



WORTH PARISH

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**15 November
2020**

**Second Sunday
before Advent**



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.

SERVICES TODAY

**There is NO public worship
until at least 2 December**

The following service will be available
online (live or recorded):

10:00 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Celebrant	Fr Michael Boag
Preacher	Revd Greta

In addition, St Nicholas' will be open every day for individual private prayer, as will the Narthex at St Barnabas'.



Please send pew sheet notices to
pewsheet@worthparish.org or phone
0300 111 8150

The Gospel reading for today is the parable of the talents, in which a talent was a large sum of money. In today's language the word talent is no longer primarily used as a term for money. A contemporary dictionary will define the word talent as a natural aptitude or skill, and you don't need to look further than the Britain's Got Talent TV show to see how varied people's talents can be. But even though singing, dancing, playing an instrument or even training a dog is a talent, talents go well beyond our initial concept. Our talents are a gift from God and encompass who we are. We might think 'I don't have a talent', but we all have talents, from beautiful flower arranging, being able to tell the difference between a weed and a plant, a superb eye to detail when cleaning, a willingness to be involved, a prayer life that enfolds others and even to the ability to smile at someone (when we are not wearing masks) to cheer their day. These are all talents that we have and if I were to list all of the talents of all of the people that make our churches, parish and community run as well as they do, I would certainly exceed my word limit for this page! Our talents are our gift from God, but it is up to us to use them. We should not want to hide them away and do nothing with them (as did the third servant in today's reading). The Collect for today asks God to stir us from apathy and to restrain us from excess. If we do nothing with our talents, we are being apathetic! So, I encourage you to think about what your talents are and to remember that they are a gift from God to use in his service, to make the world a better place.

Greta

Collect

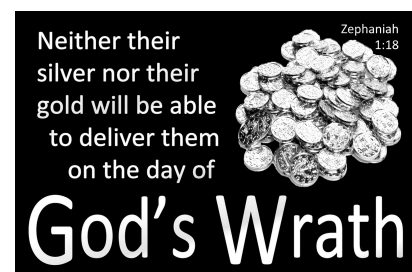
Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading *Zephaniah 1.7,12-18*

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like



dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his

passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalm *Psalm 90.1-8,12*

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the

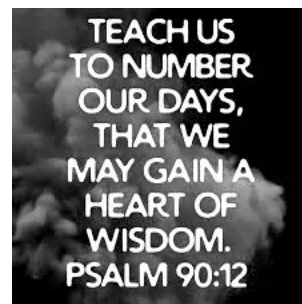
earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.' For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.



Reading *1 Thessalonians 5.1-11*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus

Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.



Gospel Matthew 25.14-30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a



long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give

it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Post Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour **Amen**

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Tues 17 Nov	10:30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 19 Nov	10:30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 22 Nov	10:00 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'

Sunday 22 November 2020 Christ the King

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95.1-7
Ephesians 1.15-23 Matthew 25.31-46

Copy deadline for next Magazine

All copy for the next edition of the Magazine to Sue Perry, or the Office, by **19 Nov** please.

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 appears in the latest Magazine. In the meantime, you may make a donation to the Parish at:
Worth PCC, sort code 40-18-22 a/c 61223372

Festivals this week	
Mon 16 Nov	Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist, Reformer of the Church 1093 (LF) Edmund Rich of Abingdon, Archbishop of Canterbury 1240 (C)
Tues 17 Nov	Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln 1200 (LF)
Wed 18 Nov	Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist 1231 (LF)
Thur 19 Nov	Hilda, Abbess of Whitby 680 (LF) Mechtild, Béguine of Magdeburg, Mystic 1280 (C)
Fri 20 Nov	Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr 870 (LF) Priscilla Lydia Sellon, s Restorer of the Religious Life in the Church of England 1876 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

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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 Revd Greta for further information and/or the Zoom link for the sessions at: curate@worthparish.org

The Hangout Youth Club

No further meetings until at least 2 December.



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