth, justice and mercy. The story of Jesus could be described as someone 'whose mother was unmarried, a political refugee, mother of a condemned criminal, a widow who outlived her child, a model for our time, to whom the will of God meant more than the rules of any system, sacred or secular, values she passed on to her son who was condemned because of them.' However, the story of Jesus the condemned criminal, the one-time local preacher who built up a reasonable following in an out of the way province of the Roman empire would have long since died out had it not been for one simple thing: God raised him from the dead and gave him glory. So it is in Advent, we look for the Kingdom to come, while finding the King already in our midst.

'O come, O come, Emmanuel, God-with-us here and now to dwell, at one with our humanity, in whom we find our destiny.'

Fr Michael

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Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Reading *Isaiah 2.1-5*

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.



O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Psalm *Psalms 122*

I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!' Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem - built as a city that is bound firmly together. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. For there the thrones for judgement were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls, and security



within your towers.' For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, 'Peace be within you.' For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Reading *Romans 13.11-14*

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.



Gospel *Matthew 24.36-44*

'But about that day and hour no one knows,



neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 3 Dec	10:30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Barnabas'
Wed 4 Dec	13:00 Funeral	St Nicholas'
Thur 5 Dec	10:30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Nicholas'
Sun 8 Dec	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 16:00 Christingle	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Barnabas'
Sunday 8 December 2019 Advent 2 Isaiah 11.1-10 Psalm 72.1-7,18-19 Romans 15.4-13 Matthew 3.1-12		

Festivals this week

Tues 3 Dec	Francis Xavier, Apostle of the Indies 1552 (C)
Wed 4 Dec	John of Damascus, Teacher of the Faith c.749 (C) Nicholas Ferrar, Founder of the Little Gidding Community 1637 (C)
Fri 6 Dec	Nicholas, Bishop of Myra c.326 (LF)
Sat 7 Dec	Ambrose, Bishop of Milan 397 (LF)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

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

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

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

Toddlers Group Tues 3 Dec and Thur 5 Dec 9:15-11:00 St Barnabas' Hall

Thur 5 Dec 14:00 Knit & Natter Pastoral Centre.

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

Friday Lunch 6 Dec 12:30 in the Pastoral Centre; two courses and tea/coffee for £6.50. All welcome. To help with catering, please order tickets by **4 Dec** 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 **TODAY** to ensure that a big joint is ordered! Call Pam on 01293 883388 or the Office.

The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas'
Fri 6 Dec 19:00-20:30 Ages 12-16.
 Entry free. Weekly during term time.

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.

Wed 11 Dec 14:30 Parish Tea offered in the Pastoral Centre – good company – great food. Everybody welcome.

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

Sat 14 Dec 10:00 Saturday Market at St Barnabas'. **Christian Christmas cards** (with a Bible verse) on sale, too.

Sat 14 Dec 18:00 Blue Christmas at St Barnabas'

Sun 15 Dec 16:00 Carols for All at St Barnabas'

Crawley Interfaith Network (CIFN)
Promoting mutual respect and understanding.
For events in November and December – see posters in the churches for details.

Wed 18 Dec 14:00-16:00 'Scrabble and Cake' A fund-raising event in aid of St Barnabas' refurbishment. Tickets £3.50 from the Pastoral Centre. Come and relax before the Christmas rush. Enjoy tea, cake and a game or two of Scrabble. Dominoes and other games also available. Thanks to the ASDA grant enabling us to benefit from brand new games!

Please think of us as you begin your Christmas shopping. If you use Amazon, please login to smile.amazon.co.uk, where you can choose to support The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish of Worth, Pound Hill & Maidenbower. We will then benefit from a percentage of your spend, at no cost to you. If you need help with this, please email hello@worthparish.org

Thur 19 Dec 11:30 Church Mouse's Christmas at St Nicholas' following the Eucharist. A seasonal selection of words and music followed by lunch – do please bring a contribution of food for the feast.

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