



9 June
2024

Trinity 2



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

11:45 Baptism St Nicholas'

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There are a number of situations recounted in the Gospels in which Christ confronts mental illness. His association with this causes many, including the religious establishment, to question Christ's sanity itself and to accuse him of being in league with the Devil – the supposed cause of mental aberration and illness. Christ demolishes that illogicality by pointing out that the Devil (Beelzebul) would not work against himself because that is self-destructive. He is further accused of having 'an unclean spirit' but uses a similar argument to refute the supposition that he is working against the Holy Spirit itself. Why would Christ work against aspects of the divinity he shared with his Father and the Holy Spirit? Such a trinitarian relationship is a fundamental part of an understanding of the Christian God and, as such, takes precedence over any other relationship, including familial ties.

These issues have the potential to distort perceptions and Christ was at pains to protect his – and our – relationship with God from becoming enmeshed in any such distortion. God enters into every aspect of human experience but we need to be careful to recognise what is divine in the midst of tensions and turmoil in our lives.

It is good that we have slowly moved to an acceptance of the varying nature of mental illness. Arguably, we are in danger of labelling normal changes of mood and wider emotional currents as 'mental health' issues. Tensions of mood are inevitable when pressures assail us and we give thanks during this period of the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of 'D' Day that the appalling difficulties encountered by those who were part of the invasion force and, indeed, those Germans whose duty was to resist them, were contained by the resilience that they showed.

Gordon

Collect

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reading Genesis 3.8-15



They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze,

and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

Reading 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture - 'I believed, and so I spoke' - we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner

nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Gospel Mark 3.20-35

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and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him,

for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.'

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' - for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they

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MARK 3:35

said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

Post Communion

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 11 June	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 13 June	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sat 15 June	11:00 Burial of Ashes Nadler & Hodgkinson 15:00 Messy Church	St Nicholas' St Barnabas'
Sun 16 June	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 11:45 Baptism	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'
Sunday 16 June 2024 Trinity 3 Ezekiel 17.22-24 2 Corinthians 5.6-10,14-17 Mark 4.26-44		

Festivals this week	
Tues 11 June	Barnabas the Apostle (F)
Fri 14 June	Richard Baxter, Puritan Divine 1691 (C)
Sat 15 June	Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer 1941 (C)

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

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

St Barnabas' Julian Group

meets on **Mon 10 June 14:00** in St Barnabas' Church.

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

meets on **Wed 12 June 12:30** in St Nicholas' Church.

Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **14 June** 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 12 June**. 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' meets on
Fri 14 June 19:00-20:30
For Year Groups 7-11. Entry free.
Weekly during term time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OLLY TAYLOR Professional Puppeteer

speaks to The Circle about his life and work on **Wed 12 June** at St Barnabas'. 19:30 for 20:00 start.

DEW (Folk) Festival

Fri 14 June 19:00-21:00, St Nicholas'

returns – Folk singing and dancing. Free concert and buffet.

(note correction for day and times)

Saturday Market

15 June, in St Barnabas Café, 10.00-12.00. In aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment. Please support us.

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

In June there will be Messy Church on **Sat 15 June**

15:00-16:30; and **Wed 19 June** 15:00-16:30, both at St Barnabas'.

This month – The Conversion of Saul to Paul. Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and have fun!



Fri 21 June 19:30 for 20:00: the Parish Quiz at St Nicholas' for the Organ Fund. See posters for details, or www.worthparish.org/quiz

Thur 27 June at 16:00 in St Barnabas' Café, the film *There are no Ordinary People* by Jeff Lucas, sponsored by the Mothers' Union.

Wed 24 July 14:30-16:30 at St Barnabas' Café: Mothers' Union Afternoon Cream Tea raising funds for A.F.I.A. Further details: Joan Tick 01293 884695

Sun 1 Sept 16:00 Worth Festival Choir perform the Fauré Requiem at St Nicholas'. If you would like to participate, one hour rehearsals from 7 July at 16:00.

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Next edition of the Parish Magazine

For sound logistical reasons, the next edition of the Magazine will appear at the beginning of July, for the period **July to September**.

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