



**26 September
2021**

Trinity 17



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 Child Friendly
Eucharist St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher Revd Sarah Upchurch

10:00 Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher Fr Michael Boag

11:45 Baptism St Nicholas'

17:00 Choral Evensong St Nicholas'



Please send pew sheet notices to
pewsheet@worthparish.org or phone
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Remember the formula

Goodness me, what a challenge the Gospel reading is this week! Especially when preparing a child friendly service. There are exorcisms, graphic illustrations of drowning, mutilation, and Gehenna.

In view of Corinthians 3.2 and common sense, on Sunday I will focus on the James reading, but here are some thoughts about the Gospel.

In the last few weeks in my preaching and teaching I have been employing a certain formula:

What do we learn of the nature of God?
Who are we in relation to God? How then are we to respond?

In this instance we draw on prior knowledge of the character of God. We already know God is good, God is merciful. Jesus accepted everyone and in verses 40-41, the lesson of Jesus was to be thankful for those from a 'different group' who act in his name.

So far so good. The next section is about sin. We know that God is holy and without sin. This is why Jesus came. Children need to be nurtured and protected in the faith, no-one should harm them or put barriers in their way. Fairly straightforward?

Now the tough bit, why does Jesus use such graphic language? I don't know, maybe to shock people into listening, to help them recognise and deal with sin? To be clear, Jesus spent his whole ministry healing people, therefore we understand this language is not to be taken literally.

Back to the formula. When we believe in Jesus and what he has done for us, we are forgiven, we are strengthened and enabled to deal with 'what is not of God'. Then be light and salt to those who are yet to know the deep peace of the Son of Peace.

Peace be with you,

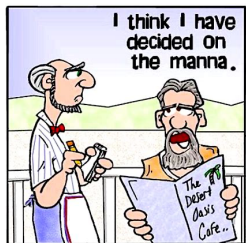
Revd Sarah

Collect

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading Numbers 11.4-6,10-16,24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, 'If only we had meat to eat!



We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but

now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.'

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, 'Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favour in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, "Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child", to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, "Give us meat to eat!" I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once - if I have found favour in your sight - and do not let me see my misery.'

So the Lord said to Moses, 'Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.'

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it

on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp.

And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!'

Psalm Psalm 19.7-14

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.



Reading James 5.13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church

and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray



for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might

not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Gospel Mark 9.38-50

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.' And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom

of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. 'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'



Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 28 Sept	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 30 Sept	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sat 2 Oct	12:00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Sun 3 Oct	8:00 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'
Sunday 3 October 2021 Harvest Festival Joel 2.21-27 Psalm 126 I Timothy 2.1-7 Matthew 6.25-33		

Choral Evensong

TODAY 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.

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.

Festivals this week	
Mon 27 Sept	Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists) 1660 (LF)
Wed 29 Sept	Michael and All Angels (F)
Thur 30 Sept	Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher 420 (C)
Fri 1 Oct	Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, Apostle of the Franks 533 (C) Anthony Ashley Cooper, Earl of Shaftesbury, Social Reformer 1885 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

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 have resumed congregational singing. 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.

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 **1 Oct**. 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 **29 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!

Parish Remembrance Diary

A list will be in both Churches from today until 24 October. Please indicate in the correct place if you wish to have your loved one remembered in the Intercessions during the week of their anniversary and on the preceding Sunday.

100 Club September Draw

£100 Shirley Sidaway (1) £50 Ann Phillipson (24)
£25 Rose Wells (5) £25 Val Rudd (13)

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