



# WORTH PARISH

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**20  
September  
2020**

**Trinity 15**



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

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That's not fair! A comment we usually hear in multiple situations and across all generations. It usually denotes a sense of injustice that can range from the trivial (but really important in the child's eyes) fact that a younger sibling may have been given more attention, to the serious, where a longstanding member of staff is the first to receive redundancy news whilst the newest member remains in place.

There are of course myriad other situations in between these two extremes, but they all sit uncomfortably. In the Gospel for today the labourers who had been toiling all day in the scorching heat, thought it really unfair that the new arrivals were paid the same as them. If we were to view this in employment law we would think so too, and if we were then to view the vineyard owner as God (as the parable expects us to), we could be forgiven for thinking that God was unfair!!

However, if we look at it another way, the parable's main message is that all are equal before God, it doesn't matter if you come early or late, God's grace is given out in equal measure. The workers who had come late were the ones whom no one else had wanted and yet they received the same.

God loves us all equally at whatever age and in whatever state we come to him.

*Greta*

## Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 *Jonah 3.10-4.11*

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.



The lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah

was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes,

angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

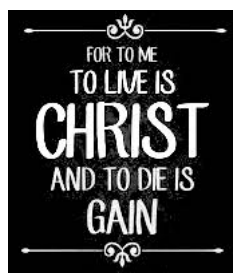
## Psalm *Psalm 145.1-8*

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name for ever and ever. Every day I will bless you, and praise your name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.



One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendour of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness. They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

## Reading *Philippians 1.21-30*



For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to

depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

### **Gospel** *Matthew 20.1-16*

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily

wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

*So the last shall be first,  
and the first last:  
for many be called,  
but few chosen.*

### **Post Communion**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### **SERVICES THIS WEEK**

Tues 22 Sept	10:30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 24 Sept	10:30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 27 Sept	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)	St Nicholas'
	10:00 All Age Harvest Eucharist *	St Barnabas'
	10:00 All Age Harvest Eucharist *	St Nicholas'
	(* you may bring food to distribute)	
	18:00 Ordination (see Note from Greta below)	St Nicholas'
<b>Sunday 27 September 2020</b> <b>Trinity 16</b> Deuteronomy 8.7-18   Psalm 65 2 Corinthians 9.6-15   Luke 12.16-30		

### **Bishop Martin's Visit - Sunday 4 October**

The service will start at **10:15** and will be held outside in the new Memorial Garden. 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.

Festivals this week	
Mon 21 Sept	<b>Mathew, Apostle and Evangelist (F)</b>
Fri 25 Sept	Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop, Spiritual Writer 1626 (LF)  Sergei of Radonezh, Russian Monastic Reformer 1392 (C)
Sat 26 Sept	Wilson Carlile, Founder of the Church Army 1942 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

### A note from Greta

Please hold me in your prayers as I prepare for my 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 (especially as my 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*

## DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

### 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](mailto:youth@worthparish.org)

### Remembrance Diary

A list of names will be in both churches from Sun 20 Sept until 25 Oct. Please indicate by 'ticking' in the column shown, if you would like your loved one's name included in our Parish prayers during 2021. If any names are to be added, please add to the bottom of the page for the correct month and include date and year.

### 100 Club September Draw

£100	Val Rudd	(13)
£50	Pam Marson	(27)
£25	Helen Puttick	(35)
£25	Don Hewerdine	(45)

### 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](mailto:curate@worthparish.org)

### Making a donation to the Parish

Parish finances are suffering in the present circumstances, largely as result of the loss of Hall and Pastoral Centre bookings. A discussion by Stuart Sharpe will appear in the Sept Magazine. In the meantime, you may make a donation to the Parish at:

Worth PCC, sort code 40-18-22 a/c 72000199

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