



**15 October
2023**

Trinity 19

**FOR MANY
ARE CALLED,
BUT FEW ARE
CHOSEN.**

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

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Since earliest days, the wedding banquet
has been a metaphor for both the
Eucharist and eternal life; the wedding at
Cana, for example, an image of heaven,
not just to come but here with us now.
Today's parable of the king's wedding feast
is less concerned with the banquet itself
and more about who's in and who's out,
and why. And for us, how we respond to
the Royal invitation.

The response of those, first invited, who
turn down the invitation is startling and
ultimately self-destructive. Whereas when
it is extended to the poor and needy, who
recognise the gift and the giver, they get
dressed up, go and enjoy themselves. The
impostor who is not correctly dressed for
the occasion and is left speechless when
called to account, may have been a
member of the early Christian community,
who had been baptized but is now
betraying the little persecuted group
Matthew was writing for. When
discovered, such people were thrown out
because in Matthew's time, with the
church under attack, such impostors could
cost lives.

Scholars tell us the closing verses of
today's reading (the ones about failing to
turn up in a wedding garment) were once
part of a separate parable. St Paul's image
of 'clothing oneself with Christ' (as he
writes to the Galatians) may also help us
to understand this image. In dressing for a
wedding, I dress for the day. In 'clothing
myself with Christ', I dress for eternity.

Let's get dressed!

Fr Michael

Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Reading *Isaiah 25.1-9*

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is

**Lo, this is our God.
We have waited for Him
and He will
save us**

our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reading *Philippians 4.1-9*

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.



Gospel *Matthew 22.1-14*

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be



compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to

call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest

seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Post Communion

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Festivals this week	
Mon 16 Oct	Nicholas Ridley, Bishop of London and Hugh Latimer, Bishop of Worcester, Reformation Martyrs 1555 (C)
Tues 17 Oct	Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr c.107 (LF)
Wed 18 Oct	Luke the Evangelist (F)
Thurs 19 Oct	Henry Martyn, Translator of the Scriptures, Missionary in India and Persia 1812 (LF)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 17 Oct	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Wed 18 Oct	15:00 Messy Church	St Barnabas'
Thur 19 Oct	10:30 Healing Eucharist and Confirmation of Jonathan Beaumont, Joshua Hallard and Stuart Whittaker: Bishop of Lewes 12:00 Burial of Ashes Jim Jeffrey	St Nicholas' St Nicholas'
Fri 20 Oct	11:15 Funeral Simon Lipka	St Nicholas'
Sun 22 Oct	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Child Friendly Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 16:00 Deanery Healing Service	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' Christ the Lord, Broadfield
Sunday 22 October 2023 Trinity 20 Isaiah 45.1-7 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 Matthew 22.15-22		

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.

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



In October the second Messy Church will be on **Wed 18 Oct 15:00-16:30** (in the Church) at St Barnabas'. Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and have fun!

Bishop of Lewes to visit St Nicholas'

Bishop Will is coming to celebrate, preach and confirm Jonathan Beaumont, Joshua Hallard and Stuart Whittaker in St Nicholas' on **Thurs 19 Oct** at 10:30. This is a special occasion (and rare treat) for us, so do please come and support the candidates.

Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **20 Oct** 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 18 Oct** 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 20 October 19:00-20:30**
For Year Groups 7-11. Entry free.
Weekly during term time.

Licensing of Revd Greta 24 Oct 19:00

Refreshments will be provided after the Licensing of Revd Greta by Bishop Ruth at St Nicholas'. Contributions towards the cost will be most welcome and may be handed to your Churchwarden or placed in the collection box in an enveloped marked *Greta*. Everyone is invited.

Parish Prayer Group

will meet at **19:00 at St Barnabas' on Wed 25 Oct**. Please join us at St Barnabas' as we pray for our Parish, its clergy and its outreach.

Mothers' Union

Birthday Songs of Praise at St Barnabas' on **Thur 26 Oct** at 16:00 followed by cake in the Café. Everyone is welcome to join the celebration.

Mothers' Union would like to thank everyone who supported, in any way, their Coffee Morning at the end of September. We raised over £200 for our Away From It All Holidays project. We could not have done it without you!

All Souls' Service

The lists of names in both churches for those you wish to be remembered at the All Souls' Requiem on Sun 5 Nov at 16:00 will be collected on **Sun 22 Oct**. Please indicate against the name of your loved one as shown (✓). Thank you.

Worth Park History Society

If you would like to know more about this Society use this QR code by scanning with a smartphone.



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