

**9 October
2022**

Trinity 17



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 Revd Greta
Preacher Fr Michael Boag

12:00 Baptism St Nicholas'

14:00 Baptism St Nicholas'

From **30 Oct** the BCP Service at 8:00 will begin at 8:15 (GMT), for a trial period.

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 the time of Christ, leprosy was a terrible disease because it could so easily be passed on by touch. We all had some intimation of what this must have felt like during the Covid pandemic when we were asked to forfeit so many of our liberties and practise social isolation. Lepers were cast out from society and hence the pleading of the group of ten lepers that Jesus should have mercy on them and heal them. Jesus did so and sent them to the priests so that their healed status could be validated. Only one of them - a 'foreigner' – a Samaritan in fact, saw fit to thank Jesus by prostrating himself at his feet.

Jesus generously exerts compassion, regardless of background, but is mindful of our ongoing relationship with him. It is this relationship that is central to our faith. Bad things have happened and will happen to us. What is of supreme importance is that we do keep faith with Jesus and acknowledge his saving presence, even if our circumstances lead us to suppose that we really have been abandoned. Such abandonment takes many forms and these include a sense of emotional isolation or alienation from the world, and from those who love us, that characterises so much of mental illness. Abandonment also is seen in those whose differences make us suspicious or reluctant to reach out to them. Our society, indeed our churches, are not immune from this and we must constantly be on our guard to ensure that we do welcome and acknowledge the stranger, those who are very different to us, in our midst.

Gordon

Collect

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading 2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.'

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' So he went down and immersed himself seven times in

the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.



Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.'

Psalm Psalm 111

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honour and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures for ever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established for ever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for ever. Holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is



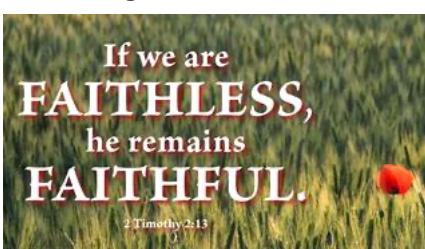
the beginning of wisdom; all those who practise it have a good understanding. His praise endures for ever.

Reading 2 Timothy 2.8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David - that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that

is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will

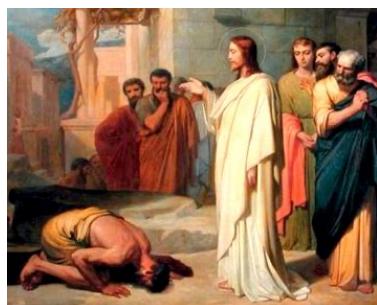
also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful - for he cannot deny himself.



Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Gospel Luke 17.11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'



Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 11 Oct	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 13 Oct	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sat 15 Oct	15:30 Messy Church	St Barnabas'
Sun 16 Oct	8:00 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 13:00 Wedding 16:00 Deanery Healing Service	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas' St Barnabas'
Sunday 16 October 2022 Trinity 18		
Genesis 32.22-31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5 Luke 18.1-8		

Festivals this week

Mon 10 Oct	Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary 644 (LF) Thomas Traherne, Poet, Spiritual Writer 1674 (C)
Tues 11 Oct	Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking 675 (C) James the Deacon, Companion of Paulinus 7C (C)
Wed 12 Oct	Wilfred of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary 709 (LF) Elizabeth Fry, Prison Reformer 1845 (C) Edith Cavell, Nurse 1915 (C)
Thur 13 Oct	Edward the Confessor, King of England 1066 (LF)
Sat 15 Oct	Teresa of Ávila, Teacher 1582 (LF)

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

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

St Barnabas' Julian Group

Meets on **Mon 10 Oct** at **14:00** in St Barnabas'. All welcome.

Toddlers Group meets on **Tues 13:00-15:00** and **Thurs 9:00-11:00** during term time in St Barnabas' Hall.

St Nicholas' Julian Group

will meet for half an hour of silent prayer **Wed 12 Oct** at **12:30**. Please feel free to join us - everyone welcome!

Scrabble and Cake

St Barnabas' Cafe, **Wed 12 Oct**, 14:30-16:30. Come and play scrabble (or other games), enjoy refreshments and meet others. £3.50. All welcome. In aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment.

Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **14 Oct** 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 12 Oct**. All welcome.

The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas' on **Fri 14 October 19:00-20:30**

Ages 12-16. Entry free. Weekly during term

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

Sat 15 Oct 15:30-17:00 and **Wed 19 Oct 15:15-16:45** (in the Church) at St Barnabas'. Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and enjoy!



Parish Quiz Night

by Zoom on **Sat 15 Oct at 20:00**
£5 per head. See www.worthparish.org/quiz

Can anyone donate a laptop or desktop computer (Windows 10 or higher) to the Parish Office, please? Contact the Office.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

16 Oct will be CAP Sunday and there will be an invited speaker at St Barnabas' at 10:00.

Your **PCC** meets next on **Wed 19 Oct** at 19:00 at St Barnabas'. Please support our Parish life by raising any ideas or concerns you have with your Churchwardens or PCC members ahead of this date.

A Parish Remembrance List is at the back of both churches from today until 23 Oct for you to indicate if you would like a loved one remembered on the anniversary of their death during 2023. Please **tick** in the column provided for the actual month; thank you.

St Nicholas' Circle

The Circle takes a break in Nov and Jan. Please contact the office before **30 Oct** if you would like to attend the Christmas Wine and Cheese which is pencilled in for Wed 7 Dec.

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