



**27 November  
2022**

**Advent 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)

**08:15** Said Eucharist (BCP) St Nicholas'  
Celebrant & Preacher Revd Gordon Parry

**10:00** Child Friendly  
Eucharist St Barnabas'  
Celebrant & Preacher Revd Sarah Upchurch

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

**16:00** Candlelit Advent St Nicholas'

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Preparation is key

"A healthy church is a key player in  
preparing hearts to receive the gift of the  
kingdom of God", this is a quote from  
Kenneth Bailey, my favourite theologian.

Advent is a time when we can take a good  
look at our own hearts and the heart of the  
church and make sure they are in good  
working, compassionate order. We need to  
be in good shape to be able to create the  
opportunities, the environment in which to  
welcome people during the festive season  
and to show newcomers a little of the love,  
hope and trust that we have in Jesus.

How wonderful when everyone we connect  
with in the lead up to Christmas, catches a  
glimpse of the truth of the Christ child and  
hears afresh the testimony of the shepherds  
and angels which fills them with joy?

If we don't take time to 'watch' ourselves,  
then how are we going to best serve one  
another and our community? I feel  
confident to say that this Advent can be a  
time of introspection, personally and  
collectively, to examine our faith and  
practice, to assess, reset and build up  
strength in order to live and love in  
accordance with holy initiatives.

Jesus says keep awake, so let's not get  
complacent, there is always something new  
to learn about the mystery of God. Be  
ready, he said, let's get ready for the  
unexpected, unexpected challenges and joys.

I pray that there will be a gentle time  
alongside this inevitably busy parish lead up  
to Christmas, a stillness and a quietness,  
which allows us time to be watchful for the  
signs of the kingdom of heaven and equip us  
to be the best ambassadors we can be!

Peace be with you,

*Revd Sarah*

## Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

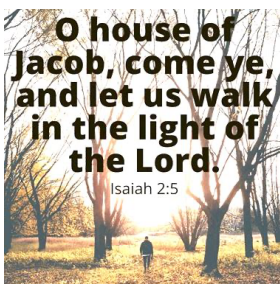
**Amen**

## Reading Isaiah 2.1-5

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears

into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!



## Psalm Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!' Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem - built as a city that is bound firmly together. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. For there the thrones for judgement were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.' For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, 'Peace be within you.' For the sake of the



house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

## Reading Romans 13.11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is

near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live

**Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness**

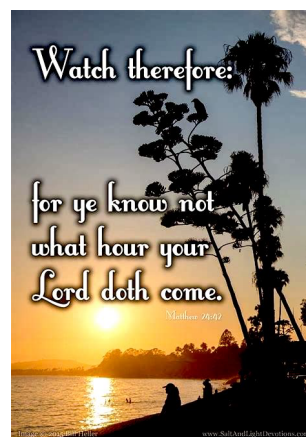
*and put on the armor of light.*

honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## Gospel Matthew 24.36-44

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will

be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part



of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also

must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

### Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

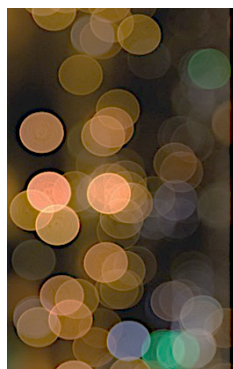
Tues 29 Nov	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas
Thur 1 Dec	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 4 Dec	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'

### Sunday 4 December 2022 Advent 2

Isaiah 11.1-10    Psalm 72.1-7  
Romans 15.4-13    Matthew 3.1-12

### Festivals this week

Wed 30 Nov	<b>Andrew the Apostle (F)</b>
Thur 1 Dec	Charles de Foucauld, Hermit in the Sahara 1916 (C)
Sat 3 Dec	Francis Xavier, Missionary, Apostle of the Indies 1552 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	



Sunday 27 November  
4pm

## CANDLELIT ADVENT

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH  
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## DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

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

### Pilgrim's Nurture Course

on **Wed** nights at 19:00 in the Café at St Barnabas'; for those who are exploring or want to refresh their faith.

### Parish Prayer Group

will meet at 14:30 at St Nicholas' on **Thur 1 Dec**. Please join us as we pray for our Parish, its clergy and its outreach.

### Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **2 Dec** 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 30 Nov**. All welcome. Lunches will be served on 9 and 16 Dec but we will be closed on 23 and 30 Dec.

### Christmas Fair

The Parish Christmas Fair on **Fri 2 Dec 15:00-17:00 at St Barnabas'** will repeat its successful 'after school' time and format piloted last year. Please put the date in your diary and come to see Santa. We would welcome Cakes, Raffle Prizes (items suitable for a hamper such as chocolates, wine, box of crackers, Christmas cake/pudding, etc.) and Pre-loved jewellery / accessories, ornaments and collectables for a budget 'stocking fillers' stall. Please ask your churchwardens for details.

### The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas' on **Fri 2 December 19:00-20:30**  
Ages 12-16. Entry free. Weekly during term

### Parish 2023 Calendar

A Calendar with photos of the Parish. Lots of space for writing engagements; public holidays and major Christian festivals shown. **£10 – all of which goes to charity.** Widely available, and at the Christmas Fair, or contact Liz Gallagher. Every home should have one; perfect present!

## Love Christmas

'Love Christmas' is an outreach from churches in Crawley to people who are anxious or isolated. We give them a 'bag of kindness' which is filled with treats and gifts to show that we care for our neighbours.

'Love Christmas' would, first, like donations to fund this outreach. There will be a collection point at St Barnabas'.

We would also like your nominations for the recipients of the bags in our Parish. Please give these to Revd Sarah, in confidence, by **6 Dec**. Thank you for your help!

## St Nicholas' Circle

**Wed 7 Dec** 19:30 for 20:00 in the Café at St Barnabas' for Christmas Wine and Cheese.

## Olly's Christmas Show

Will be at St Barnabas' on **Fri 9 Dec** – time to be announced.

The next **Saturday Market** takes place on **10 Dec** in St Barnabas' Café 10:00-11:30.

Please join us for the story, crafts, songs and prayers, followed by a light tea.

In December Messy

Church will combine the Wed and Sat meetings on

**Sat 10 Dec 15:30-17:00** (in the Church) at St Barnabas' for a **Christingle** with oranges and sweets. Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and enjoy!

## Carols for All

At St Barnabas' on **Sun 11 Dec** at 16:00

## Recycling

We continue to recycle **milk bottle tops**. Containers are now available in the Narthex and on Sue's doorstep. Please deliver **by the end of November**.

We also collect used postage **stamps** (for the Hospice) and used **printer cartridges** (for McIndoe); please deliver to the Narthex.

Thank you!

**Scrabble and Cake** on 23 Nov raised £28 for St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund. The next session takes place on **7 Dec**, 14:30-16:30 in St Barnabas' Café, £3.50, in aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment. All welcome.



## Cleaners Needed

We are desperately short of cleaners at St Nicholas' - **SO PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?**

On a regular basis it is not an onerous task and would require a commitment of approximately 8/9 times spread over the year. But if you cannot manage that then any help you can provide would be very gratefully received. Tools, cleaning materials etc are supplied. Cleaning can be done any time/any day to suit you although nearer the weekend is preferable.

If you are able to join the Cleaning Team, please contact me 01293 883631. I look forward to hearing from you. Jill Freeborn

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