



**19 February
2023**

**Sunday next
before Lent**



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 Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'
and Baptism
Celebrant Revd Greta
Preacher Revd Sarah Van den Driessche

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page.



Today's reading is about the Transfiguration, when Jesus, accompanied by his closest companions, goes to the mountaintop and is transformed. Before their eyes, he changes from an unassuming man in his normal clothes to a being emanating intense white light. Not only that, but God says 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' From this point on, the Disciples can no longer regard Jesus in the same way. His divinity has been revealed. This revelation, which comes just after He told them that He would be put to death in Jerusalem, is to help them through the difficulties ahead.

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday; a time when we enter into Lent and begin to prepare ourselves for Easter. We are fortunate in that we already know the ending. We know that even though Jesus is put to death, he will rise again. The disciples were in a different position. They didn't have a full understanding of what was about to happen.

The Transfiguration gave them reassurance. It gave them a glimpse of something divine with Jesus. We too need reassurance in our lives. Our reassurance comes from knowing Jesus in all His glory. It's the reassurance that we are known and loved by God. It's the reassurance that throughout all the difficulties, trials and tribulations of life, Jesus is with us. Always.

Revd Greta

Collect

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reading *Exodus 24.12-18*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of



the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the

cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Psalms *Psalms 2*

Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and his anointed, saying, 'Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us.'

He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord has them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, 'I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.'

I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, 'You are my son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the

earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, with trembling kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way; for his wrath is quickly kindled.



Reading *2 Peter 1.16-21*

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand



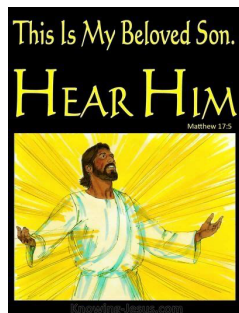
this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came

by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Gospel *Matthew 17.1-9*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a

bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the



Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when

they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 21 Feb	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Wed 22 Feb	13:00 Ash Wednesday Service 20:00 Ash Wednesday Service	St Barnabas' St Nicholas'
Thur 23 Feb	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 26 Feb	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Child Friendly Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'
Sunday 26 February 2023 Lent I Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5.12-19 Matthew 4.1-11		

Festivals this week

Wed 22 Feb	Ash Wednesday (F)
Thur 23 Feb	Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr c.155 (LF)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Parish World Bank

Donations TODAY will go to Turkey/Syria for disaster relief. Cash, cheque or card accepted.

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

Parish Prayer Group

will meet at **14:30 at St Nicholas' on Wed 22 Feb**. Previously published dates are incorrect as, from now on, we will always meet on the last Wednesday of the month. So please join us on Ash Wednesday afternoon at St Nicholas' as we pray for our Parish, its clergy and its outreach.

Scrabble and Cake

Wed 22 Feb, 14:30 – 16:30, in St Barnabas' Café. Come and enjoy a game of Scrabble, tea and cake and companionship. £3.50 per person. All welcome.

Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **24 Feb** 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 22 Feb**. All welcome.

The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas' on **Fri 24 February 19:00-20:30**
Ages 12-16. Entry free. Weekly during term time.

Mothers' Union

MU will be hosting the annual Shroving Service on **Tues 21 Feb** within the **10:30** service at **St Barnabas'**; followed by pancake refreshments in the Café. All welcome to join us, as always.

The MU Branch **AGM** will be held at St Barnabas' on **Thur 23 Feb** with refreshments; preceded by a Eucharist service, **16:00** at St Barnabas' church. Everyone welcome to hear our news and plans this year.

Lent Course

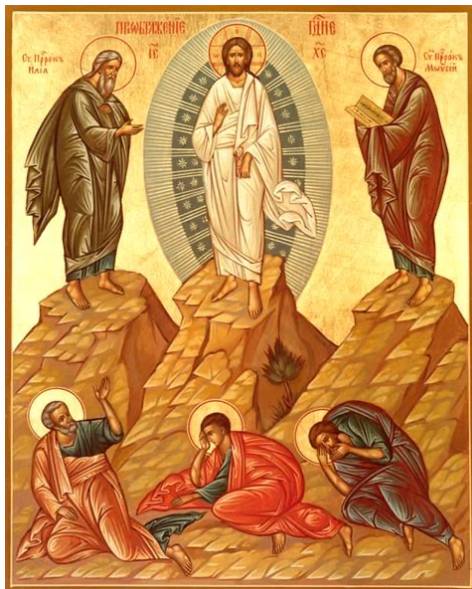
based on the Diocese course "Who then is this?" Run by the Revd Sarah and others. All will be very welcome. More information can be found on the Diocese of Chichester website. Dates as below; time 19:00 in the Café (except 9 Mar: same time just upstairs).
Weds 1 Mar, **Thur 9 Mar**, 15, 22 and 29 Mar.

The next **Saturday Market**, in aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment, takes place in St Barnabas' Café on **Sat 4 Mar** 10:00-11:30.

Worth Church Clothing

An order is being prepared for clothing branded with 'Worth Church': fleeces, hoodies, t-shirts and more in a range of sizes and colours for both adults and children.

If you are interested, see the display in the South Porticus, contact Liz Gallagher egallagher76@hotmail.com or the Parish Office by the **end of March**.



Fr Francis' recollections of his life, *On God's Train* is now available from Amazon: £10.99, also available on Kindle.

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