



**1 January  
2023**

## **Naming and Circumcision of Jesus**



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** Sung Eucharist      St Barnabas'  
Celebrant & Preacher      Revd Sarah Upchurch

**10:00** Said Eucharist      St Nicholas'  
Celebrant & Preacher      Revd Greta

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Worth Parish. Scan this code with a  
smartphone to take you straight to a giving  
page.



If we start with Christmas Day, and count  
8 days, we come to today, 1 January. It  
was the eighth day after his birth that Jesus  
was circumcised and received his name.  
It's today that the Church celebrates the  
Holy Name of Jesus,

The name of Jesus points us to who He is  
and who He is for us: the Saviour. Jesus is  
the one who delivers us; rescues us; leads  
us into a new and different way of life.

Sadly, the name of Jesus is, all too often,  
nowadays, used as a swear word. I hate  
this. The truth is that, for the Christian  
and whatever your circumstances, the  
Holy Name of Jesus can be your prayer.  
You will find in his name enough love,  
enough courage and joy to last you a  
lifetime, whatever may come your way!

In this New Year some of us may  
experience wonderful joys, new  
opportunities, unique blessings. We can  
express our gratitude, using the name of  
Jesus. Some of us may face great challenges  
of one kind or another, personal, financial,  
whatever, during these troubled times.  
We can meet them confidently, praying to  
God, and using the name of Jesus. Perhaps  
some of us will die during the coming year.  
We can leave this life at peace with God,  
with the name of Jesus on our lips. (I  
remember the death of a former  
parishioner in hospital doing just that!)

May 2023 be for each of us a year when  
we work for, and discover that, this world  
can become a very different place through  
the power of the Holy Name of Jesus.

Wishing you every blessing for this New  
Year!

*Francis*

## Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was circumcised in obedience to the law for our sake and given the Name that is above every name: give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit, and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## Reading Numbers 6.22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make



his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to

you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

## Psalm Psalm 8

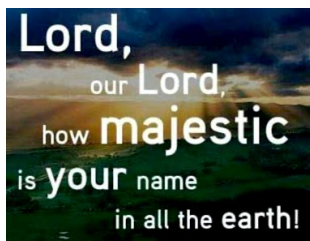
O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the

heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.



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## Reading Galatians 4.4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you



are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

## Gospel Luke 2.15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.



## Post Communion

Eternal God, whose incarnate Son was given the Name of Saviour: grant that we who have shared in this sacrament of our salvation may live out our years in the power of the Name above all other names, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 3 Jan	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 5 Jan	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Fri 6 Jan	11:30 Funeral: Julia Raine <b>tbc</b>	St Nicholas'
Sun 8 Jan	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 11:45 Baptism <b>tbc</b>	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'

**Sunday 8 January 2023**

**The Epiphany**

Isaiah 60.1-6 Psalm 147.13-20  
1 John 5.5-13 Mark 1.7-11

## Festivals this week

Mon 2 Jan	Basil the Great and Gregory of Nizianzus, Bishops, Teachers 379 and 389 (LF)  Seraphim, Monk of Sarov, Spiritual Guide 1833 (C)  Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, Bishop in South India, Evangelist 1945 (C)
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(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration

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## DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

### Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **6 Jan** 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 **4 Jan**. All welcome.

### Pilgrim's Nurture Course

Usually on Wed nights at 19:00 in the Café at St Barnabas'; for those who are exploring or want to refresh their faith. Next meeting **Thur 12 Jan note date**.

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

Returns in the New Year on **10 Jan**.

### The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas' on

**Fri 6 January 19:00-20:30**

Ages 12-16. Entry free. Weekly during term

### St Barnabas' Julian Group

Meets on **Mon 9 Jan** at **14:00** in St Barnabas'.  
All welcome.

### St Nicholas' Julian Group

will meet for half an hour of silent prayer **Wed 11 Jan** at **12:30**. Please feel free to join us - everyone welcome!  
(note this meeting to be confirmed)

### Parish Quiz by Zoom

The next Parish Quiz will be on **Sat 14 Jan** at **20:00**. Watch out for details.

### New Boiler for St Nicholas' January 2023

We have received the required faculty permissions from the Diocese, the Approval of the PCC for our Contractor and his estimate and a start date for work in the first week of January. Years to plan – hopefully only days to do. We will advise regarding availability of heating for services as work progresses.

### 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, or contact Liz Gallagher.  
Every home should have one!

