



**10 September  
2023**

**Trinity 14**



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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It would be fascinating to know what Christ would have made of some of the disagreements within the Christian churches today. One thinks of the many different translations of the Bible, the schisms between the Eastern, Roman and Protestant branches of the Church, exclusions from Communion, liturgical variations within worship, forms of hierarchy for ordained members of the churches, the role of lay people, issues over gender and sexuality, variations in approaches to evangelisation, relationships with political and secular powers and so on.

Christ was not naïve when discussing relationships within the church. Rather he suggested ways of positive one-to-one discussion, proper use of evidence and ways to deal appropriately with those who went against the agreed position of the church.

When Christ was commissioning St Peter to be the rock on which the Church was to be built, he talked about reciprocity between earth and heaven. He repeats this fundamental truth about the connection between the two, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven...'. Dialogue on earth resonates in heaven. Our lives are of enormous significance and meaning to God. This gives us an additional responsibility to conduct ourselves with fairness, with understanding and without the need to rush to judgment prematurely or to be entrenched in prejudice. The Church of England's identity is based on the three strands of Scripture, Tradition and Reason. We listen to and ponder in our minds and hearts what God has inspired the authors of the books of the Bible to write. We try to uphold the importance of tradition whilst acknowledging changes in society and the wider world and we employ human reason to try to make sense of it all – quite a challenge!

*Gordon*

## Collect

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Reading Ezekiel 33.7-11



So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you

shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die', and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

## Reading Romans 13.8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong



to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## Gospel Matthew 18.15-20

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you



are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

## Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 12 Sept	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 14 Sept	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 17 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 17 September 2023 Trinity 15

Genesis 50.15-21    Romans 14.1-12  
Matthew 18.21-35

## Festivals this week

Wed 13 Sept	John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher 407 (LF)
Thur 14 Sept	<b>Holy Cross Day (F)</b>
Fri 15 Sept	Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr 258 (LF)
Sat 16 Sept	Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts c.432 (LF) Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, Tractarian 1882 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

## 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'.

The free concert will be at St Nicholas' on **Sun 17 Sept at 16:00.**

### St Barnabas' Julian Group

meets on **Mon 11 Sept at 14:00** in St Barnabas'.

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

### 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!

### Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **15 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 13 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' on  
**Fri 15 September 19:00-20:30**  
Ages 12-16. Entry free. Weekly during term time.

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.**

### Mothers' Union

**Sat 23 Sept Mothers' Union Coffee Morning and Market** 10:00am – 12:00pm in St Barnabas' Café. Including sale of home-made cakes, second-hand books, bric-a-brac and a raffle, in aid of Away from it All Holidays.

## Sunday Evening Service of Prayer and Praise Sunday: 24 Sept 18:30

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'.

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](mailto:music.stb@worthparish.org)

### Parish Prayer Group

will meet at **14:30 at St Nicholas' on Wed 27 Sept.** Please join us at St Nicholas' as we pray for our Parish, its clergy and its outreach.

### Pet Blessing Service

On **Sun 1 Oct at 15:00** at St Nicholas'. Animals of all kinds large and small are welcome - please ensure dogs are on a lead and small animals caged. Or bring a photo of your much loved pet (past or present).

### Youth Courses

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

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