



**4 September
2022**

Trinity 12



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 Fr Michael Boag

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

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

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus is saying that to follow him is costly. It is costly in more than financial or monetary terms. The words he uses are harsh and not ones that we would usually associate with 'the sayings of Jesus'. He says, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple." How can Jesus be calling us to hate when our Christian message is one of love? We learn that God is love and we are called to love God and love one another, but we don't feel as comfortable when Jesus uses the word hate, especially in the context of hating our family.

This seems at first glance to be a paradox. How can we love one another as we are tasked to do whilst hating our family and our life? However, the context of the passage is not for us to hate our family, it is for us to love our family but to love Jesus more than we love our family. Even when we remove the dramatic form of words, we are reminded of the first and greatest commandment, when Jesus says, "you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind". Jesus is calling his disciples to put him in front of all else, including family.

How do we do that? It doesn't mean loving our family any less, but it does mean placing God at the very centre of our lives; at the centre of every relationship and emotion; at the centre of all that we think and do; at the centre of every decision we make.

Revd Greta

Collect

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading Deuteronomy 30.15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so

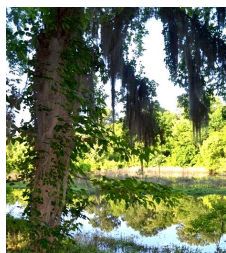
LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD,
OBEY HIS VOICE,
AND HOLD FAST TO HIM,
FOR THE LORD
IS YOUR LIFE. (DEUT. 30:20)

that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and

to Jacob.

Psalm Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.



The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Reading Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,



To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother -

especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Gospel Luke 14.25-33

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my



disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my

disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Post Communion

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 6 Sept	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 8 Sept	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 11 Sept	8:00 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Parish Confirmation Service with Bishop Ruth (No service at St Barnabas') 11:45 Baptism 15:00 Baptism	St Nicholas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'
Sunday 11 September 2022 Trinity 13 Exodus 32.7-14 Psalm 51.1-11 1 Timothy 1.12-17 Luke 15.1-10		

Festivals this week

Tues 6 Sept	Allen Gardiner, Founder of the South American Mission Society 1851 (C)
Thur 8 Sept	The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)
Fri 9 Sept	Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest 1880 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Toddlers Group

The Toddlers Group resumes on
6 September.

The Hangout

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

Knit and Natter

If you enjoy knitting or any other craft, why not come and join our friendly group. We meet every **Thurs** 14:00-16:00 at St Barnabas' Café.

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.

Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **9 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 **7 Sept**. All welcome.

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!

St Barnabas' Julian Group

will meet for half an hour of silent prayer on **Mon 12 Aug** 14:00. Everyone welcome!

St Nicholas' Julian Group

will meet for half an hour of silent prayer on **Wed 14 Aug** 12:30. Please feel free to join us!

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.

St Nicholas' Circle

Meets on **Wed 14 Sept** 19:30 for 20:00 at St Barnabas' Café when Max Perry will speak on 'From the Ukraine to Crawley'. All welcome.

Messy Church

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



Sat 17 Sept 15:30-17:00 and **Wed 21 Sept 15:15-16:45** (in the Church) at St Barnabas'.

Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and enjoy!

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; or 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!

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