



**3 September  
2023**

**Trinity 13**



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	Fr Michael Boag
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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by electronic payment to: Worth PCC, sort  
code 40-18-22, account 61223372.  
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We saw, last week, that Peter and the other apostles finally understood that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

The general thinking which had been shared by the apostles, was that Jesus would come as a conquering king Messiah. However, by contrast, Jesus came as a suffering servant. In today's Gospel passage (also from Matthew) Jesus spells out what would happen to him: He will go to Jerusalem; he will suffer many things from the religious leaders, and then be killed. But, Jesus adds, he will rise again on the third day.

Needless to say, the apostles are appalled. "Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, Oh no, Lord! This will never happen to you!" Whereupon Jesus slaps Peter down! What the apostles didn't – perhaps couldn't – understand was that it was the will of God that Jesus would suffer and die.

Many of us have no idea what it *really* means to follow Jesus, partly because we don't *understand* what we need to do. Some of us aren't willing to give time to follow him. Some of us aren't willing to give up bad habits, or our own pride to follow Jesus. Some of us aren't willing to stop hating people who are different to ourselves; some of us aren't willing to love our neighbours-in-need in order to follow Jesus. But what Jesus wants of us, as he points out throughout the Gospels, is real sacrifice – to take up our own cross and follow Him.

*Fr Francis*

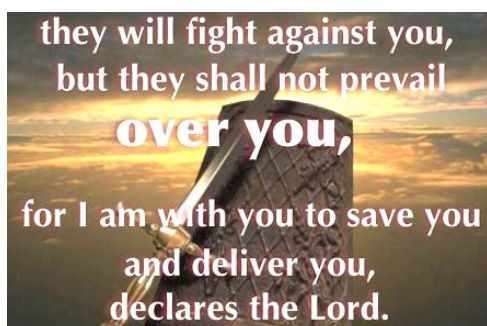
## Collect

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Reading *Jeremiah 15.15-21*

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;



they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail  
over you,  
for I am with you to save you  
and deliver you,  
declares the Lord.

they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to

save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

## Reading *Romans 12.9-21*

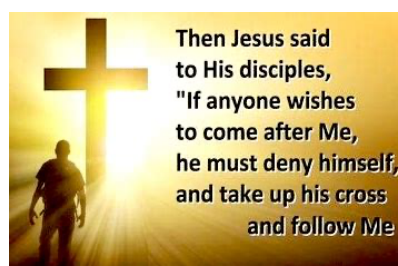
Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be

patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of

the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## Gospel *Matthew 16.21-28*

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'



Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and

take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find

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patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer.*  
Romans 12:12

it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

### Post Communion

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 5 Sept	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Wed 6 Sept	14:00 Funeral Stuart Sharpe	St Nicholas'
Thur 7 Sept	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Fri 8 Sept	10:00 Funeral 12:00 Wedding	St Nicholas' St Nicholas'
Sun 10 Sept	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 11:45 Baptism	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'
<b>Sunday 10 September 2023</b> <b>Trinity 14</b> Ezekiel 33.7-11    Romans 13.8-14 Matthew 18.15-20		

**Sunday School** at St Barnabas' restarts on 3 September after the Summer break.

**Toddlers Group**  
following the Summer break;  
restarts 5 September

Festivals this week	
Mon 4 Sept	Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary 687 (LF) Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon), Apostle of Wessex 650 (C)
Wed 6 Sept	Allen Gardiner, Missionary, Founder of the South American Mission Society 1851 (C)
Fri 8 Sept	<b>The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> (F)
Sat 9 Sept	Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest 1880 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

## DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

### 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.

### 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'.

### 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.

### Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **8 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 6 Sept** Profits for Parish funds. The lunches are not exclusively for the elderly, why not bring a friend and give us a try. All welcome.

**The Hangout**  
Youth Club at St Barnabas'  
resumes Fri 8 September.

### 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. Jumble may be brought to St Barnabas' Café on Fri 8 Sept between 10:30 and 13:45 or to the Hall on Fri 8 Sept between 20:30 and 21:30 or to the Hall on the Sat morning 9 Sept from 9:00. If you are able to help at the Jumble Sale please sign the list displayed in the Narthex at St Barnabas'. Thank you.

### St Barnabas' Julian Group

meets on **Mon 11 Sept 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 13 Sept 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 September Messy Church will be on **Sat 16 Sept 15:30-17:00** and **Wed 20 Sept 15:00-16:30** (in the Church) at St Barnabas'. Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and have fun!



### Magazine Deadline

The deadline for copy for the next Parish Magazine is **17 Sept**.

### 100 Club Winners – August

£100 Joan Tick	£50 Joan Pallet
£25 Alastair Wells	£25 Viv Tillyer

### Youth Courses

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

### 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. Our prayers, our love and our ongoing concern are of immense comfort to them.  
*Gordon*

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