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Trinity 14



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 Revd Gordon Parry

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

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



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Today's Gospel reading takes us to the heart of the relationship between Christian belief and the behaviour that should stem from it – Christian ethics. It illustrates Christ's unwavering opposition to hypocrisy at any level in society. He was particularly scornful of the 'scribes and pharisees' as recorded mostly in Matthew's Gospel (Chapter 23, in particular).

We have current examples of hypocrisy in the ways certain members of our government and its officials have reacted to the restrictions imposed on us by this same government in order to counter the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic. We also see hypocrisy in the behaviour of large companies which claim impeccable environmental credentials yet breach them through stimulating excessive consumption, promoting unhealthy food or unnecessarily using un-recyclable plastic. Even within the Church are examples of behaviour which seem to run counter to the modest style of life one would assume are central to Christian social and environmental ethics. How many of our bishops still live in 'palaces' whilst supporting initiatives to counter homelessness?

Before becoming too carried away I must remind myself of Christ's statement 'Do not judge, so that you may not be judged...first take the log out of your own eye and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour's eye.' (Matthew 7.1 and 5)

None of us is perfect. We all belong to a 'fallen' society to which Christ addressed himself during his earthly ministry. It is in our nature to fail to be perfect. That is why there is so much emphasis on forgiveness in key parts of our worship and that is why we should keep asking for God's forgiveness when we pray.

Gordon

Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 Genesis 50.15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they



approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I

beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalm Psalm 103.1-13

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits - who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as



you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger for ever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

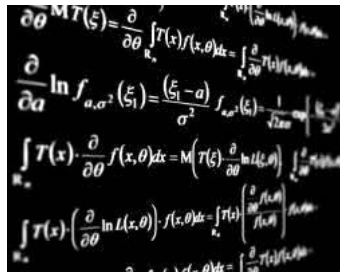
Reading Romans 14.1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on

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your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God! So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Gospel Matthew 18.21-35



Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?'

Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every

one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 15 Sept	10:30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 17 Sept	10:30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sat 19 Sept	14:00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Sun 20 Sept	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Said Eucharist 10:00 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'
Sunday 20 September 2020 Trinity 15 Jonah 3.10-4.11 Psalm 145.1-8 Philippians 1.21-30 Matthew 20.1-16		

Festivals this week

Mon 14 Sept	Holy Cross Day (F)
Tues 15 Sept	Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr 258 (LF)
Wed 16 Sept	Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts c.432 (LF) Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, Tractarian 1882 (C)
Thur 17 Sept	Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary 1179 (LF)
Sat 19 Sept	Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury 690 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Deadline for Magazine copy

Copy for the next Parish Magazine must be received by the Office by **Thur 17 Sept**. No reminders/chasers will be sent – so if you want something in the magazine, please note this date!

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

Saturdays 10:30 via Zoom

Please join us via Zoom for our Rise and Shine 'coffee' mornings. A chance to chat to friends old and new! Contact Greta for further information and/or the Zoom link for the sessions at: curate@worthparish.org

Monday 14 Sept 11:00

St Barnabas' Julian Group

Please feel free to join us for half an hour of silent prayer and contemplation. Plenty of space available! All welcome.

The Hangout Youth Club

Fridays during term time. 19:00-20:30.

Years 7-11. Entry free.

Due to current guidelines and limitations on numbers, places need to be booked by emailing youth@worthparish.org

Myrtle (Taylor) would like to thank everyone for their cards and best wishes.

The **late Tony Shaw** (husband of the late Pauline Shaw): Tony's funeral will take place in St Richard's Chapel at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium at 12:00 noon on **Thur 17 Sept** with Revd Gordon officiating.

Bishop Martin's Visit Sunday 4 October

The service will start at **10:15** and will be held outside in the new Memorial Garden. At the moment, plans are that everyone is welcome but social distancing must be observed. Holy Communion will be celebrated but only received by the Bishop. The Garden will be consecrated and the new statue blessed during this service.

A note from Greta

Please hold me in your prayers as I prepare for Ordination by the Bishop of Horsham, Ruth Bushyager, on Sun 27 Sept in St Nicholas' at 18:00. I would love to see you there but, sadly due to Covid-19 restrictions, this is a 'closed event' with extremely limited numbers - Ordination is viewed as a "life event" and not a worship service). However, I pray that things will be very different by the time of my priesting in Summer 2021! In the meantime, I would value your presence in prayer if not in person. *Greta*

Crawley Community Action e-news

Latest information about events, courses, jobs, funding and training can be found at: crawleycommunityaction.org

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