



**5 September
2021**

Trinity 14



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 – see page 4)

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

08:00 Said Eucharist (BCP)	St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Fr Michael Boag
10:00 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sarah Upchurch
10:00 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Fr Michael Boag
11:45 Baptism	St Nicholas'



Please send pew sheet notices to
pewsheet@worthparish.org or phone
0300 111 8150

When this morning's Gospel reading came up earlier this year, one Thursday morning, Greta's dog Shadow got very excited by the references to dogs. Although taking issue with what Jesus' said to the Syrophenician woman, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' Shadow was encouraged by her reply: 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' And being found in Holy Writ, Shadow argues, surely this is a clear instruction to dog owners everywhere, to ensure a steady supply of tasty treats dropping from table to floor.

However, Jesus was not referring to Shadow, nor any particular dog, but pointing out the existing differences between those inside and those outside the Jewish community, using a metaphor that sounds a little harsh to our ears. There is something about the woman's rather cheeky riposte (plus the all too obvious differences between them that needed no highlighting), that makes me wonder if Jesus had been trying to be jocular with her but, if so, as a joke it's a bit feeble.

What is not feeble is Jesus' bold act of healing. The woman's daughter, at home, is healed by Jesus without feeling his touch or hearing him speak a word of power. His power to heal transcends differences and distances. Good for us to remember that Jesus is not contained by any one community. In Jesus there is no 'them and us', only us.

Fr Michael

Collect

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading Isaiah 35.4-7a



Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with

terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Psalms Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord,
O my soul! I will
praise the Lord as
long as I live; I will
sing praises to my
God all my life
long.



Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith for ever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the

strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

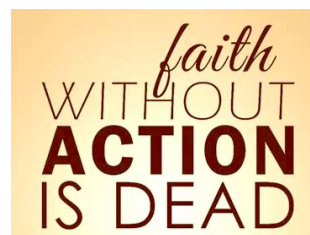
The Lord will reign for ever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Reading James 2.1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm



and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Gospel Mark 7.24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did

not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman



whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin.

She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go - the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 7 Sept	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 9 Sept	10:30 Said Eucharist 12:00 Funeral	St Nicholas' St Nicholas'
Sun 12 Sept	8:00 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Said Eucharist 10:00 Said Eucharist 11:45 Baptism	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'

Sunday 12 September 2021 Trinity 15

Isaiah 50.4-9a Psalm 116.1-8
James 3.1-12 Mark 8.27-38

Festivals this week

Mon 6 Sept	Allen Gardiner, Founder of the South American Missionary Society 1851 (C)
Wed 8 Sept	The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)
Thur 9 Sept	Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest 1880 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

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.

The Hangout

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

Saturday Market

The next Market takes place on St Barnabas' patio, **10.00- 12.00**, on **Sat 11 Sept**.

Covid Precautions in Church

Following the lifting of Government restrictions and taking into consideration the need to continue to protect the vulnerable from Covid-19 and ensuring that people feel safe to attend church, the Clergy and Wardens have agreed that:

- The congregation are asked to continue to wear masks (if not exempt) and use hand sanitizer when entering and moving about the church.
- Masks may be removed during the service.
- At this time, due to the increase in Covid-19 cases locally, congregational singing will not start immediately, but will be kept under review.

Friday Lunches

Lunch in the Pastoral Centre at 12:30 on **10 Sept.** Two courses and a drink £6.50. To help with catering please book your place at the Pastoral Centre (café open Wed and Sat) or via the Parish Office, by Wed **8 Sept.** All welcome.

Toddlers Group

The Toddlers Group meets on **Tuesdays 13:00-15:00** and **Thursdays 9:00-11:00** during term time in St Barnabas' Hall. (no longer any need to book)

St Nicholas' Julian Group

The St Nicholas' Julian Group continues to meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Please join us for half an hour of silent prayer **Wed 8 Sept at 12.30pm** in the side chapel.

St Barnabas' Julian Group

Julian Meeting at St Barnabas' on **Mon 13 Sept** at **14:00** in the church. Old and new friends very welcome.

Magazine Deadline

The deadline for copy for the next Parish Magazine is **Sun 12 Sept.** Please send to the Office or Viv Tillyer.

Mothers' Union Coffee Morning

Sat 25 Sept at the Pastoral Centre

Sale of home-made cakes, second-hand books, bric-a-brac and a raffle, raising much needed funds for "Away From It all Holidays" - one of our special projects. We hope that you will be able to pop in for a drink and a purchase, and we look forward to seeing you there.

All donations of home-made cakes will be very welcome, thank you.

Donation

Thanks go to the Arnold Clark Community Fund who have donated £1,000 to the Parish to help us continue our work in the community following the effects of Covid-19.

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