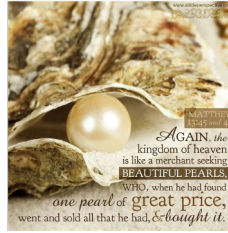




**30 July
2023**

Trinity 8



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 Greta

10:00 Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher Revd Gordon Parry

11:45 Baptism St Nicholas'

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Dear friends,

Two weeks ago, when I celebrated the Eucharist at St Nicholas', I spoke about one of the 'hidden' letters of St Paul to his friend Titus. I say 'hidden' because no-one else in the church had read it, despite the letter being included in the New Testament - sandwiched as it is, between personal letters to Timothy and Philemon.

You know, in our Sunday readings we tend to get passages from St Paul's letters to the Ephesians, Corinthians, Colossians, etc. – but rarely do we get his more personal letters. It is in these that we get a real feeling for the man behind what he writes.

Again, how familiar are you with the letters of Peter and James?

The point that I want to make here is that the writers of all the books in the Bible were all human beings, like you and me – and in some books in the Old Testament - but especially in the smaller, more personal letters in the New Testament - their humanity tends to come through more strongly.

If you are able to read the Scriptures with a commentary – I use the Life Application Bible which incorporates the New International Version – you will be very much enriched not only by these books, but by all the 66 books of the Bible - which were of course written under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit.

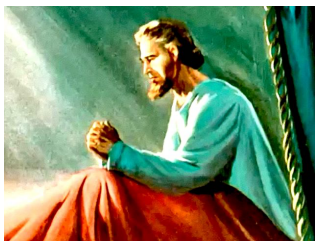
Blessings,

Fr Francis

Collect

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading *1 Kings 3.5-12*



At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon

said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

Reading *Romans 8.26-39*

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who

searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Gospel *Matthew 13.24-30,36-43*

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and

becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’ He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.



‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that

he has and buys that field.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’ They answered, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 1 Aug	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas’
Thur 3 Aug	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas’
Sun 6 Aug	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 12:00 Baptism	St Nicholas’ St Barnabas’ St Nicholas’ St Nicholas’

Sunday 6 August 2023 The Transfiguration of our Lord

Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14 2 Peter 1.16-19
Luke 9.28-36

Festivals this week

Mon 31 July	Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus 1556 (C)
Fri 4 Aug	John-Baptiste Vianney, Curé d’Ars, Spiritual Guide 1859 (C)
Sat 5 Aug	Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr 642 (LF)

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

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Toddlers Group

now taking the Summer break

The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas’
now taking the Summer break

Sunday School at St Barnabas’ is on holiday for the Summer, we return on 3 September.

Worth Festival Choir Vivaldi Gloria in September

Rehearsals for the Festival Choir's performance of the Vivaldi Gloria continue **this Sunday, at 16:00** in St. Nicholas’.

Stuart Sharpe

We regret to announce that Stuart died on Sat 22 July. Arrangements to follow.
Rest in Peace; Rise in Glory

Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **4 Aug** 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 2 Aug**. The lunches are not exclusively for the elderly, why not bring a friend and give us a try. All welcome.

St Nicholas' Julian Group

The St Nicholas' Julian Group will meet for half an hour of silent prayer on **Wed 9 Aug** at **12:30**. Please feel free to join us - everyone welcome!

The **Saturday Market** on 22 July raised £89.10 for St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund.

100 Club – July

£100 Trevor Stokes; £50 Pam Marson
£25 Alastair Wells; £25 Brenda Booker

Youth Courses

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

Crawley Open House: Harvest Appeal

Around 75% of everything we give to others was once given to us – we simply couldn't do what we do without the kindness and generosity of the community around us. The most useful items are tins or packets of the following: sugar, UHT milk, meat and fish, vegetables, fruit, beans, bottles of squash, soup, cereals, rice, cooking sauces, desserts, tea/coffee and biscuits but, of course, all donations are welcome

Recycling

We recycle **milk bottle tops**.

Containers are now available in the Narthex at St Barnabas' and on Sue's door-step. Please deliver **by the end of July**.

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

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