

19 June
2022

Trinity I



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	Revd Greta

Holy Communion is now offered in both kinds, in both our churches. At the distribution of Communion, communicants are invited to come forward, first to receive the consecrated bread from the priest and then to drink consecrated wine from the chalice, or not; it is entirely a matter of personal choice.

(Non-communicants are welcome to come forward for a blessing.)

Fr Michael

One might have thought that Jesus was keen to have as many people travelling with him as possible in his ministry, and yet in today's Gospel passage he actively discourages someone to follow him, to be a part of his 'crowd'. That might seem strange at first and yet there is a very good reason for Jesus asking the man who he had just healed to stay behind and return to his own home. That is so that he can bear witness to what God has done for him. Verse 39 'return to your home and declare how much God has done for you'. The towns people would have been well aware of how ill the man had been and seeing his total transformation would have had a huge impact. If the man had left to follow Jesus, the towns people would not have witnessed, with their own eyes, the miracle of God's healing.

As we follow Jesus, all too often we stay in a 'holy huddle', rejoicing in our faith but only to those of us in our 'crowd'. Perhaps Jesus is asking us too, to bear witness to what God has done for us beyond our 'holy huddle' and to proclaim the good news to those we meet. It needn't be hard. A simple question from a friend or work colleague as to how your weekend was is all the opening you need. Your reply of "after church I went to....." can open up a host of possibilities. Try it tomorrow, you may be surprised by the response.

Revd Greta

Collect

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen

Reading *Isaiah 65.1-9*



I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said,

'Here I am, here I am', to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.' These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it', so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

Psalm *Psalm 22.19-28*

But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me. I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the

congregation I will praise you: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live for ever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

Reading *Galatians 3.23-29*

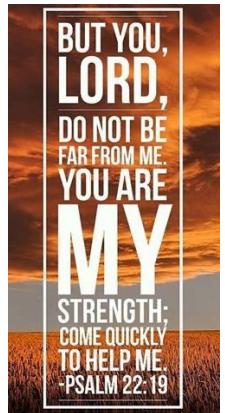
Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave

or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And

if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Gospel *Luke 8.26-39*

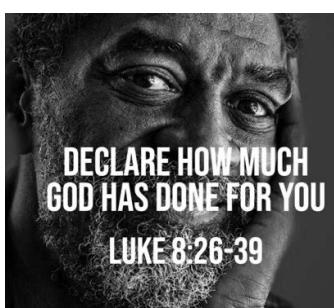
Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a



house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' - for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to

your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.



Post Communion

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our

communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 21 June	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 23 June	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 26 June	8:00 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Child Friendly Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 11:45 Baptism 14:00 Baptism 15:00 Baptism	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'

Sunday 26 June 2022 Trinity 2

I Kings 19.15-16,19-21 Psalm 16
Galatians 5.1,13-25 Luke 9.51-62

Festivals this week

Wed 22 June	Alban, first Martyr of Britain c.250 (LF)
Thur 23 June	Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely, c.678 (LF)
Fri 24 June	The Birth of John the Baptist (F)

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

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

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.

Copy Date for next Magazine

Copy for inclusion in the next Parish Magazine to Sue Perry in the Office, or Viv Tillyer at vivft1948@outlook.com by **TODAY** please

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union wish to thank all those who supported the Jubilee Afternoon Tea at the end of May. A wonderful £256 was raised for MU Projects to help those in need, especially in our Diocese.

Thurs 23 June Mothers' Union Branch Meeting 16:00 at St Barnabas' for a Eucharist service followed by refreshments and a talk given by Rose Wells in the St Barnabas' Café. Everyone is welcome to joins us.

'Singing and Ringing' at St Nicholas'

Thurs 23 June 19:00 We have been asked to host a visiting Lithuanian Choir who are performing at an International Folk Festival at the Hawth on the following Saturday. They are keen to visit local places of interest and enjoy some fellowship with our community. They will be singing some songs from their repertoire – we are offering a short talk on our historic church and our bell ringing practice. Refreshments provided. Please come if you can. Contact Rose Wells to advise on numbers.

Friday Lunches

Lunch in the Pastoral Centre at 12:30 on **24 June**. Two courses and a drink £7.00. To help with catering please book your place at the Pastoral Centre (café open Wed and Sat) or via the Parish Office, by **Wed 22 June**. All welcome.

The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas' on **Fri 24 June 19:00-20:30** Ages 12-16. Entry free. Weekly during term time.

Next Saturday Market

The next Saturday Market is on **25 June**, 10:00-11:30, at St Barnabas'. Donations of new/as new items welcomed.

Parish Prayer Group

will meet at 19:00 at St Barnabas' on **Wed 29 June**. Please join us as we pray for our Parish, its clergy and its outreach. (Next month we will meet at 14:30 at St Nicholas' on Thurs 28 July)

Scrabble and Cake

The next session of 'Scrabble and Cake' takes place on **29 June** at St Barnabas' Café, 14:30-16:30. Come and enjoy Scrabble or other games – inc. dominoes and jigsaws; tea and cake and company. £3.50. In aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund. All welcome.

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