



**14 February
2021**

**Sunday next
before Lent**



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 & Preacher	Fr Michael Boag



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The Transfiguration

Transfiguration is defined as 'a complete change of form or appearance into a more beautiful or spiritual state'. This what happened to Christ on the mountain as witnessed by Peter, James and John. Christ, before his ascension to Heaven was giving three of his disciples evidence of his relationship to his Father and giving them also, through the statement from 'the cloud' from his Father, instructions to 'listen to him' – just as had happened at his baptism. The symbolic presence of Moses and Elijah indicated the importance of the need to accept the Law (as given by God to Moses) and to understand the significance of Christ's role as prophet (in the tradition of Elijah). The dynamic of this mountain event is an important part of the Church's mission today – a rule of life, awareness of the transforming presence of God and the prophetic role of church communities. As the Collect for this day states, it was a revelation of Christ's majesty before the humiliation of his crucifixion.

It is typical of human experience to wish to preserve the memory of a significant event by constructing a memorial to it. This is reflected in Peter's suggestion to 'make three dwellings', one for each of Christ, Moses and Elijah. The event that the three disciples witnessed was meant to indicate a transcendence of time so revealing to them, and so to us, an element of God's kingdom in which the linear nature of time has been superseded by the endless 'now' of life with God.

In the fleeting moments of timelessness that we experience in our lives are often revealed aspects of a reality that will surround us permanently when we complete our earthly lives and are at peace, with God, in Heaven.

Gordon

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Reading 2 Kings 2.1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it

will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended

in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.



Psalms Psalm 50.1-6

The Mighty One, God, the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun
to where it sets.

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him. He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: 'Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!' The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

Reading 2 Corinthians 4.3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to

give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.



Gospel Mark 9.2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud



there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around,

they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Our churches are CLOSED until further notice.

The following services will be available online, or recorded.

Tues 16 Feb	10:30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Wed 17 Feb	10:30 Ash Wednesday	St Nicholas'
Thur 18 Feb	10:30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 21 Feb	10:00 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'

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Lent I

Genesis 9.8-17 Psalm 25.1-9
1 Peter 3.18-22 Mark 1.9-15

Festivals this week

Mon 15 Feb	Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden 1045 (C) Thomas Bray, Priest, Founder of the SPCK and SPG 1730 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	



DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

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

The Hangout Youth Club

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

A **Book of Condolence** was in St Nicholas' after Ivy's funeral; sadly a lot of people did not see it. Vivienne has requested that if you would like to make a contribution please do so by writing your message on either a postcard or piece of paper of similar size. Please then send it to: V. Edwards c/o 2 Bethune Close, Worth, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 7WB by 22 February. Thank you.

Faith in Sussex

The latest edition of the Diocesan Newsletter 'Faith in Sussex' is now available online. Go to: chichester.anglican.org and select 'Faith in Sussex'

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