



**6 June  
2021**

**Trinity I**



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

**Our churches are now open again**  
(With Covid precautions)

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

08:00 Said Eucharist (BCP) St Nicholas'  
Celebrant & Preacher Revd Gordon Parry

10:00 Said Eucharist St Barnabas'  
Celebrant & Preacher Revd Sarah Upchurch

10:00 Said Eucharist St Nicholas'  
Celebrant & Preacher Revd Gordon Parry  
(broadcast)



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Was Jesus crazy? According to Mark, that's what Jesus' family seemed to think. After his baptism, his early ministry in and around Capernaum, calling together a group of disciples to share his work, some success with his preaching and his healing ministry, drawing both supporters and opponents, it was now time to return home. The question was, how would he be received in Nazareth? Nazareth wasn't a big town; nowhere to hide when your child proves to be an embarrassment!

In Mark's account, the family is concerned that Jesus could get into trouble with the authorities for disturbing the peace or for preaching less than acceptable doctrines. The last thing they needed was someone who drew unwelcome attention to the family.

And in the middle of all this, a debate with religious leaders about Jesus' authority. Does it come from God or from Satan? If it comes from God, then to oppose Jesus is to oppose God. Since they see themselves as representing God, then Jesus can't be, can he...?

Jesus challenges his opponents. He tells them that by trying to connect his work with Satan, they were committing blasphemy against the Holy Spirit - an unforgivable sin - they are 'guilty of eternal sin.' When we wonder if something could be so bad as to be unforgivable, it's good for us to remember St Augustine's view that this blasphemy is 'a refusal to accept God's mercy' and to remember Jesus' own understanding of human frailty, to hear and receive his words of forgiveness.

*Fr Michael*

## Collect

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

**Amen**

## Reading *Genesis 3.8-15*

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid



themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?'

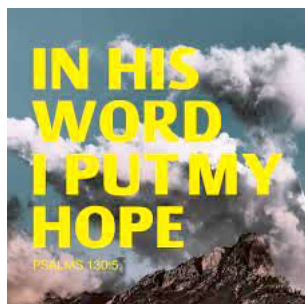
He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

## Psalms *Psalms 130*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord



more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

## Reading *2 Corinthians 4.13-15.1*

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture - 'I believed, and so I spoke' - we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being



renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

## Gospel *Mark 3.20-35*

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against



himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then

indeed the house can be plundered.

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' - for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

### Post Communion

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

|  |  |                              |
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| Tues<br>8 Jun  | 10:30 Said Eucharist   | St Barnabas'                 |
| Thur<br>10 Jun   | 10:30 Said Eucharist   | St Nicholas'                 |
| Sun<br>13 Jun  | 8:00 Eucharist (BCP)<br>10:00 Patronal Festival<br>(Joint Service) | St Nicholas'<br>St Barnabas' |
| <b>Sunday 13 June 2021</b><br><b>Second Sunday after Trinity</b><br><b>Barnabas the Apostle</b><br>Job 29.11-16      Psalm 112<br>Acts 11.19-30    John 15.12-17 |  |                              |

### Festivals this week

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| Tues<br>8 June  | Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, Nonjuror, Hymn Writer 1711 (LF)                                |
| Wed<br>9 June   | Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary 597 (LF)<br>Ephrem of Syria, Deacon, Hymn Writer, Teacher 373 (C) |
| Fri<br>11 June  | <b>Barnabas the Apostle</b> (F)  |
| (F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration |  |

### DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

The **St Nicholas' Julian Group** continues to meet in the side chapel of the church on the second Wednesday afternoon of each month at 12:30.

So please feel free to join us for half an hour of silent prayer and meditation on **Wednesday 9 June** at **12:30**.

#### The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas' is back on **Fridays 19:00-20:30** Years 7-11. Entry free. Weekly during term time.

#### Toddlers Group

The Toddlers Group has resumed on **Tuesdays 13:00-15:00** and **Thursdays 9:00-11:00** during term time in St Barnabas' Hall.

Numbers are limited to 20 adults. Call the Parish Office to book a place.

#### Milk Bottle Tops

We are planning to resume the recycling of milk bottle tops. Please save them at home, then bring them to the Pastoral Centre in the **last two weeks of July**. Thank you!

## Friday Lunches

Friday lunches in the Pastoral Centre will restart on the 2 July.

We have a few 'main cooks' each taking responsibility for one Friday each month. We would welcome 1 or 2 more people to join this team. Nothing too arduous - just to shop and produce 2 courses. Help and training provided! We also need a few people willing to be on call to help with lunches - again probably once a month.

Some of our diners need a lift to and from the Pastoral Centre - we welcome a few people willing to help with transport.

If you are willing to consider one of these 3 roles please contact me - or the Office.

Thanks. Phyl Pennell (01293) 883362.

## 100 for the Homeless

Noreen has completed the 100 songs for the homeless challenge by singing 117 songs in May! She sends many many thanks to all who have given so generously. So far, she has raised £845. Her just giving page is still open for donations at: [justgiving.com/fundraising/noreenoxlade](http://justgiving.com/fundraising/noreenoxlade)



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## St Barnabas' Julian Group

The St Barnabas' Julian Group will resume meeting in the church on Monday **14 June** at 14:00. Old and new friends very welcome.

## Pastoral Centre Café

The Café is open for Coffee and Cake on Wednesdays from 10:00 and Saturdays from 9:00.

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