



**3 November  
2024**

## All Saints 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 & Preacher	Revd Sarah Upchurch
10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Celebrant	Fr Michael Boag
Preacher	Canon Julian Hollywell
16:00 All Souls Service	St Nicholas'

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This morning, we have a joyful celebration of the heroes of the Christian faith. All those people, down through the ages, whose lives have inspired so many thousands to closer communion with God: the saints who, with the angels, make up the festal gathering of heaven. Jesus describes these folk in today's Gospel reading as the modest, the merciful, the peacemakers and encourages us to follow their good example.

November is a good time to reflect on the past, as well as the present. It is the month when the dead are particularly remembered. The saints in glory, the souls of the faithful departed (this afternoon at 4pm), the ones we love but see no longer, the fallen who gave their lives for the sake of peace (next Sunday) and their never to be forgotten plea that swords be beaten into ploughshares.

The festal gathering of the saints in heaven, is an enormous party to which we are all invited and we are encouraged to run the race that is set before us, even when it is a struggle. We belong to the Kingdom of Heaven; God call us to himself. If there is any jostling in that crowd of spirits of the righteous made perfect, it is so they can get a better vantage point from which to cheer us on. 'O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.'

So, keep running the race!

*Fr Michael*

## Collect

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Reading 2 Esdras 2.42-48

I, Ezra, saw on Mount Zion a great multitude that I could not number, and they all were praising the Lord with songs. In their midst was a young man of great stature, taller than any of the others, and on the head of each of them he placed a crown, but he was more exalted than they. And I was held spellbound. Then I asked an angel, 'Who are these, my lord? He answered and said to me, 'These are



they who have put off mortal clothing and have put on the immortal, and have confessed the name of God. Now they

are being crowned, and receive palms.' Then I said to the angel, 'Who is that young man who is placing crowns on them and putting palms in their hands?' He answered and said to me, 'He is the Son of God, whom they confessed in the world.' So I began to praise those who had stood valiantly for the name of the Lord. Then the angel said to me, 'Go, tell my people how great and how many are the wonders of the Lord God that you have seen.'

## Reading Hebrews 12.18-24

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and



to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

## Gospel Matthew 5.1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples



came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

## Post Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 5 Nov	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 7 Nov	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 10 Nov	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:15 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'

**Sunday 10 November 2024**

**Remembrance Sunday**

Micah 4.1-4

Mark 1.14-20

## Festivals this week

Wed 6 Nov	Leonard, Hermit 6 <sup>th</sup> cent. (C) William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher 1944 (C)
Thur 7 Nov	Willibrord of York, Bishop, Apostle of Frisia 739 (LF)
Fri 8 Nov	The Saints and Martyrs of England (LF)
Sat 9 Nov	Margery Kempe, Mystic c.1440 (C)

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

**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

**Wed 6 Nov**, 14:30-16:30, in St Barnabas' Café. Come and enjoy games, refreshments and company. £3.50 in aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund. All welcome.

## Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **8 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 6 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' meets on

**Fri 8 Nov 19:00-20:30**

For Year Groups 7-11. Entry free.

Weekly during term time.

## St Barnabas' Julian Group

meets on **Mon 11 November** at **14:00** in St Barnabas'. Old and new friends very welcome

## St Nicholas' Julian Group

meets on **Wed 13 November** at **12:30** for half an hour of silent prayer. Please feel free to join us - everyone welcome!

## Saturday Market

at St Barnabas' Café, **16 Nov 10:00- 11:00**. In aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund. All welcome.

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

In November Messy

Church will be on **Sat 16**

**Nov** and **Wed 20 Nov**; both 15:00-16:30, at St Barnabas'.

This month – The Parable of the Mustard Seed. Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and have fun!



## The Circle in December

will meet on **11 Dec**, and not 4 Dec as indicated in the Mag,

# THE BEATITUDES

MATTHEW 5:11-12

Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



5:10

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,



For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers,



For they shall be called sons of God.



5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart,



For they shall see God.



5:7

Blessed are the merciful,



For they shall obtain mercy.



5:6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,



For they shall be filled.



5:5

Blessed are the meek,



For they shall inherit the earth.



5:4

Blessed are those who mourn,



For they shall be comforted.



5:3

Blessed are the poor in spirit,



For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



MATTHEW 5:3-12

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