



**2 July
2023**

Trinity 4



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'
Celebrant & Preacher Fr Michael Boag

11:45 Baptism St Nicholas'

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At the end of chapter 10 of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus says 'Whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones... truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.' He says something similar in Mark, chapter 9, verse 41: 'I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.' Giving a cup of water is enough to receive a reward. God sets the bar very low when it comes to what we have to do to qualify for his love and attention and sets it very high when it comes to his own standards. Constantly striving for and seeking relationship with us, he never gives up.

Too often we judge ourselves and other people (especially those who are different from us), by impossibly high standards and make the fundamental error of assuming that judgement is ours to make. In both Gospel stories the stakes are high. In Mark and Matthew, Jesus is pretty clear about the consequences of not following a way of love and is demanding in his expectations. Either consciously or unconsciously, we set all sorts of terms and conditions before we allow others in, or ourselves out, and we would do well simply to listen to Jesus and follow his lead, especially when we remember just how uncomplicated it really is to be his disciple.

'Would you like a cup of cold water?'

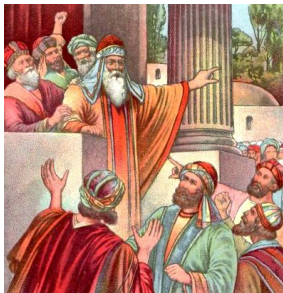
Fr Michael

Collect

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Reading *Jeremiah 28.5-9*

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the



priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfil the words that you have

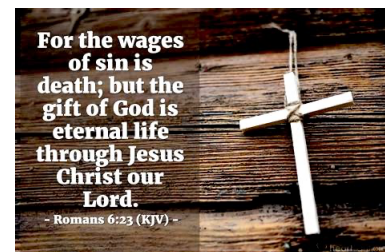
prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.'

Reading *Romans 6.12-23*

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

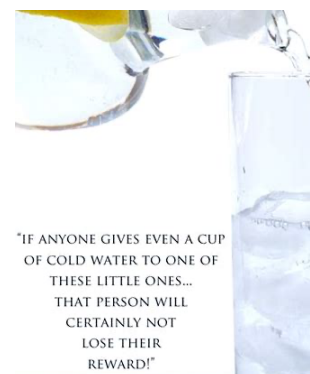
What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be

to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Gospel *Matthew 10.40-42*

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'



Post Communion

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may

acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 4 July	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 6 July	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 9 July	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 11:45 Baptism 18:30 Prayer & Praise	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas' St Barnabas'

Sunday 9 July 2023 Trinity 5

Zechariah 9.9-12 Romans 7.15-25a
Matthew 11.16-19,25-30

Festivals this week

Mon 3 July	Thomas the Apostle (F)
Thur 6 July	Thomas More, Scholar and John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, Reformation Martyrs 1535 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

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.

Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **7 July** in The Café at 12:30. Two courses and a drink £7.00. To help with catering please book your place at the Café (café open Wed and Sat) or via the Parish Office, by **Wed 5 July**. All welcome.

The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas' on
Fri 7 July 19:00-20:30
Ages 12-16. Entry free. Weekly during term time.

Sunday Evening Service of Prayer and Praise Sunday: date and time tbc

at St Barnabas', Pound Hill (in the Church).

Christians of all denominations are welcome to an informal ecumenical service of Prayer and Praise which will be the first of a regular Sunday evening service to be held at St Barnabas' (tbc).

The Worship Group will be creating a peaceful worshipful atmosphere with music and song and plenty of time for all to reflect together prayerfully.

If you would like to join in the music group by playing an instrument or singing (or even both!): for more information please email John Palmer on music.stb@worthparish.org

St Barnabas' Julian Group

meets on **Mon 10 July at 14:00** in St Barnabas'.

St Nicholas' Julian Group

The St Nicholas' Julian Group will meet for half an hour of silent prayer on **Wed 12 July at 12:30**. Please feel free to join us - everyone welcome!

Come and see, Crafts, Bible story, a song and a prayer, followed by pizza and lollies.

In July Messy Church will be on **Wed 12 July 15:00-16:30** and **Sat 15 July 15:30-17:00** (in the Church) at St Barnabas'. Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and have fun!



Youth Courses

Youth Alpha on Fridays **18:00** at St Barnabas' Café. Contact Revd Sarah with any questions.

Mothers' Union

Wed 26 July 15:00 at Blackwater Lodge (or St Barnabas' Café, if wet.) Mothers' Union are hosting an Afternoon Tea with Raffle (£1) and second-hand book sale, in aid of our Summer of Hope Appeal. Tickets are currently available from either Joan Tick or Mary Fry, **cost £10 per person**. Families everywhere need our support and prayers during this Summer of Hope.

The Saturday Market on 24 June raised £179.80 for St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund. Thanks to all our supporters.

100 Club Winners

	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>
£100	Val Rudd	Ann Phillipson	Jim Bull
£50	Gill Osborne	Pam Marson	Brenda Booker
£25	Ann Phillipson	Rosemary Cordan	Chris Butcher
£25	Rosemary Cordan	Mary Harrison	Ann Lane

For some winners we don't have contact details to make direct payment so if you've **not received your winnings** please contact the Office.

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JESUS' WORDS,
WE WELCOME
JESUS...



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YES! AND WHEN WE
SPEAK JESUS'
WORDS, WE BRING
JESUS HIMSELF!



THAT SOUNDS LIKE
A LOT OF
RESPONSIBILITY!



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JESUS!



MATTHEW 10:40-42

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