



# WORTH PARISH

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**9 August  
2020**

**Trinity 9**



Welcome to  
St Barnabas' in Pound Hill and  
St Nicholas' in Worth

You can visit **St Barnabas'** for:

- **Private prayer** in the Narthex between 10:00 and 16:00 every day except Tuesdays when the times are 11:00 to 16:00 (after our 10:30 service). One person or 'family bubble' at a time please; the door should be kept open.
- **Tuesday 10:30 Eucharist**
- **Sunday Said Eucharist 10:00**

You can visit **St Nicholas'** daily for:

- **Private prayer.** Please sit at an appropriate distance from others who may be there, and take care around the tower where work on the spire continues;
- **Thursday 10:30 Eucharist**
- **Sunday 08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)**

You can view a Facebook reflection from one of the clergy every **Thursday at 10:30.**

## SERVICES TODAY

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) St Nicholas'  
Celebrant & Preacher Revd Gordon Parry

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

Please send pew sheet notices to  
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0300 111 8150

Today's Gospel reading is well known. Christ's disciples had left him to pray after preaching to the crowds. They set out across the Sea of Galilee and a storm blew up. Those who make their living upon turbulent water in small boats know how to deal with storms but are nevertheless often fearful of them. Fear creates hallucinations. The disciples saw Christ walking towards them across the storm-tossed sea and thought they were seeing things. Impulsive Peter, seemingly upon Christ's invitation, started to walk towards him on the water, began to sink and asked his Lord to save him – which he did. Once Christ boarded the boat, the storm subsided.

It's easy – too easy - to use this account as evidence that, if we have faith in Christ, the storms of life will subside. If they don't, then it must be that our faith is lacking, as Matthew indicates was the problem with Peter trying to walk across the water.

Bad things happen to those of the most profound faith. Perhaps we should re-visit this account and note a number of things. A boat is a frequently used Christian image. Indeed, the term 'nave', used to describe the body of a church, comes from the Latin 'navis' meaning a boat. Even seeking safety in a boat - or the church - does not guarantee calm and security. On the sea, Peter's impulsiveness trumped his common sense. We cannot walk on water. Peter's faith in rationality had deserted him. Once Christ is in the boat, the confidence of the disciples to continue their voyage returns and the rough water no longer holds any terror for them. It's as if the water has calmed. Faith in Christ does not eliminate life's extremes but it helps us to cope with them.

*Gordon*

## Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 1 Kings 19.9-18

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.



Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of

hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as

king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

## Psalm Psalm 85.8-13

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those



who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

## Reading Romans 10.5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is



generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom

they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

### **Gospel** *Matthew 14.22-33*

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning

he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'



### **Post Communion**

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **SERVICES THIS WEEK**

Tues 11 Aug	10:30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 13 Aug	10:30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Fri 14 Aug	13:00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Sun 16 Aug	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Said Eucharist 10:00 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'
<b>Sunday 16 August 2020</b> <b>The Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Isaiah 61.10-11    Psalm 45.10-17 Galatians 4.4-7    Luke 1.46-55		

### **Festivals this week**

Mon 10 Aug	Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr 258 (LF)
Tues 11 Aug	Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Poor Clares 1253 (LF) John Henry Newman, Priest, Tractarian 1890 (C)
Thur 13 Aug	Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher 1667 (LF) Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer 1910 (C) Octavia Hill, Social Reformer 1912 (C)
Fri 14 Aug	Maximilian Kolbe, Friar, Martyr 1941 (C)

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

## DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

The **St Nicholas' Julian Group** has resumed meeting in the side chapel of the church on the second Thursday afternoon of each month. So, please feel free to join us for half an hour of silent prayer on **Thursday 13 August at 14:30**. Masks provided!

**St Barnabas' Julian Group** meetings are, at present, in individual people's homes. The Monday 14 September meeting may be back in church – to be confirmed.

We have been asked to pray for freedom, fairness and opportunity for all in **Zimbabwe**

### Chichester Cathedral

Open for individual private prayer and reflection, and visits. Details of opening times and safety measures can be found at:

[chichestercathedral.org.uk](http://chichestercathedral.org.uk)

Please see the website before visiting.

Prayer and worship resources can also be found on the website.

**Temporary Editor** sought for the **Parish Magazine** while the current editor has a year's sabbatical. If interested in this rewarding job – contact Sue Perry/the Office

### July Edition of the Parish Magazine

Is now available online.

If you would prefer a printed copy then please email the Office. A few printed copies are available in the churches.

Would you like the **pewsheets** emailed directly to you? If so, please send your email details to [pewsheets@worthparish.org](mailto:pewsheets@worthparish.org) with subject 'Email Me'

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TO SCARE HIS  
DISCIPLES  
( LIKE THAT.



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THOUGHT  
HE WAS A  
GHOST.



BUT FEAR IS AN  
APPROPRIATE RESPONSE  
OF SINNERS BEFORE  
THE HOLY GOD.



YEAH! THAT'S  
ANOTHER THING,  
I PREFER MY GOD  
( WARM AND FUZZY!



MATTHEW 14:22-33

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