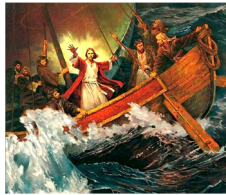




**20 February
2022**

**2 before Lent
Sexagesima**



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

Certain services will still be available
online (live or recorded)

08:00 Said Eucharist (BCP) St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher Revd Gordon Parry

10:00 Sung Eucharist St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher Revd Greta

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



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

In today's Gospel passage the disciples waited until they thought they were about to perish in the storm before they woke Jesus up to help them. Quite often we too wait until the last minute before we pray for help, we wait until the situation has gone from inconvenient to really serious. It's a familiar story line in the blockbuster movies that the characters only start praying when in dire need. But it's not necessary to wait until you are nearly perishing to ask for help, Jesus cares about us, he cares about the big things in our lives, but he also cares about the little things.

Jesus calmed the raging storm with words; words too have consequences, not just physical actions. We are reminded that we can help people out with words as well as actions. Words of sympathy and support, words of encouragement and praise, words of friendship and love. Prayer is action in words. Sometimes when we are frustrated that we cannot do something on a physically practical level, be that volunteering on a church rota or helping out in a shelter for the homeless, it's helpful to remember that by praying for the situation you are indeed helping out on a practical level, for prayer is action in words and without prayer we have no foundation on which to build.

So, I encourage you to ask for help when needed, to pray for the little situations in life as well as the big things, and perhaps even to join in the prayer life of the Parish by joining one of the prayer groups.

Revd Greta

Collect

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

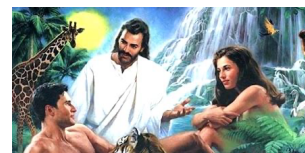
Reading *Genesis 2.4b-9,15-25*

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up - for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground - then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman

and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.



Psalm *Psalm 65*

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple. By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might. You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples. Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.



You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it. You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

Reading *Revelation chap. 4*

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I

had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow



that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders,

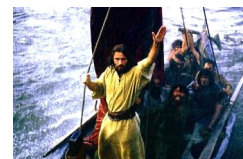
dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.' And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

Gospel Luke 8.22-25

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale

swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'



Post Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 22 Feb	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 24 Feb	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 27 Feb	8:00 Eucharist (BCP)	St Nicholas'
	10:00 Child Friendly Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	11:45 Baptism	St Nicholas'
Sunday 27 February 2022 Sunday before Lent Quinquagesima Exodus 34.29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2 Luke 9.28-36		

Festivals this week	
Wed 23 Feb	Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr c.155 (LF)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Covid Precautions in Church

Masks are no longer mandatory in church. Mask wearing, hand sanitising and social distancing are now a matter of individual decision. Stay safe!

Pastoral Centre Café

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

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.

Scrabble and Cake

The next 'Scrabble and Cake' takes place in St Barnabas' Café, 14:30-16:30 on **Wed 23 Feb**, £3.50 per person. Do join us for Scrabble, jigsaws, dominoes, etc, cake, tea and company.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union meets on **Thur 24 Feb at 15:45** at St Barnabas' for Eucharist and AGM. Refreshments after. Non-members welcome.

Friday Lunches

Lunch in the Pastoral Centre at 12:30 on **25 Feb**. 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 23 Feb**. All welcome.

The Hangout

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

Jumble Sale

Jumble Sale in St Barnabas' Hall on **Sat 26 Feb, 10:00-11:30**. Please bring your items for sale either to the Hall on Fri 25 Feb 19:00-20:00, or on Sat 26 Feb from 9:00. We need lots of help on the day so please sign the list at St Barnabas' (in the Narthex) or ring the Office. Thank you.

Lent Course

The Lent Course will be held in St Barnabas' Café **14:30-16:00** on Saturdays: **5, 12, 19, 26 March and 2 April**.

Ensemble Reza

Lunchtime concert at St Barnabas' on **Tues 22 Feb 12:30-13:30**. Free refreshments from 12 noon. FREE tickets from www.ensemblereza.com

Calling all Jigsaw Puzzlers

We are hoping to organize a Jigsaw Puzzle Festival in August, and we need some help. If you are able to help, please consider completing a puzzle and donating it to the festival. The puzzle needs to be made up on a sheet of cardboard (which can be provided if you need it) 3mm thick. The dimensions are 76 cm x 60 cm for a 1000-piece puzzle. We also need jigsaws (with all the pieces) and volunteers to count jigsaws already donated. Contact Jane Stanford on 01293 543065 with any questions or for further details. Thank you!

Trip to Walsingham

A trip is provisionally planned to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham **20-22 Sept**. Please inform Liz Gallagher if you are interested.

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