



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

**12 January
2020**

The Baptism of Christ



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	St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher:	Revd Gordon Parry
10:00 Eucharist & Sunday School	St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher:	Revd Sarah Upchurch
11:45 Baptism	St Nicholas'

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At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit alighted
upon him, and his true identity – the Son
of God – was revealed to all who
witnessed the event. 'This is my Son, the
Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'
Mark's Gospel describes the event in
similar terms. Certain versions of the
Bible alter the language slightly and refer
to God's favour resting upon him. The
same pronouncement occurs at the
Transfiguration (Matthew 17:5) with the
addition of the instruction '...listen to
him.' That is what, in so many ways,
individuals and the Church over two
millennia have been trying to do.

God took infinite pleasure in his incarnate
Son, giving him his love, and the capacity
to love others, that is a divine gift to all
humanity when we choose to exercise it.
Mary and Joseph clearly had a tenacious
love for their child. The love of parents
for their children is not only a very
precious and beautiful transaction but it is
also absolutely essential for the proper
physical and neurological development of
children. Without it, children's
development – even the functioning of
their brains – is compromised. This
Sunday, most appropriately, a family is
coming to St Nicholas' to have its 8-month
old baby boy baptised. Before birth he
suffered from an illness, and the love and
gratitude of the parents for their – happy
and healthy – infant son is movingly
powerful. To their families, children are –
or should be - the most precious gifts
possible. This was how Christ's heavenly
Father felt about him, and it is surely how
we should see him as we welcome him
into our hearts and our lives.

Gordon

Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 *Isaiah 42.1-9*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as



a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison

those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Psalm *Psalm 29*

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendour.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!



Reading *Acts 10.34-43*



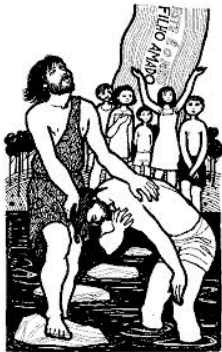
Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent

to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the

people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel Matthew 3.13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all



righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a

voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

January 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: **Wed 15 Jan 15:15**, in the Hall at St Barnabas'. Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and enjoy!



For those who have **collection boxes for The Children's Society**, Ann Lane, who took over from Malcolm Booker, will be collecting them in the New Year. Please expect a telephone call! Thank you.

Festivals this week

Mon 13 Jan	Hilary, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith 367 (LF) Kentigern (Mungo) Missionary Bishop 603 (C) George Fox, Founder of the Society of Friends 1691 (C)
Fri 17 Jan	Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot 356 (LF) Charles Gore, Bishop, Founder of the Community of the Resurrection 1932 (C)
Sat 18 Jan	Amy Carmichael, Founder of the Dohnavur Fellowship 1951 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 14 Jan	10:30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Barnabas'
Thur 16 Jan	10:30 Healing Eucharist and refreshments after	St Nicholas'
Sun 19 Jan	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'

Sunday 19 January 2020 Epiphany 2

Isaiah 49.1-7 Psalm 40.1-12
1 Corinthians 1.1-9 John 1.29-42

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

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

Mon 13 Jan 11:00 Julian Group
at St Barnabas' for half an hour of silent prayer.
Old and new friends welcome.

**Toddlers Group Tues 14 Jan and
Thur 16 Jan 9:15-11:00** St Barnabas' Hall.

Thur 16 Jan 14:00 Knit & Natter
in the Pastoral Centre.

Friday Lunch 17 Jan 12:30 in the Pastoral Centre; two courses and tea/coffee for £6.50. All welcome. To help with catering, please order tickets by **15 Jan** at the Pastoral Centre or by calling 0300 111 8150.

The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas'

Fri 17 Jan 19:00-20:30 Years 7-11.

Entry free. Weekly during term time.

Sun 19 Jan Deadline for copy for the next issue of the **Magazine**.

Wed 22 Jan 14:00-16:00 'Scrabble and

Cake' A relaxing afternoon in the Pastoral Centre in aid of St Barnabas' refurbishment. Come and play Scrabble or dominoes or do a jigsaw puzzle. Tickets £3.50 from the Pastoral Centre or just turn up. All welcome.

Thur 23 Jan 18:30 Mothers Union Branch Meeting at the Pastoral Centre.

Sat 1 Feb 19:30 Worth Parish Quiz

at the Pastoral Centre. Ploughman's and Pudding; bring your own alcohol. £10 a head. Teams of up to 6 members. Please let the Parish Office know numbers (see 'Contacts') if you are entering a team/teams, to assist with catering. Pay on the night.

Sat 8 Feb Jumble Sale at St Barnabas'. Please save us your jumble but do not bring it to us yet. Further details to follow.

Sun 16 Feb 16:00 Chichester Cathedral

Choir sing Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity, Forest Row. Followed by refreshments.

100 Club December Draw

£100 Pam Marson (27)

£50 Malcolm Booker (23)

£25 Sheila Dring (14)

£25 Pat Childs (40)

The Lighthouse Project Crawley has two job vacancies: Secondary Schools Co-ordinator; Primary Assemblies Co-ordinator – both part-time. Contact: lizzie.ashley@lighthouseprojectcrawley.org or call 07583 982596. Closing date 27 Jan.

Chichester Cathedral Events

Details of all Services and Events up to March 2020 can be found at:

chichestercathedral.org/whats-cathedral

Leaflets are also available at the back of both churches.

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SO... WHAT DO YOU THINK
JOHN SAID TO THE GUY
WHO WAS **NEXT** IN LINE
AFTER JESUS?



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MATTHEW 3:3-17

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