



17 October
2021

Trinity 20

**WHOEVER OF
YOU DESIRES
TO BE FIRST
SHALL BE
SLAVE OF ALL.**

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 Sung Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sarah Upchurch
10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Fr Michael Boag
11:45 Baptism	St Nicholas'
16:00 Deanery Healing Service	St Barnabas'

Aubrey Tick d. 26-09-21

Funeral at St Nicholas' on Fri 15 Oct 11:30
Rest in Peace – Rise in Glory

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Today's Gospel reading records James and John asking Jesus for honoured places in His kingdom. They wanted to have positions of authority. It's worth saying that, like most Jews in their day, they thought that Jesus would establish an earthly kingdom that would free them from Rome's oppression which was very real. But we know that they got this idea of 'kingdom' wrong. Jesus' kingdom is *not* of this world; it's not centred on earthly power, honour and authority.

James and John said, in order to strengthen their case, that they would be prepared to face anything for Jesus. We know that happened: Both suffered grievously for their faith: James as a martyr, and John forced to live in exile.

It's easy to say that we will endure anything for Christ, yet the truth is that most of us complain even over minor problems. We need to learn to put up with the minor irritations that come with serving others - something that each of us is called to do.

Like James and John, we may ask God for anything but, as happened to them, our requests may be denied. God wants to give us not necessarily what we want, but what is best for us – even though we may not see it like that.

Greatness, or honour in Jesus' book, is about showing love, attention and respect to all - including tramps and prostitutes, ex-convicts and drug-addicts. And showing love is not about giving out 'sweeties', but about sticking in there and helping them to grow. After all, as Jesus put it, "whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant." And again: "the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve (and to give his life as a ransom for many)." A strong lesson there!

Francis

Collect

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading *Isaiah 53.4-12*

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the



punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity

of us all.

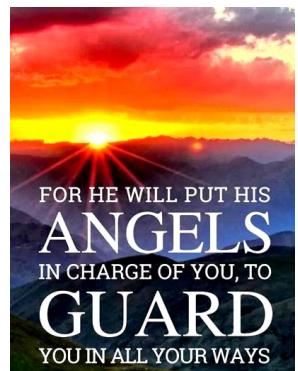
He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Psalm *Psalm 91.9-16*

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling-place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.



Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Reading *Hebrews 5.1-10*

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever,



according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he

suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel *Mark 10.35-45*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first

among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'



Post Communion

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 19 Oct	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Wed 20 Oct	14:00 Funeral	St Barnabas'
Thur 21 Oct	10:30 Said Eucharist 12:00 Funeral	St Nicholas' St Nicholas'
Sun 24 Oct	8:00 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Family Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 11:45 Baptism	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'

Sunday 24 October 2021

Bible Sunday

Isaiah 55.1-11 Psalm 19.7-14
2 Timothy 3.14-4.5 John 5.36b-47

**Renewal of Hope
Deanery Healing Service**
Today at St Barnabas' 16:00-17:00
followed by refreshments

Festivals this week

Mon 18 Oct	Luke the Evangelist (F)
Tues 19 Oct	Henry Martyn, Translator of the Scriptures, Missionary in India and Persia 1812 (LF)

(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Parish Remembrance Diary

A list is in both Churches until 24 October. Please indicate if you wish to have your loved one remembered during the week of their anniversary and on the preceding Sunday.

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)

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.

Pastoral Centre Café

The Café is open for Coffee and Cake on Wed and Sat from 10:00.

Shirley Hillsley d. 25-09-21

Funeral: Wed 20 Oct 14:00 at St Barnabas'
Rest in Peace – Rise in Glory

Friday Lunches

Lunch in the Pastoral Centre at 12:30 on **22 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 20 Oct**. 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.

Book Sale

Sat 23 Oct, 10:00-12:00, in the Pastoral Centre, in aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment. Do come and buy a book (or more) and enjoy refreshments in the Café.

Mothers' Union Annual Songs of Praise

Thur 28 Oct 16:00 St Barnabas' Church, when the Diocese President Karen Hill will be enrolling Revd Greta as a member and giving a short address. We would love to see some members of the Parish there as well. Lovely hymns and birthday cake and tea/coffee afterwards. You will be made very welcome.

Cleaners for St Nicholas'

We are very short of cleaners at St Nicholas' - if you can spare an hour or so once a month, time/day to suit you, I should be delighted to hear from you. Cleaning materials and tools are supplied. Cleaning at St Nicholas' is not onerous, mainly hoovering and dusting, so if you feel you can help to keep our precious and beautiful Church looking loved and cherished please contact me and I will provide full details. Thank you - I look forward to hearing from you.
Jill Freeborn 01293 883631

Jumble Sale

Sat 30 Oct, 10:00-11:30 in St Barnabas' Hall. In aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment. Please save your jumble for us but do not bring it before 29 Oct as we have no storage available.

Date for your Diary

Parish Hall Ceilidh on Sat 20 Nov (tbc)

18:00-21:00 – for all the congregation and friends.

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