



**28 August
2022**

Trinity 11



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 Child Friendly
Eucharist** St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher Fr Francis Pole

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

11:45 Baptism St Nicholas'

16:00 Choral Evensong 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

Today's Gospel reading about wedding guests picking the places of honour reminds me of a wedding reception I attended, where the places hadn't been designated - as is usual at such an occasion. There was a scramble to sit as close to the wedding couple as possible. It was only later that the bridegroom said that, because I had conducted the Marriage, I should have been on the top table. Having been a bit slow off the mark, I had landed up in a seat at the back of the dining room where, along with fellow guests, we enjoyed the meal - and had a lot of fun.

Reading between the lines I believe that what Jesus is saying isn't just about where a person should sit at a wedding reception. Rather it is about the desire of some people to climb socially – in other words to raise their social status. This can be by mixing with the 'right' people, dressing expensively, or driving the 'right' car and so on. Jesus is saying that this is 'not on'!

Jesus is *also* teaching us that we should not be exclusive with whom we mix, or invite for a meal. God's kingdom is for everyone, so we should be open to the needs of everyone. Verse 11 suggests to me that humility and service are linked. Truly humble people recognise their God-given gifts and strengths and are prepared to, *and do* use them in Christ's service, helping those less able: 'the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind.' (v.12)

The challenge for us is, quite simply, to what extent do we follow Jesus in all this? If we do heed His lessons, Jesus tells us we will be blessed and repaid at the resurrection of the righteous. (v.14)

Fr Francis

Collect

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Reading *Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18*

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

Psalm *Psalm 112*

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments. Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures for ever. They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous. It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered for ever. They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.



Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes. They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their

righteousness endures for ever; their horn is exalted in honour. The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

Reading *Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16*

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper;



I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel *Luke 14.1,7-14*

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of

you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who



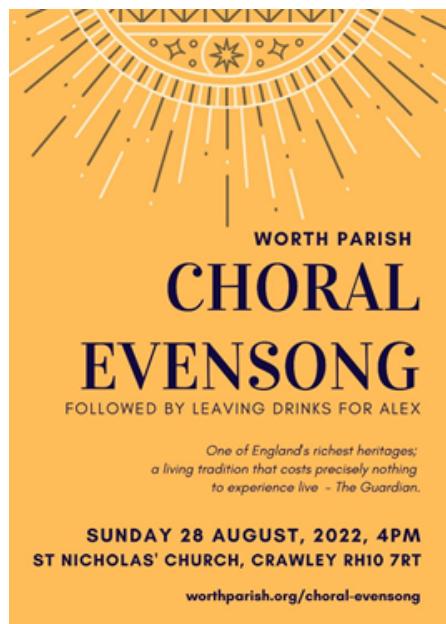
exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or

your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 30 Aug	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 1 Sept	10:30 Said Eucharist 12:00 Burial of Ashes	St Nicholas' St Nicholas'
Sun 4 Sept	8:00 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'

Sunday 4 September 2022 Trinity 12

Deuteronomy 30.15-20 Psalm 1
Philemon 1-21 Luke 14.25-33

Festivals this week

Mon 29 Aug	The Beheading of St John the Baptist (LF)
Tues 30 Aug	John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer 1688 (LF)
Wed 31 Aug	Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary 651 (LF)
Thur 1 Sept	Giles of Provence, Hermit c.710 (C)
Fri 2 Sept	The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea 1901 and 1942 (C)
Sat 3 Sept	Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher 604 (LF)

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

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Toddlers Group

The Toddlers Group next meets on 6 September.

The Hangout

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

Parish Prayer Group

will meet at 19:00 at St Barnabas' on **Wed 31 Aug**. Please join us as we pray for our Parish, its clergy and its outreach. (Next month: 14:30 at St Nicholas' Thur 29 Sept.)

Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **2 Sept** in the Pastoral Centre at 12:30. 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 31 Aug**. All welcome.

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.

Anyone willing to help at the Jumble Sale please sign the list at St Barnabas' or inform the Office. Thank you

Mothers' Union Coffee Morning

Sat 10 Sept from 10:00 at St Barnabas' Café, Coffee Morning with a cake sale, second-hand books some bric-a-brac and a raffle. We look forward to seeing you there, everyone welcome!

Scrabble and Cake

at St Barnabas' Café, 14:30-16:30, **Wed 14 Sept**. Come and enjoy scrabble, dominoes, jigsaws or other games, cake, tea and company. £3.50. All welcome.

Saturday Market

10:00-11:30, in St. Barnabas' Café on 17 Sept, in aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund.

Gift Aid Declarations

We are always so grateful as a parish to receive donations towards our work, outreach and towards the upkeep of our buildings. If you are a registered UK tax payer, we can claim gift aid on donations, which adds value at no cost to you. From the end of September, we will not be able to claim Gift Aid on donations without an updated declaration form. So that we can continue claiming Gift Aid, please click and download the form at worthparish.org/giftaid and

- Hand it to one of the Churchwardens;
- Hand it to David Rice at church (St Nicholas')

This will allow us to ensure that all declarations we have are up to date and accurate. We will need to repeat this every few years as part of due diligence as a parish. Thank you!

Confirmation Service

11 Sept 10:00 St Nicholas' Church.

We are delighted that Bishop Ruth of Horsham is coming to celebrate and preach at a combined St Barnabas'/St Nicholas' Sung Eucharist in St Nicholas' on Sun 11 Sept, at 10:00. (No service at St Barnabas'.) During the service she will confirm Sebastian Pelissier and Ashley Roote. Please pray for them and come and support Seb and Ashley as they prepare for this important step in their Christian lives.

A huge **thank you** to all involved in making the recent Jigsaw Puzzle Festival such a success.

Whether you made up puzzles, donated puzzles, helped out over the festival period, baked cakes or came along and bought puzzles, it simply wouldn't have happened without you all.

Many, many thanks. The sum raised was a little over £1,100, minus expenses. There is talk of another jigsaw festival, watch this space!!

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