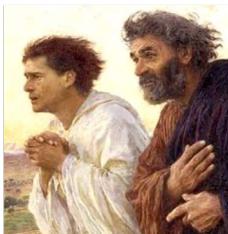




15 January  
2023

## Epiphany 2



# 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 Combined Sung Eucharist

**St Barnabas'**

|           |                 |
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| Celebrant | Revd Greta      |
| Preacher  | Fr Michael Boag |

*This is due to the ongoing work on the heating system at St Nicholas'.*

Please try our new QR code to donate to Worth Parish. Scan this code with a smartphone to take you straight to a giving page.



'And he brought him to Jesus'. Simple words, but they mean a great deal. Simon Peter the disciple Jesus called his 'rock' was taken to Jesus by Andrew. Andrew didn't say to Jesus, 'He is over there somewhere, go and find him on your own'. Andrew is known as the first disciple as he physically brought Simon Peter to Jesus. When we are seeking Jesus it is okay to acknowledge that we might need help to find Him. Like Andrew, those who have already found Jesus can lead other people to Him.

Perhaps you can remember someone who helped you in the past and how they did it. It could have been something as simple as saying “I will pray for you”. Or they may have invited you to a church service, or just been willing to talk to you about their faith and what having Jesus in their lives means to them.

How can we be disciples and help people to find the treasure that is Jesus? Do we just give them a map with an X marking the spot and let them get on with it? Or do we take a more personal, hands-on approach? As well as sharing our faith, perhaps we could invite them to a church service. And instead of giving them the postcode so that they can find it on Google maps, we could bring them with us and introduce them to our Lord.

Amen

Revd Greta

## Collect

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Reading *Isaiah 49.1-7*

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered

to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and

I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my strength!

my God has become my strength - he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

## Psalm *Psalm 40.1-12*

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song

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of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods. You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required. Then I said, 'Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.'

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord. I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever. For evils have encompassed me without number; my iniquities have overtaken me, until I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.

## Reading *1 Corinthians 1.1-9*

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are

not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord

**"God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord."**

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### **Gospel John 1.29-42**

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus,

who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

### **Post Communion**

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Come and see the story, crafts, songs and prayers, followed by a light tea.

In January the second Messy Church will meet on

**Wed 18 Jan 15:00-16:30** (in the Church) at St Barnabas'. Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and enjoy!



### **SERVICES THIS WEEK**

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| Tues<br>17 Jan | 10:30 Said Eucharist  | St Barnabas'   |
| Wed<br>18 Jan  | 15:15 Messy Church  | St Barnabas'   |
| Thur<br>19 Jan | 10:30 Healing Eucharist   | <b>St<br/>Nicholas'</b>                                      |
| Sun<br>22 Jan  | 8:15 Eucharist (BCP)<br>10:00 Child Friendly Eucharist<br>10:00 Sung Eucharist<br>11:45 Baptism | St Nicholas'<br>St Barnabas'<br>St Nicholas'<br>St Nicholas' |

### **Sunday 22 January 2023 Epiphany 3**

Isaiah 9.1-4      Psalm 27.1,4-12  
I Corinthians 1.10-18      Matthew 4.12-23

**Copy deadline for the next Parish Magazine is Sun 22 Jan.**

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



| <b>Festivals this week</b> |   |
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| Tues 17 Jan                | Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot 356 (LF)                                       |
|                            | Charles Gore, Bishop, Founder of the Community of the Resurrection 1932 (C)   |
| Wed 18 Jan                 | Amy Carmichael, Founder of the Dohnavur Fellowship, Spiritual Writer 1951 (C) |
| Thur 19 Jan                | Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester 1095 (LF)                                       |
| Fri 20 Jan                 | Richard Rolle of Hampole, Spiritual Writer 1349 (C)                           |
| Sat 21 Jan                 | Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome 304 (LF)  |

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

## DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

### 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 **Wed 25 Jan.**

### PCC Meeting

Your PCC has its first meeting of the New Year on **18 Jan 2023** 19:00 at St Barnabas'.

Please support our Parish life by raising any ideas or concerns you may have with your Churchwardens or PCC members ahead of this date.

### Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **20 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 18 Jan.** All welcome.

The Friday Lunch on **27 Jan** will be a little different.

Sue and Max Perry are hosting a family from the Ukraine and have been enjoying meals cooked by Halyna and Olena since July. The meal will be cooked by Halyna (Granny). Now is your opportunity to try Ukrainian Pork Patties and Mash followed by Ukrainian Apple Pie and Chocolate Brownies. We don't want to run out, so please book by letting Phyl know or calling the Office on 0300 111 8150 by **Wed 25 Jan.**

### The Hangout

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

### 'Scrabble and Cake'

**Wed 25 Jan**, 14:30-16:30, in St Barnabas' Café. Come and play Scrabble (other games available), enjoy tea and cake and company. All welcome. £3.50. In aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment.

### Saturday Market

**28 Jan**, 10:00-11:30 in St Barnabas Café. Books, bric-a-brac, clothing, toys and games etc. All welcome. In aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment.

### Recycling

Our recent collection of used printer cartridges raised £10.50 for the Blond McIndoe charity.

We recycle **milk bottle tops**. Containers are now available in the Narthex and on Sue's doorstep. Please deliver **by the end of January**. We also collect used postage **stamps** (for the Hospice) and used **printer cartridges** (for McIndoe); please deliver to the Narthex.

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