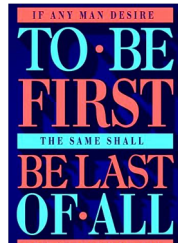




**19 September
2021**

Trinity 16



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 Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher Fr Michael Boag

13:00 Wedding St Nicholas'



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

Have you sometimes got the wrong end of the stick? Well, you're in good company - because the disciples did just that!

Jesus had spent time teaching his disciples about his forthcoming death, yet they were thinking about the kind of earthly kingdom they hoped Jesus would bring – and their place in it. You could almost hear Jesus' sigh as he asked what they were arguing about as they walked. And “the disciples kept quiet as they had argued about which of them was the greatest”.

Jesus, reading their thoughts, reminded them of Kingdom values and, by taking a child in his arms– children were then regarded as having a low status – placed his values firmly on the very least in society.

The question is where do WE place our values? The truth is that each of us, in our own way and using our God-given gifts, can demonstrate in our increasingly secular world what is of God, particularly when we focus our lives towards the vulnerable, the ignored, the excluded, the unattractive and, yes, the difficult people we meet.

You see, following Jesus involves a completely new way of thinking! Our lives, our church and our world all grow and deepen when we focus on that which is of God as we move forward on our way with others.

We don't need to struggle to be the greatest or the best; what we have to do, though, is to lift up the least, nurture the fulness of life and love in the world, and demonstrate our love for all people - and the things of God.

Blessings,

Francis

Collect

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading *Wisdom 1.16-2.1, 12-22*

But the ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, 'Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades.



'Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected.'

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

Psalm *Psalm 54*

Save me, O God, by your name, and vindicate me by your might. Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

For the insolent have risen against me, the ruthless seek my life; they do not set God before them.

But surely, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life. He will repay my enemies for their evil. In your

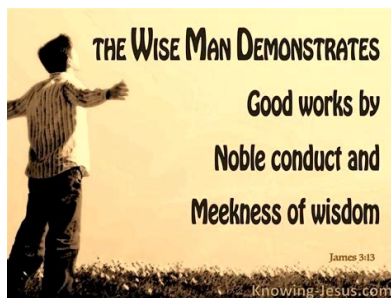
faithfulness, put an end to them.

With a freewill-offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good. For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.



Reading *James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a*

Who is wise and understanding among you?



Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and

selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not

have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Gospel Mark 9.30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He

sat down, called the twelve, and said to them,

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."
Mark 9:35



'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Post Communion

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Choral Evensong

Sun 26 Sept 17:00 at St Nicholas'. Music will include: Setting of the Canticles by Dyson in F; Setting of the responses by W Smith; Anthem of the day is 'Insanae et vanae curae' by Haydn.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Mon 20 Sept	11:00 Funeral	St Nicholas'
Tues 21 Sept	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 23 Sept	10:30 Said Eucharist 16:00 MU Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas'
Fri 24 Sept	13:00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Sun 26 Sept	8:00 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Child Friendly Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 11:45 Baptism 17:00 Choral Evensong	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'

Sunday 26 September 2021 Trinity 17

Numbers 11.4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Psalm 19.7-14
James 5.13-20 Mark 9.38-50

Festivals this week

Mon 20 Sept	John Coleridge Patteson, first Bishop of Melanesia, and his companions, Martyrs 1871 (LF)
Tues 21 Sept	Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (F)
Sat 25 Sept	Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer 1626 (LF) Sergei of Radonezh, Russian Monastic Reformer, Teacher 1392 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

Oriel School Blazers

One each of chest sizes 34 and 38, nearly new. Contact Viv Tillyer or the Office. Free, but donation appreciated

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 today. 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.

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 **24 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 **22 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.

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!

Praxis South

Daily Prayer: An Ancient Tradition for Modern Times. Study day **Thur 14 Oct 11:00-15:30** on Zoom. £7 for non-members. Contact: peter@furber.me.uk to book.

Mothers' Union

Branch Meeting: Thur 23 Sept 16:00-18:00
MU Branch Eucharist service at St Barnabas', followed by refreshments in the Pastoral Centre. Everyone welcome to join us.

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.

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