



11 July 2021

Trinity 6



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

14:00 Baptism St Nicholas'



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A comprehensive picture of what led to the execution of John the Baptist comes from the three synoptic gospels. Herod Antipas (a member of the notorious Herod dynasty) took as his mistress his brother's wife, Herodias. At Herod's birthday party, Salome, the daughter of Herodias, captivated Herod with her dancing and what was probably a combination of the alcohol consumed and the eroticism of the dancing led Herod to offer Salome anything she desired, including up to half his kingdom. Salome consulted her mother who, with Herod, had been criticised by John for becoming his mistress. Herodias suggested that Salome should ask for the head of John to be brought to her on a platter. John represented a political threat. Herod and Herodias felt that he (John) could lead an uprising against him.

John's honesty in telling truth to power cost him his life. Most insecure tyrants right up to the present day, respond with cruelty and even murder if they feel threatened. Herod had, in fact been positively influenced by John and did not wish to see him murdered but he had made a promise to the daughter of his mistress and a populist uprising would not have endeared him to his Roman overlords.

Which way do we face when confronted by difficult decisions? Being truthful to our faith may well cost us our lives when we live in parts of the world where the Church is under persecution or where an oppressive regime is in power. We should pray today for the troubled country of Myanmar and the suppression of political opposition in Russia.

Gordon

Collect

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading *Amos 7.7-15*

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I



said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made

desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."' And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

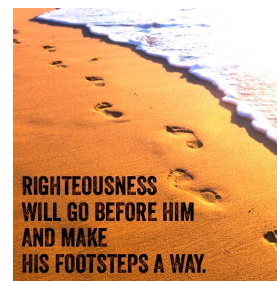
Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

Psalm *Psalm 85.8-13*

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

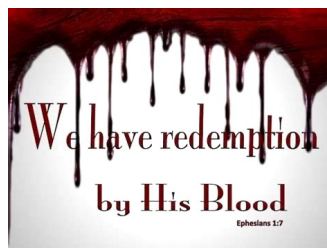
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,

and righteousness will look down from the sky. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.



Reading *Ephesians 1.3-14*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him



we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished

on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel *Mark 6.14-29*

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and

for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.



Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 13 July	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 15 July	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sat 17 July	14:00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Sun 18 July	8:00 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Said Eucharist * 10:00 Said Eucharist 14:00 Baptism	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'

* Greta's first as Celebrant at St Barnabas'

Sunday 18 July 2021 Trinity 7

Jeremiah 23.1-6 Psalm 23
Ephesians 2.11-22 Mark 6.30-34,53-56

Festivals this week

Wed 14 July	John Keble, Priest, Tractarian, Poet 1866 (LF)
Thur 15 July	Swithun, Bishop of Winchester c.862 (LF) Bonaventure, Friar, Bishop, Teacher 1274 (C)
Fri 16 July	Osmund, Bishop of Salisbury 1099 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

If it rains on St Swithun's Day, the saint is christening the apples and they will be sweet and plentiful.

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

St Barnabas' Julian Group

Julian Meeting at St Barnabas on **Mon July 12** at 14:00. Old and new friends very welcome.

St Nicholas' Julian Group

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 on **Wed 14 July** 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.

Pastoral Centre Café

The Café is open for Coffee and Cake on Wed and Sat from 10:00. Donations of home made cakes are welcomed – please contact Revd Sarah.

Friday Lunches

Lunch in the Pastoral Centre at 12:30 on **16 July**. Two courses and a drink £7. To help with catering please book your place at the Pastoral Centre (café open Wed and Sat) or via the Parish Office, by Wed **14 July**. All welcome.

Toddlers Group

The Toddlers Group has resumed on **Tuesdays 13:00-15:00** (just drop in) and **Thursdays 9:00-11:00** (call the Parish Office to book a place) during term time in St Barnabas' Hall.

The next **Saturday Market** in aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment is on **Sat 17 July** 10:00- 12:00 at St. Barnabas' Patio. Items for sale include books, bric-a-brac, cakes, jewellery, plants and toys. Donations welcomed, especially home-made cakes. Donations may be brought to the Pastoral Centre on Fri 16 July between 10:30 and 14:00 or on the Saturday. Thank you.

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!

Lung Cancer Symptoms

Citizens Advice in West Sussex wish to raise awareness of lung cancer and its symptoms. Available is a flyer and video; also translated into Tamil, Polish, Arabic, Gujarati, Hindi, French, Urdu, Tagalog, Punjabi, Portuguese, Chinese. If you would like a copy, please contact: Parmila Mannan www.advicewestsussex.org.uk

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