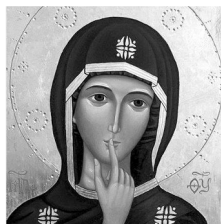




**16 August
2020**

**The Blessed
Virgin Mary**



Welcome to
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.

If you are here for the first time, please introduce yourselves.

There are soft toys and books available for children.

SERVICES TODAY

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher Fr Michael Boag

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

10:00 Said Eucharist St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher Fr Michael Boag

11:45 Baptism St Nicholas'



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pewsheet@worthparish.org or phone
0300 111 8150

If you were to have been cast as Mary in a Nativity play at school or at one of our Crib services, you would have felt certain you'd hit the big time and that a career on stage must surely beckon. If, on the other hand, it had been in a play, or perhaps film, of Jesus' life and ministry that you found yourself cast as Mary, and if that play were based solely on the Gospel accounts, you'd be forgiven for feeling that you'd been given a bit part. You have lines in only four scenes (and all before the interval) with only one significant soliloquy: the Magnificat from today's Gospel.

Mary's willingness to submit to the will of God, her unwavering love for her son, are shown in the Gospels and while her recorded words may be few her presence is felt throughout. To know, love and follow Jesus as Mary did is no easy path. Following Jesus with Mary in the Gospels leads us straight to the foot of the Cross. Turning to his mother, Jesus said of the disciple whom he loved, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" St John concludes, 'from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.' From which comes the Church's willingness to take Mary into the home of our hearts.

Mary's story does not end at the Cross any more than Jesus' does. After his Resurrection it is around Mary the disciples gather in joy and expectation. It is natural that they should. She has understood the joy of the salvation

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promised in Jesus from the beginning: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my saviour."

Today on her feast day, we rejoice that the reward for her faithful discipleship has been to join her son in sharing the light and joy of heaven. To us is given the same promise: not to be abandoned to the grave but to join him in that eternal joy and to share in the heavenly banquet.

Fr Michael

Collect

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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 61.10-11*

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Psalm *Psalms 45.10-17*

Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear; forget your people and your father's house, and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him; the people of Tyre will seek your favour with gifts, the richest of the people with all kinds of wealth. The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes; in many-coloured robes she is led to the king; behind her the virgins,

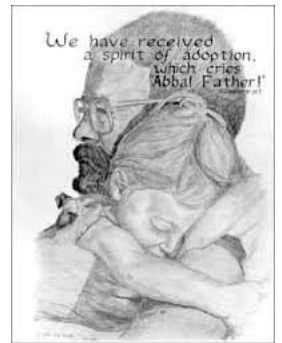
her companions, follow. With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.

In the place of ancestors you, O king, shall have sons; you will make them princes in all the earth. I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations; therefore the peoples will praise you for ever and ever.

Reading *Galatians 4.4-7*

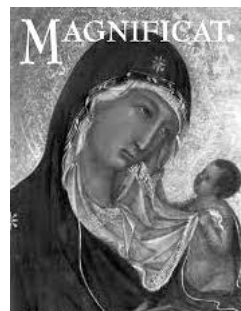
But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.



Gospel *Luke 1.46-55*

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and



sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Post Communion

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 18 Aug	10:30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 20 Aug	10:30 Eucharist 11:30 Burial of Ashes	St Nicholas' St Nicholas'
Sun 23 Aug	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Said Eucharist 10:00 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'
Sunday 23 August 2020 Trinity 11 Isaiah 51.1-6 Psalm 138 Romans 12.1-8 Matthew 16.13-20		

Festivals this week	
Thur 20 Aug	Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher 1153 (LF) William and Catherine Booth, Founders of the Salvation Army 1912 and 1890 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

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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.

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;

Masks should be worn

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

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

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



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