



**1 December
2024**

Advent 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 Sarah Upchurch
Preacher	Canon Penny Foreman
10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Celebrant	Fr Michael Boag
Preacher	Seb Pellisier
16:00 Candlelit Advent	St Nicholas'

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“We are living in an apocalyptic moment. At least it is easy to read the situation at hand in an apocalyptic manner. Things seem to be coming to a head. The battle lines are being drawn and the various military forces are gathering. The Middle East seems to be in a constant state of chaos, with violence the norm. I was talking to a couple of friends who happen to be Muslim, and they are worried that this will lead to another World War that would erupt in the Middle East.”

That was written in 2015, in a reflection on this morning's Gospel reading, which came to the conclusion that because only God knows God's plans, we are not to lose heart and be overcome by fear. Yes, Luke tells us that before the Son of Man comes on the clouds, there will be chaos and violence but it is good to note that Luke's description of the end times comes near the end of his Gospel. Jesus is facing the cross, the days are drawing to a close. The great conflagration will take place not on some battlefield called Armageddon but on the Cross. Death will lose the battle, for life reigns supreme in the Resurrection. The message of Advent is one of alertness. Be alert. Be aware. Don't let the worries of this life keep you from seeing what God is doing but rather 'stand up and raise your heads because your redemption is drawing near.'

Fr Michael

Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Reading *Jeremiah 33.14-16*



The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those

days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Reading *1 Thessalonians 3.9-13*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

May the Lord make you to increase and abound in love toward one another and toward all men, even as we also do toward you.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel *Luke 21.25-36*

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory.

Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



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

The Circle in December

will meet on **11 Dec**, and not 4 Dec as indicated in the Mag, - with mince pies, cheese and wine (other drinks available). In the Café; doors open 19:30 for 20:00.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 3 Dec	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 5 Dec	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 8 Dec	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:15 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'

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Advent 2

Baruch chap.5 Philippians 1.3-11
Luke 3.1-6

Festivals this week

Tues 3 Dec	Francis Xavier, Missionary, Apostle of the Indies 1552 (C)
Wed 4 Dec	John of Damascus, Monk, Teacher c.749 (C) Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, Founder of the Little Gidding Community 1637 (C)
Fri 6 Dec	Nicholas, Bishop of Myra c.326 (LF)
Sat 7 Dec	Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher 397 (LF)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **6 Dec** 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 4 Dec**. Profits for Parish funds.

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

The next **Saturday Market** takes place at St Barnabas' Café on **7 Dec**, 10:00-11:30. Come and find a bargain and join us for refreshments.

The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas' meets on
Fri 6 Dec 19:00-20:30
For Year Groups 7-11. Entry free.
Weekly during term time.

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

In December Messy Church will be on **Wed**

11 Dec and **Sat 14 Dec**; both 15:00-16:30, at St Barnabas'.

This month – The Gingerbread Man's Christmas. Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and have fun!



St Nicholas' Crib & Nativity service at 16:00 on Christmas Eve.

We are now collecting the names of those children and adults who would like to take part in the Nativity Play during the Crib Service. Please contact either Joan Tick (01293 884695) Revd Greta (see *Contacts*) or the Parish Office (see *Contacts*) for further information. Thank you.

St Barnabas' 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

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Every time Sue places an online grocery order at Tesco, the app pops up a reminder and £1 goes to the parish!

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LUKE 21:25-36

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