



10 November 2024

Remembrance 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 Revd Gordon Parry

10:00 Sung Eucharist St Barnabas'
Celebrant Revd Dr Greta Sawyer
Preacher Fr Francis Pole

10:15 Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'
Celebrant Fr Michael Boag
Preacher Revd Sarah Upchurch

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The unconditional love that Christ urges us to bestow on those around us, is the central theme of today's Gospel reading. Christ knows that his Father loves him and that he loves his Father. From this fundamental relationship comes Christ's love for his disciples and his expectation that they love him and one another. From this in turn comes the Christian expectation of love for one's neighbour.

Yet, endlessly we unleash the opposite of love, the hatred and destructiveness of war. The war in Ukraine continues and the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians in Gaza and Lebanon floods our TV screens daily. Human ambition, self-interest and greed, the need for retaliation against a foe, are just as powerful and destructive now as they have ever been. Even churches become caught up in partisan support such as the Russian Orthodox Church currently and the German Confessing Church during the Second World War. The carnage of the First World War caused a breakdown in church adherence because of what was seen as God standing by in the face of so much destruction. Yet war is a human response, not an act of God, despite the many attempts to place God on the 'right' side of the numerous conflicts described in the Old Testament. We twist and turn to justify war. We contend that war is always bad but sometimes necessary. Theologians have written extensively about 'just' wars.

One word sums up human involvement in all of this – sin. We cannot stop ourselves from messing up – repeatedly. On Remembrance Sunday we implore God's forgiveness. Then, hopefully, we can return to the Christian task of establishing God's will on earth as it is in Heaven.

Gordon

Collect

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reading *Micah 4.1-4*



In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.'

Gospel *John 15.9-17*

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may

be in you, and that your joy may be complete.



'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life

for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Post Communion

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 12 Nov	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 14 Nov	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sat 16 Nov	15:00 Messy Church	St Barnabas'
Sun 17 Nov	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:15 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'
Sunday 17 November 2024 2 before Advent Daniel 12.1-3 Hebrews 10.11-14,19-25 Mark 13.1-8		

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

Festivals this week	
Mon 11 Nov	Martin, Bishop of Tours c.397 (LF)
Wed 13 Nov	Charles Simeon, Priest, Evangelical Divine 1836 (LF)
Thur 14 Nov	Samuel Seabury, first Anglican Bishop in North America 1796 (C)
Sat 16 Nov	Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist, Reformer of the Church 1093 (LF) Edmund Rich of Abingdon, Archbishop of Canterbury 1240 (C)

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

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!

Parish Prayer Group

will meet at **19:00 on Wed 27 Nov** at St Barnabas'. Please join us at St Barnabas' as we pray for our Parish, its clergy and its outreach.

The Circle in December

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

Recycling

We continue to recycle **milk bottle tops**. Containers are now available in the Narthex and on Sue's doorstep. Please deliver **by the end of November**.

We also collect used **postage stamps** (for the Hospice) and used **printer cartridges** (for McIndoe); please deliver to the Narthex. Thank you!



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!

Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **15 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 13 Nov**. Profits for Parish funds.

The lunches are for everyone, why not bring a friend and give us a try. All welcome!

The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas' meets on **Fri 15 Nov 19:00-20:30** For Year Groups 7-11. Entry free. Weekly during term time.

Saturday Market

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

Crib & Christingle

We're looking for adults and children of all ages who'd like to take an active role in St Barnabas' Crib & Christingle on Christmas Eve at 15:00. You'll still be able to turn up on Christmas Eve and take part in dressing up and setting the scene, this notice is for people who'd like to take a larger role such as acting/reading/singing/dancing and can commit to a couple of rehearsals in December.

For more info and to register your interest, contact Louise - louiseryrieschool@gmail.com 07721416323

MAG Deadline

The copy deadline for the next Mag is **TODAY**. Please send copy to Viv Tillyer, or to the Office.



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A MYSTERY. WE CAN ONLY STRIVE
TO UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE
ITS DEPTH AND BREADTH.



I THOUGHT I WAS
DOING PRETTY GOOD!



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