

**7 August
2022**

Transfiguration of our Lord



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
14:30 Baptism	St Nicholas'

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

Every year, the readings for the Sunday before Lent include the Gospel passage about the transfiguration of Jesus. The Armenians keep the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord on the fourteenth Sunday after Easter. So why is 6 August the date kept by most other Christians? Feast days are sometimes given their day to commemorate a special event, such as the dedication of a basilica in Rome. This date was ordered by Pope Callixtus III (31 December 1378–6 August 1458) to celebrate victory over the Turks, following the siege of Belgrade in 1456. I wonder what feast day the Archbishop of Canterbury might wish to introduce to celebrate a significant English football victory...?

His disciples seeing the appearance of Jesus change in a dramatic way 'his clothes became dazzling white' is recorded in Matthew (17.1-8), Mark (9.2-8) and Luke (9.28-36); referred to in 2 Peter (1.16-19) and hinted at in John 1.14. It speaks to us of glory revealed, the Resurrection of Jesus anticipated, the inner light of God shining forth, seeing Jesus as he really is and, for the disciples, hearing confirmation of it: 'This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him!' The Christian pilgrimage to heaven begins at baptism and is energised by such an encounter. In the Eucharist, we pray 'form us into the likeness of Christ'. May our encounter with the living Lord transform, transfigure our lives that we may indeed come to resemble him.

Fr Michael

Collect

Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Reading *Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14*

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames,



and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood

attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Psalm *Psalm 97*

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation



of his throne. Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax

before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory. All worshippers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him. Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements, O God. For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. The Lord loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked. Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

Reading *2 Peter 1.16-19*

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the

For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory...

Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Gospel *Luke 9.28-36*

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his

departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since



they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

12/13 August
10-4pm

FREE ENTRY

ST BARNABAS' CHURCH
POUND HILL RH10 7DY

RAFFLE
PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCHES
REFRESHMENTS

in aid of Parish Funds and
Jigsaw a charity supporting children through bereavement

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Toddlers Group

The Toddlers Group next meets on 6 September.

The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas' restarts after the school Summer holidays

Festivals this week	
Mon 8 Aug	Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers 1221 (LF)
Tues 9 Aug	Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union 1921 (LF)
Wed 10 Aug	Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr 258 (LF)
Thur 11 Aug	Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoresses (Poor Clares) 1253 (LF) John Henry Newman, Priest, Tractarian 1890 (C)
Sat 13 Aug	Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher 1667 (LF) Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer 1910 (C) Octavia Hill, Social Reformer 1912 (C)

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

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 9 Aug	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 11 Aug	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sat 13 Aug	14:00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Sun 14 Aug	8:00 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 11:45 Baptism 14:00 Baptism	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'

Sunday 14 August 2022 The Blessed Virgin Mary

Isaiah 61.10-11
Galatians 4.4-7

Psalm 45.10-17
Luke 1.46-55

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Messy Church

Next meets in September



St Barnabas' Julian Group

will meet for half an hour of silent prayer on **Mon 8 Aug 14:00**. Everyone welcome!

Mothers' Union

Tues 9 Aug 10:30 at St Barnabas'. The usual Eucharist service this week will also be celebration of the life of the Mothers' Union Founder, Mary Sumner, who died on this day in 1921. Mothers' Union Members are encouraged to join us, as are all non-members who wish to attend the service; we welcome everyone. Refreshments will be on offer after the service.

St Nicholas' Julian Group

will meet for half an hour of silent prayer on **Wed 10 Aug 12:30**. Everyone welcome!

Friday Lunches

There will be no traditional Friday lunch on 12 August. The Jigsaw Festival takes place on 12-13 August and on both days we will be serving Ploughman's lunches with a drink (£5) and strawberries and cream (£2). A variety of home-made cakes will also be available. The Café will be open 10:00-16:00 with lunches 12:00-14:00. Everyone is welcome on one or both days!

Jumble Sale in St. Barnabas' Hall, 10:00-11:30, **Sat 3 Sept** in aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment. Please save your jumble for us but do not bring it before 2 Sept as we have nowhere to store it.

Heritage Award for St Nicholas'

St Nicholas' has won the Ecclesiastical Award from the Sussex Heritage Trust 2022. The award acknowledges the quality of the project to effect external high-level repairs needed to stabilise the built fabric of the church building and prevent water damage. Repairs included re-shingling the spire, repointing and repairs to the stonework of the tower, repairs and re-gilding of the weathercock. Thanks and Congratulations to all those people involved in this work including our architect Jonathon Cerowski, our talented builders DBS, our Rector

Michael Boag and Churchwarden Gerald Sandwell.

These repairs were required in our last quinquennial inspection. We have had our most recent quinquennial inspection last month. The PCC will be discussing the findings at our next meeting (watch this space!) Rose Wells

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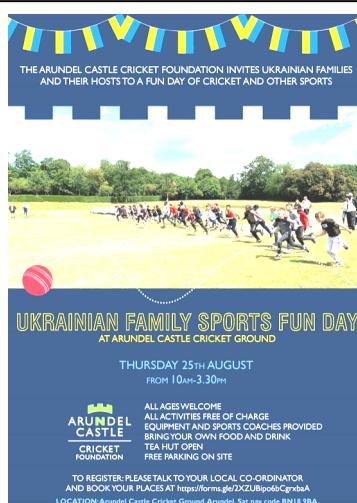
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