



**27 August
2023**

Trinity 12



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 Child Friendly
Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher St Barnabas'
Revd Greta

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

11:45 Baptism St Nicholas'

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One of the exceptionally lovely places in the Holy Land is Caesarea Phillipi, set just below Mount Hermon, the highest mountain in the area. It is located several miles north of the Sea of Galilee, in the territory then ruled by Philip, who rebuilt and renamed the city after the emperor Caesar and himself. The influence of Greek and Roman culture, and pagan temples and idols was everywhere; it was here that Jesus challenged the apostles with the simple question: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

The disciples came up with four answers: John the Baptist, who had been killed by Herod Antipas – although some people thought he was alive again; Elijah, whom some Jews thought would return to earth to welcome the Messiah; Jeremiah, a 'senior' Old Testament Prophet - or just one of the other prophets.

Peter, often the spokesman for the disciples, but here speaking for himself, answered: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Despite spending so much time with Jesus, listening to his teaching, and witnessing his miracles, Jesus says it is God who led Peter to understand who he is, and goes on to appoint him to lead his Church. Like the first rock in God's building, it is Peter who spoke out on the day of Pentecost. He preached, and over 3000 converts were made on that day. (Would that this would happen today in our own country!)

So, the question and the challenge for us is quite simply: Who do we say that Jesus is? Will our answers be wishy-washy, or will they be spontaneous like Peter's, declaring Christ to be the Son of God?

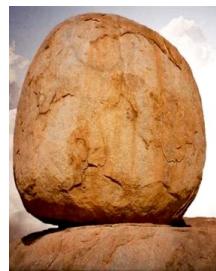
Fr Francis

Collect

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading *Isaiah 51.1-6*

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock

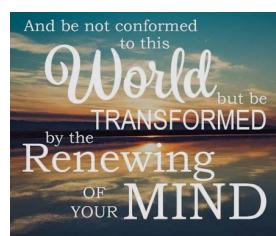


from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Reading *Romans 12.1-8*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is



the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Gospel *Matthew 16.13-20*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one

of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah,

the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Post Communion

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 29 Aug	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 31 Aug	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sat 2 Sept	14:00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Sun 3 Sept	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 11:45 Baptism	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'

Sunday 3 September 2023 Trinity 13

Jeremiah 15.15-21 Romans 12.9-21
Matthew 16.21-28

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Worth Festival Choir Vivaldi Gloria in September

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

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will meet at **19:00 at St Barnabas' on Wed 30 Aug**. Please join us at St Barnabas' as we pray for our Parish, its clergy and its outreach.

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Friday lunch on **I Sept** 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 30 Aug**. Profits for Parish funds. The lunches are not exclusively for the elderly, why not bring a friend and give us a try. All welcome.

Festivals this week

Mon 28 Aug	Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher 430 (LF)
Tues 29 Aug	The Beheading of John the Baptist (LF)
Wed 30 Aug	John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer 1688 (LF)
Thur 31 Aug	Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary 651 (LF)
Fri 1 Sept	Giles of Provence, Hermit c.710 (C)
Sat 2 Sept	The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea 1901 and 1942 (C)

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

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

Toddlers Group
now taking the Summer break;
restarts 5 September

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Blessing of the Backpacks

The Service at St Barnabas' on **Sun 3 Sept** will include a Blessing of the Backpacks for children, teachers and all those who work in school, as the new term begins. Please bring your school bag, or anything else you would like blessed.

The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas' now taking the Summer break; resumes Fri 8 September.

Youth Courses

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

Jumble Sale

There will be a Jumble Sale in St Barnabas' Hall on **Sat 9 Sept, 10:00-11:30** in aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund. We welcome jumble but not before 8 Sept as we have nowhere to store it. If you are able to help at the Jumble Sale please sign the list displayed in the Narthex at St Barnabas'. Thank you.

Stuart Sharpe

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Stuart will be held at St Nicholas' Church on Wednesday 6 September at 14:00. You are invited to wear something blue.

Alastair and Rose

Alastair remains at St George's Hospital and Rose is lovingly at his side for much of the time. I've been invited to see them on Monday 28 Aug. I've already collected the cards and packages that have been left at St Nicholas' for me to take to them. I'm at St Nicholas' for much of the morning of Sunday 27 Aug if anyone would like to give me anything else they'd like delivered to Alastair and Rose. Our prayers, our love and our ongoing concern are of immense comfort to them.

Gordon

The Café

The Café at St Barnabas' is open throughout the summer, on Wednesday and Saturday from 10:00 to 13:00 - why not drop in for cake and a chat?



YOU KNOW,
I'VE NEVER
UNDERSTOOD
THIS. WHAT'S
THE ROCK?

IT'S PETER
AND HIS
CONFESSTION.



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IT'S A CASE OF
PARONOMASIA*



REALLY?...
I HAD NO IDEA
PETER WAS SICK!



MATTHEW 16:13-20

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