



**28 November  
2021**

**Advent 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 3)

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

11:00 Burial of Ashes      St Nicholas'

16:30 Advent Candlelit Service      St Nicholas'



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**Advent countdown?**

Can you believe it? Advent Sunday already! You could say that today signals the countdown to Christmas, whether we are ready or not.

It is a good thing to have a deadline; do you agree? It focuses the mind to get things done. We may moan but be motivated, groan but be galvanised into action.

However, I encourage and urge you not to merely consider this day as the countdown. Advent Sunday signals a call to keep alert and concentrate as we travel through the next four weeks (whether pootling, hurtling, even dragging ourselves forwards), on what we are traveling towards. Our ultimate goal in Advent, I would suggest, is to immerse ourselves in the story of our salvation.

Could we cultivate a spirit of expectation and anticipation to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ while we are making lists and wrapping presents? Could we make space to think about when Christ will come again, a time which will be accompanied by power and glory?

This is a challenge in an unsettled atmosphere as we emerge either tentatively or boldly out of our recent and prolonged period of restriction of movement and behaviour. There seems to be an added pressure on us somehow.

In the Gospel reading Jesus says that on his return, there will be trouble about, trouble ahead, trouble in the heavens and on earth. People will be distressed, confused, full of fear and foreboding by the signs involving the sea, moon and stars. One of the divine suggestions made is to pray for strength to endure.

How about thinking of strengthening the heart of the one the gift is intended for when you wrap your presents and add an extra blessing in the cards you send?

Peace be with you      *Revd Sarah*

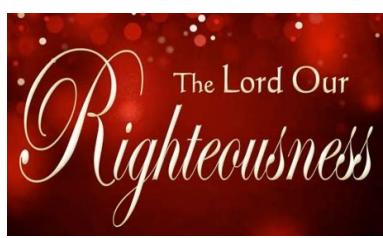
## Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

## Reading *Jeremiah 33.14-16*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and



Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

## Psalm *Psalm 25.1-9*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

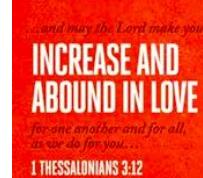


## Reading *1 Thessalonians 3.9-13*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And

may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for



one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

## Gospel *Luke 21.25-36*

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world,



for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory.

Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and

drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

### Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 30 Nov	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 2 Dec	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 5 Dec	8:00 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'
<b>Sunday 5 December 2021</b> <b>Advent 2</b> Baruch 5.1-9      Benedictus Philippians 1.3-11      Luke 3.1-6		

Festivals this week	
Tues 30 Nov	<b>Andrew the Apostle</b>
Wed 1 Dec	Charles de Foucauld, Hermit in the Sahara 1916 (C)
Fri 3 Dec	Francis Xavier, Missionary, Apostle of the Indies 1552 (C)
Sat 4 Dec	John of Damascus, Monk, Teacher c.749 (C)  Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, Founder of the Little Gidding Community 1637 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

## DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

### Pastoral Centre Café

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

### 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.

### 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.

### Friday Lunches

A Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding Lunch will be held on **3 Dec** at 12:30 in the Café at a cost of £8.50 for 2 courses.

Make this your pre-Christmas celebration! Booking through the Office or at the Café as usual. Soft drinks included; if wanted, please provide your own alcohol drinks.

### The Hangout

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

### Christmas Fair

On **Fri 3 Dec** after school from **15:00-17:00** at St Barnabas'. Stalls in the Hall and Church, refreshments in the Café. Donations towards raffle prizes welcomed, e.g., chocolates and/or wine. Cakes welcomed for the Cake Stall. Father Christmas will be there and we hope you will come too!

## Scrabble and Cake

**Mon 6 Dec** 14:30-16:30, in St Barnabas' Café. Come and enjoy a game of Scrabble (other games also available, e.g. dominoes, jigsaws), tea, cake and company. £3.50. All welcome. In aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund.

## St Nicholas' Julian Group

will **NOT** meet in person in December due to the clashing commitments of our group. Prompts and prayers to aid our silent meditation at home, however, will be sent to all who wish it. Please let the Parish Office know if you would like to be sent a copy.

## 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 November**. Thank you!

## CD player

Fr Michael is looking for a simple (working but not needed) CD player we can plug into the sound system at St Nicholas'. Something small would be good. (Not battery operated.). Many thanks!

## Forest Row R.N.L.I. Choir Christmas Concerts 2021

Freshfield Hall, Forest Row **Sat 4 Dec 14:30**  
Tickets: £8.00 tel: 01342 32419 or from Veasey and Son Fishmongers or on the door.

Trinity Methodist Church, East Grinstead **Sat 11 Dec 14:30** Tickets: £6.00 tel: 01342 324196 or on the door.

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**HEY SIRI!**

SET A REMINDER  
FOR THE  
**SECOND COMING  
OF JESUS.**



LUKE 21:25-36

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