



**24 January  
2021**

**Epiphany 3**



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 Barnabas'
Celebrant	Fr Michael Boag
Preacher	Revd Sarah Upchurch



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0300 111 8150

## **The first miracle?**

Jesus seems reluctant to intervene in this situation where the wine is running out at this wedding in Cana. For the wine to run out at a wedding would have been quite disgraceful and some would have thought did not bode well for the future of the newly married couple.

It intrigues me as to what Jesus may have miraculously done before that imbued his mother with such confidence in him. Surely throughout his childhood and life up till then, there had been signs that Mary had witnessed, which now prompted her to 'encourage' him. Fascinating.

We all have situations in our lives which catch us out, perhaps make us feel ashamed, anxious or panic. Perhaps in those moments we have all forgotten the advice of Mary the mother of Jesus and 'Do whatever he tells you'. This scripture is providing us with some much-needed revision!

Jesus can take and transform whatever we give him. He can and does give us strength to go forward and carry on, in these days, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

For me, he has spoken words of comfort that felt like balm when I have been stricken with grief, through one who is yet to believe. He has strengthened me through people of faith in word and deed, through dreams and signs, through prayer, scripture, word and song.

Let us resolve to hand our troubles to Jesus; he can transform the situation.

Peace be with you,

*Revd Sarah*

## Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 14.17-20

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's



Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker

of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

## Psalm Psalm 128

Happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways. You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord. The Lord bless you from Zion. May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

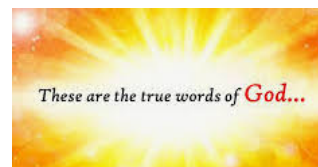


## Reading Revelation 19.6-10

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many

waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure' - for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'



## Gospel John 2.1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them,



'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the

guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

### Post Communion

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

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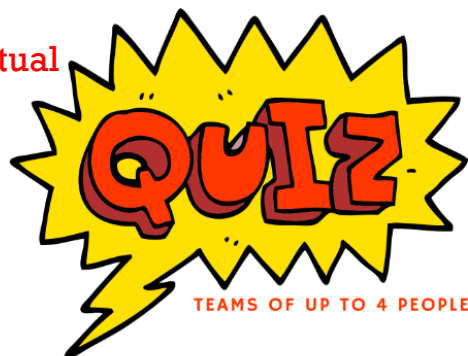
Tues 26 Jan	10:30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 28 Jan	10:30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 31 Jan	10:00 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'

### Sunday 31 January 2021 Candlemas

Malachi 3.1-5    Psalm 24  
Hebrews 2.14-18    Luke 2.22-40

GATHER YOUR FRIENDS AND GET COMPETITIVE!

Virtual



Saturday 30 January 2021 8PM  
£4 per head

see [worthparish.org/quiz](http://worthparish.org/quiz) for details

### Festivals this week

Mon 25 Jan	<b>The Conversion of Paul</b> (F)
Tues 26 Jan	Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul (LF)
Thur 28 Jan	Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher 1274 (LF)
Sat 30 Jan	Charles, King and Martyr 1649 (LF)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

### DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

We regret to report the death of **Ivy Ratcliffe** on 16 January 2021.  
Her funeral will be at St Nicholas' on  
4 February at noon.  
Rest in Peace; Rise in Glory

The funeral of **Vera Sheehan** will take place at St Barnabas' on 27 January at 11:30

We regret to report the death of **Betty Stoner** who lived in the Parish until moving into a Care Home 5 years ago.

"My wider family, including myself, were all Worth bellringers in the past and my Dad, Charlie Stoner, has a special memorial in the belfry. Both my sister and I were married at Worth. Mum was a ringer and also the wedding florist for the church for many years and was well known to many local parishioners.

"Unfortunately, at the age of 96 Mum was a victim of Covid 19 otherwise I'm sure she was well on track for her telegram from the Queen. Her funeral will be at Randall's Park Crematorium on 4 February and should anyone be interested, her favoured charity is the RNLI."

*Jane Bolton née Stoner*

Good news for **St. Barnabas' Refurbishment Project!** Just before Christmas we received £4,000 from The Rank Foundation and now mid-January we have been awarded £10,000 from The Lottery Community Fund.



### 100 Club January Draw

£100	Viv Tillyer	11
£50	Pam Marson	27
£25	Malcolm Booker	23
£25	Trevor Stokes	38

### From CBC Community Development Officer

Covid cases in Crawley are rising rapidly. More than 1,000 cases were recorded in the Borough in seven days recently. 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](http://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](mailto:rector@worthparish.org) or [vicarstb@worthparish.org](mailto:vicarstb@worthparish.org)

### 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](mailto: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.

**Wendy Sulley** will be leaving us this week to move to a new home, back in Lancashire. She is looking forward to a new adventure but sad to leave us and would very much like to keep in touch.

New address: Hillcroft House, Chapel Lane, Galgate, Lancaster LA2 0PR

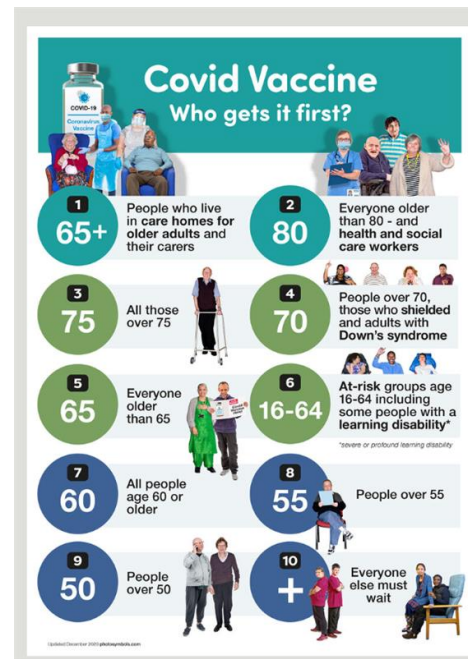
[www.hillcrofthome.co.uk/homes/galgate/](http://www.hillcrofthome.co.uk/homes/galgate/)

### 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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