



**29 October
2023**

**Last after Trinity
Bible Sunday**



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	Revd Dr Greta Sawyer
Preacher	Revd Sarah Upchurch
10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Fr Michael Boag
11:45 Baptism	St Nicholas'
15:00 Baptism	St Nicholas'

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At the beginning of Jesus' ministry, Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount: instructions for living a Christian life. It was summed up by Jesus saying, "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you". And here at the end of His ministry on earth, He sums it all up by saying, 'Love God with all your heart and your neighbour as yourself.'

Today's Gospel reading from Matthew comes at the end of a whole session of the Pharisees and Sadducees questioning Jesus (verses 15 ff.) They questioned by whose authority He was acting; they tried to trick Him with a question about taxes, and then the Sadducees - who didn't believe in the resurrection - thought that they would be clever with a question about a woman who married 7 brothers in succession. Finally, they test His orthodoxy when it came to Jewish Theology.

Which is the greatest commandment in the law? they asked. No-one could argue with His answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment," he told them. (This comes from Deut. 6.5. which helps us relate to God in our daily lives.) And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself, which summarises the gist of Lev 19 especially ver.18. In other words, if you love God with all your heart and mind and soul and you love others as yourself, all the other laws come back to these two.

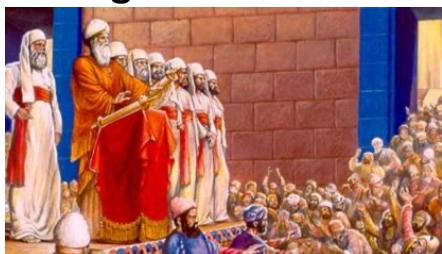
Which leads to the questions: Have you (or, for that matter I,) loved God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength? Have you truly loved your neighbour as yourself? If not, you need to do something about it!

Fr Francis

Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Reading Nehemiah 8.1-4a,8-12



All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate.

They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people,

saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

Reading Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Colossians 3:17



Gospel Matthew 24.30-35

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until



all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Post Communion

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 31 Oct	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 2 Nov	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 5 Nov	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 11:45 Baptism 16:00 All Souls Service	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'
Sunday 5 November 2023 All Saints' Sunday Revelation 7.9-17 1 John 3.1-3 Matthew 5.1-12		

Festivals this week	
Tues 31 Oct	Martin Luther, Reformer 1546 (C)
Wed 1 Nov	All Saints' Day (F)
Thur 2 Nov	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) (LF)
Fri 3 Nov	Richard Hooker, Priest, Anglican Apologist, Teacher 1600 (LF) Martin of Porres, Friar 1639 (C)

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.

Scrabble and Cake

Scrabble and Cake, 14:30-16:30 on **Wed 1 Nov** in St Barnabas Café. Come and enjoy Scrabble (other games available), refreshments and company. £3.50. All welcome. In aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment.

Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **3 Nov** 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 1 Nov** 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 3 November 19:00-20:30** For Year Groups 7-11. Entry free. Weekly during term time.

Saturday Market

Saturday Market, 10:00 -11:30 on **4 Nov** in St Barnabas' Café. Come and find a bargain and enjoy refreshments too. All welcome. In aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment.

Church Cleaning at St Nicholas'

We are once again short of volunteers to join our Cleaning Team at St Nicholas'. If you could possibly assist, probably not more than 8 times **per year** for a couple of hours or so each time I should be delighted to hear from you and provide all the necessary information. All cleaning materials and tools are provided. The task is not onerous, but it would be such a great help to have 2 or 3 more people join the team. I look forward to hearing from you.
Jill Freeborn

St Nicholas' Julian Group

Meets on **Wed 8 Nov at 12:30** for half an hour of silent prayer. Please feel free to join us - everyone welcome!

St Barnabas' Julian Group

meets on **Mon 13 Nov at 14:00** in St Barnabas'.

St Nicholas' Circle

In November the Circle will meet on **Wed 15 Nov** (*note the change of date*) when Revd Gordon will talk on Polar Explorers; in the Café at 19:30 for 20:00 start. All welcome.

Share your views on how to improve Domestic Abuse Support !

Our research aims to uncover barriers preventing people from accessing Domestic Abuse Support in Crawley.

Have you or someone you know experienced Domestic Abuse?
We want you to have your say on what support is needed and how to get it in Crawley.



All results will be kept anonymous



Scan the QR code to take part in our **online survey** OR to **sign up** to our **focus group** or **interview sessions!**

If you have any questions, contact the team on:

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Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who made my Licensing such an amazing and memorable event, for everyone who worked so hard behind the scenes in organising and preparing, for everyone who was involved in the service and for everyone who came to support me. Thank you also for your contributions to refreshments and for my wonderful gift of a Home Communion set which I look forward to using in my ministry in the Parish. **Revd Greta Associate Vicar**

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