



**17 January
2021**

Epiphany 2



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

**Both our churches are now
CLOSED until further notice.**

Certain services will be available online
(live or recorded):

10:00 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Celebrant	Fr Michael Boag
Preacher	Revd Sarah Upchurch



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One of the advantages of having the 3-year cycle of Scripture readings, is that, by returning to particular passages in the Gospels, one can add to one's understanding of what has been written.

Nazareth was despised by the Jews chiefly because a Roman garrison was located there. Some have speculated that Nathaniel's harsh comments about the town: "Can any good come from there?" were also based on his knowledge of the low moral standards among the Romans, their liberal practices, and the fact that – compared with them – they were irreligious, to say the least.

Had Nathaniel stuck with his earlier prejudices without investigating further, he would have missed the Messiah. Fortunately, though, Nathaniel was prepared to accept Philip's invitation to meet Jesus and, as we know, after meeting Him readily became a disciple.

We are told that Jesus knew all about Nathaniel before the two ever met. Jesus also knows what we are like. If we are living life honestly, and in accordance with God's will for us, we have nothing to fear about this. On the other hand, if our lives are in some way dishonest, then we have everything to worry about, since God knows us through and through.

The plain fact is that God wants us to repent of our sins and to follow Him. Not only that, in this season of Epiphany, He wants us to make Him known to others.

Fr Francis (Pole)

Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 Samuel 3.1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and



said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again,

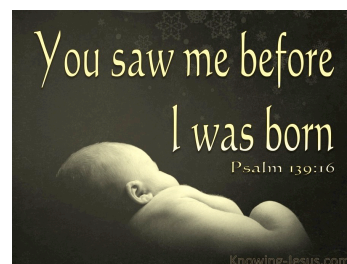
'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

Psalm Psalm 139.1-5,12-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I

rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them - they are more than the sand; I come to the end - I am still with you.



Reading Revelation 5.1-10

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'



Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

Gospel *John 1.43-51*

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see. 'When Jesus saw



Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?'

Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Post Communion

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

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The following services will be available online, or recorded.

Tues 19 Jan	10:30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 21 Jan	10:30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 24 Jan	10:00 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'

Sunday 24 January 2021 Epiphany 3

Genesis 14.17-20 Psalm 128
Revelation 19.6-10 John 2.1-11

Festivals this week

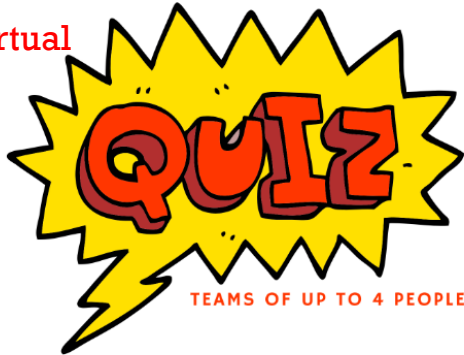
Mon 18 Jan	Amy Carmichael, Founder of the Dohnavur Fellowship, Spiritual Writer 1951 (C)
Tues 19 Jan	Wolfstan, Bishop of Worcester 1095 (LF)
Wed 20 Jan	Richard Rolle of Hampole, Spiritual Writer 1349 (C)
Thur 21 Jan	Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome 304 (LF)
Fri 22 Jan	Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon, First Martyr of Spain 304 (C)

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

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

GATHER YOUR FRIENDS AND GET COMPETITIVE!

Virtual



Saturday 30 January 2021 8PM
£4 per head

see worthparish.org/quiz for details

Next Magazine – Copy date

The deadline for copy for the next Parish Magazine is **18 January** – copy to Sue at the Parish Office.

From CBC Community Development Officer

Covid cases in Crawley are rising rapidly. More than 1,000 cases were recorded in the Borough in the last seven days. One in three people with Covid don't show symptoms. It is the responsibility of all of us to keep each other safe and protect our NHS. Keep West Sussex Safe; Stay at Home.

Support is available: go to:

www.westsussex.gov.uk/coronavirus

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 Fr Michael or Revd Sarah for further information and/or the Zoom link for the sessions at: rector@worthparish.org or vicarstb@worthparish.org

We regret to report the recent death of
Vera Sheehan
Rest in Peace; Rise in Glory

St Nicholas' Circle

Thursday **4 February 20:00** Graham Beaumont will talk on "Inside the Pyramids". All by Zoom. Contact Max Perry at max.perry@datamax.co.uk or phone Sue at the Parish Office 0300 111 8150.

The Hangout Youth Club

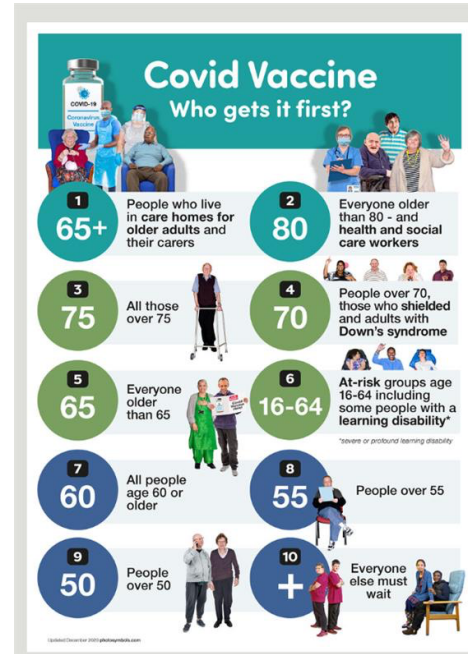
Due to current guidelines the Hangout Youth Club is suspended until further notice.

From Max Maynard, Citizen's Advice West Sussex

We're currently desperate for some responses to our Covid-19 survey. If you, or anyone in your community would like to complete it, that would be much appreciated, here is the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RPZCBPJ>

From the NHS:



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