



**12 September
2021**

Trinity 15



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)

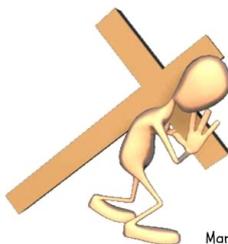
Certain services will still be available
online (live or recorded)

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

11:45 Baptism St Nicholas'



Mark 8:31-38

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0300 111 8150

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus is absolutely uncompromising about his identity, his future and what was – and is – required of those who followed him then and follow him now. In ordering his disciples not to communicate his true identity to anyone else, Jesus was emphasising that it only makes sense in a personal context, not a conventional political or social one. At this point, Peter shows understanding, rather than his more usual impetuosity.

In what follows, however, Jesus predicts his future journey towards rejection, arrest, suffering, execution and resurrection. All this is too much for Peter and he tries to argue against such a narrative. At this point Peter is using a conventional understanding of power and self-determination to reject what Jesus is telling him, forcing Jesus to 'rebuke' Peter on the grounds that he is not focusing his thought through a divine lens but rather an earthly one.

Jesus then moves from the private and the particular to the public and the general. His preaching centres on what for most would be a metaphor but which, for some, would be literally true, insofar as he refers to the saving and losing of life. On what are, or should be, our lives focused? We often know that there is a deeply spiritual and divine understanding of our situations and of the world but may well choose to ignore such understanding in favour of the practical, the here and now. Jesus is calling us to a fundamental discipline in which our starting point is the question of how we can most closely align ourselves with the God who created us and his presence in the world.

Gordon

Collect

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading *Isaiah 50.4-9a*

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens - awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

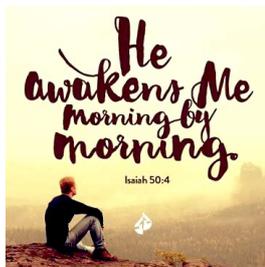
The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Psalm *Psalm 116.1-8*

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. The snares of death

encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I pray, save my life!'

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.



Isaiah 50:4

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

Reading *James 3.1-12*

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.



How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea

creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue - a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Gospel *Mark 8.27-38*

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are

the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.



Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the

elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 14 Sept	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 16 Sept	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sat 18 Sept	12:30 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Sun 19 Sept	8:00 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Said Eucharist 10:00 Said Eucharist 13:00 Wedding	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'
Sunday 19 September 2021 Trinity 16 Wisdom 1.16-2.1,12-22 Psalm 54 James 3.13-4.3,7-8a Mark 9.30-37		

Festivals this week	
Mon 13 Sept	John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher 407 (LF)
Tues 14 Sept	Holy Cross Day (F)
Wed 15 Sept	Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr 258 (LF)
Thur 16 Sept	Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle to the Picts c.432 (LF) Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, Tractarian 1882 (C)
Fri 17 Sept	Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary 1179 (LF)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

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DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Covid Precautions in Church

While many of the Government restrictions have now been lifted, we are continuing to be careful and cautious in both our churches:

- Please wear masks (if not exempt) and use hand sanitizer when entering and moving about inside.
- Masks may be removed during the service.
- We will resume congregational singing from next Sunday 19 September. If you are uncomfortable with this, please sit somewhere apart from or behind those who are singing. It may be that we limit the amount of congregational singing and this will be explained before the service.

Magazine Deadline

Copy for the next Parish Magazine is due **TODAY**. Please send to the Office or Viv Tillyer.

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.

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.

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)

Friday Lunches

Lunch in the Pastoral Centre at 12:30 on **17 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 **15 Sept**. All welcome.

The Hangout

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

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.

Milk Bottle Tops

We continue to recycle milk bottle tops. Containers are now available in the Narthex, the Pastoral Centre and on Sue's doorstep. Please deliver **by the end of September**. Thank you!

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