



**24 October  
2021**

**Bible Sunday**



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 Revd Greta  
Preacher Fr Michael Boag

11:45 Baptism St Nicholas'

We have re-instated the circulation of the  
collection plate during the offertory hymn at St  
Nicholas'. There was a really encouraging  
response from our congregation. Thank you.  
Please give what you can when you can by  
whatever means you prefer: plate, card reader,  
Parish Giving Scheme. Every Little Helps!

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[pewsheets@worthparish.org](mailto:pewsheets@worthparish.org) or phone  
0300 111 8150

Today is Bible Sunday, a good day to talk  
about the Bible. We may be surprised at  
how much of the Bible we know, as it  
permeates everyday language. I grew up  
listening to my Nan say, 'do as you would  
be done by'. I didn't realise till years later  
that this was the Golden Rule as  
advocated by Jesus!

How about: 'The writing is on the wall',  
for example, or 'Turn the other cheek'?  
Why not discover where these phrases  
are in the Bible?

The Bible is a collection of books which  
tell the story of God, how we fit in, how  
much he loves us, what lengths he will go  
to to save us, and how we can live a life  
full of abundant love.

It has been 'put' to me that the original  
message of the Bible has been lost in  
repeated translations over the years; this  
is not true. How about the discovery of  
the Qumran scrolls?

Anyway, how many of us could read Old  
English? We need to understand things in  
our own language, the King James version  
is very different from The Message. I often  
read the New Living Translation because it  
uses simpler language for me to grasp.

How about today's Bible readings? They  
are 'immense'! Isaiah speaks of God's  
invitation to eternal life and Timothy  
assures us that scripture is written by  
people who love and are inspired by God.  
Jesus himself says he is the way to eternal  
life.

Listen and learn and let God's Word rest  
in our minds and hearts. It will not fail; it  
will accomplish and succeed when you  
accept God's invitation.

Peace be with you

*Revd Sarah*

## Collect

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## Reading *Isaiah 55.1-11*

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my



thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your

thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish

that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

## 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.

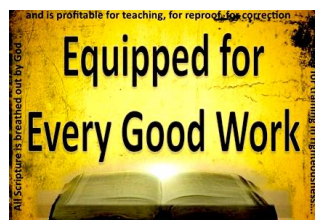
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

A landscape with a path leading towards a bright light, with text overlay.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

## Reading *2 Timothy 3.14-4.5*

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient,



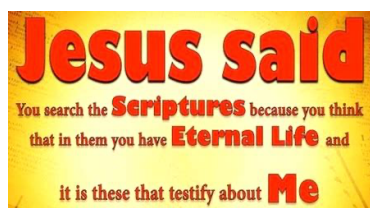
equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be

persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

### Gospel John 5.36b-47

'The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.



'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is

they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

### Post Communion

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our

weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 26 Oct	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 28 Oct	10:30 Said Eucharist 16:00 MU Annual Songs of Praise	St Nicholas' St Barnabas'
Sat 30 Oct	11:00 Burial of Ashes	St Nicholas'
Sun 31 Oct	8:00 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 11:00 Burial of Ashes 11:45 Baptism 12:45 Baptism 16:30 All Souls Sung Requiem	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'

### Sunday 31 October 2021 All Saints

Isaiah 25.6-9 Psalm 24.1-6  
Revelation 21.1-6a John 11.32-44

### Festivals this week

Mon 25 Oct	Crispin and Crispinian, Martyrs at Rome c.287 (C)
Tues 26 Oct	Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, Scholar 899 (LF) Cedd, Abbott of Lastingham, Bishop of the East Saxons 664 (C)
Thur 28 Oct	<b>Simon and Jude, Apostles (F)</b>
Fri 29 Oct	James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, Martyr in Uganda 1885 (LF)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

## DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Joan & Graham Tick wish to thank everyone who attended Aubrey's funeral, filling the church; for all the many lovely cards, flowers and written memories they have sent, making this tragic time easier to bear. God bless you all.

## 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.

## Parish Remembrance Diary

**Today** is the last chance to indicate on the Lists in both churches if you wish to have your loved ones remembered in prayer on the anniversary of their death during in 2022. Additions can be made during the year, by notifying either the Parish Office or Joan Tick. Thank you.

## 100 Club October Draw

£100 Malcolm Booker (23) £50 Sue Wood (32)  
£25 Pam Marson (27) £25 Jim Bull (19)

## 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.

## Friday Lunches

Lunch in the Pastoral Centre at 12:30 on **29 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 **27 Oct.** All welcome.

## Jumble Sale

**Sat 30 Oct, 10:00-11:30** in St Barnabas' Hall.  
In aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment. Please bring  
items for sale to the Hall on Fri 29 Oct between  
19:00 and 20:00 or on the Saturday morning  
from 9:00. Thank you.

## 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

## Parish Hall Barn Dance

**Sat 20 Nov 18:00-21:00** – for all the congregation and friends. See posters, and more details to follow.

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