

**13 March
2022**

Lent 2



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.

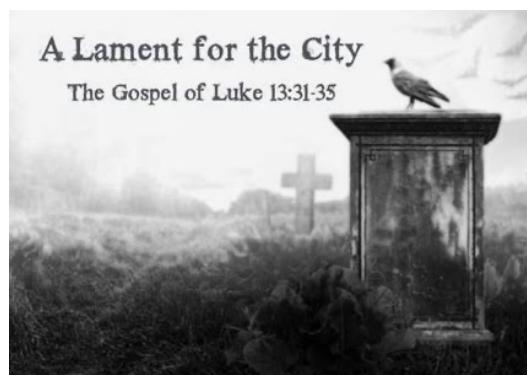
SERVICES TODAY

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 Sarah Upchurch

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



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Despite warnings about his safety, Christ continued to follow the narrative of events that his Father had laid down for the final stages of his Son's earthly ministry. This required him to go to Jerusalem, even though, despite the short-lived acclamation of Palm Sunday, a hostile reception and violent death awaited him. It was as if he wished - but was helpless - to get inside the heads of those who bore such ill-will to those who came to offer peace in Jerusalem, who actually loved them and wished to protect their wellbeing.

The horrible reality of another European war today stirs in us the same emotions. We know that war is a terrible destroyer of human society. We can look back on successions of events that have marred the face of Europe down the centuries. Yet, it seems inevitable that conflict should have yet again flared up at such cost in Ukraine. God looks on, as he did on the events leading up to the crucifixion of his Son, and we could assume that God is indifferent to what is happening there. Prayers appear to go unanswered, millions are forced from their homes, lives are lost, family members are separated, refugees spill out into neighbouring countries.

It is said that we spend too much time asking God to help us rather than asking God how we can help him! There is help in both the short and longer term. So many prayers have been already offered for the ending of the war. Should we offer a supply of goods to refugees? Should we offer homes to displaced families? Should we think more about what brought all this about in the first place? Is it possible to prevent it happening again?

Gordon

Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading *Genesis 15.1-12,17-18*

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside



and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.'

And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

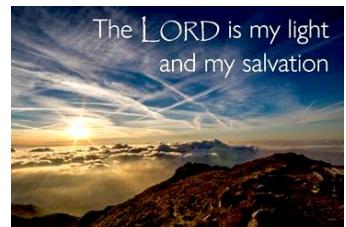
As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from

the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

Psalm *Psalm 27*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?



The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh - my adversaries and foes - they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Reading *Philippians 3.17-4.1*

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the

example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our

citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our

humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Gospel Luke 13.31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.” Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”’



Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may

happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 15 Mar	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 17 Mar	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 20 Mar	8:00 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'

Sunday 20 March 2022 Lent 3

Isaiah 55.1-9 Psalm 63.1-9
I Corinthians 10.1-13 Luke 13.1-9

Festivals this week

Thur 17 Mar	Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland c.460 (LF)
Fri 18 Mar	Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher 386 (C)
Sat 19 Mar	Joseph of Nazareth

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

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Magazine Deadline

The copy deadline for the next Mag is **TODAY**

Lent Course

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

St Barnabas' Julian Group

will meet on **Mon 14 Mar** at **14:00** at St Barnabas'. All welcome.

Pastoral Centre Café

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

Messy Church

Please join us for the story, crafts, songs and prayers, followed by a light tea. The second March Messy Church will be on:



Wed 16 Mar 15:15-16:45 (in the Church) both at St Barnabas'. Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and enjoy!

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 session is on **23 Mar 14:30-16:30** in St Barnabas' Café. Why not join us for games, tea, cake and friendship and help boost our funds?

The next **Saturday Market** is on **26 Mar 10:00-11:30** in St Barnabas Café. New/as new items for sale welcomed.

Friday Lunches

Lunch in the Pastoral Centre at 12:30 on **18 Mar**. 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 16 Mar**. 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.**

Modern Day Slavery

To learn more come to the **Mothers' Union** meeting on **Thur 24 Mar at 16:00** in the Pastoral Centre. A Speaker will talk about this terrible plight of young and old, even in the UK. Followed by refreshments and Compline. Everyone welcome.

I recently took a boot-full of food to **Open House**. The lady who took it in said everyone is very grateful and they realise that it is difficult with all the bills going up – but thank you so much. Viv

From Bishop Ruth

I know that we are united in anguish for the plight of the people of Ukraine. The Home Office is working to launch a Humanitarian Sponsorship scheme that will be the main route for Ukrainian refugees to gain entry to the UK. Our Churches have already been registered by Fr Michael.

It is **not** a scheme to house refugees, but about being willing to be the Community Sponsor for a refugee family; e.g. to meet them at the airport, befriend them, and help them access services and support as they settle in or near your parish. Individuals can also register and it takes 30 seconds: you can do so here: www.sanctuaryfoundation.org.uk

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