



**9 February
2025**

**Fourth Sunday
before Lent**



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 Sarah Upchurch
Preacher Revd Gordon Parry

10:00 Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher Fr Michael Boag

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There are many observations to be drawn
from today's Gospel reading.
After Jesus has used Simon Peter's boat as
a preaching station because of the crowds
on the lake shore, there is Simon's
reluctance to put out into the lake again
after a night's totally unrewarding fishing.
There is also the hint that Simon thinks
that his experience as a fishermen should
not be set aside by this carpenter, Jesus.
Nevertheless, he accepts the authority of
Jesus and the boats sail to a deeper part of
the lake where vast volumes of fish are
caught.

Jesus sometimes asks us to behave in
counter-intuitive ways which seem to
make no sense to us at the time. Then a
revelation of the reason may come to us
and be overwhelming as happened to
Simon Peter. With the benefit of hindsight,
we know that Simon Peter was gradually
being prepared for his role in establishing
God's Church after the earthly ministry of
Jesus had ended. Such was the force of the
revelation of the power of Jesus that the
fishermen left their fishing and became his
disciples. We're not told the details of
whether they continued at all with their
fishing and what happened to their boats
and their nets – essential tools of the
trade. What we do know, however, is that
through the power of Jesus a traditional
way of life was abandoned and the
disciples' journey with Jesus began.
It doesn't usually require us to abandon
our occupations and earthly relationships
in order to follow Jesus, but it does
require us to give him space in our lives
and, at times, to nudge us in directions we
weren't expecting to go. Are we prepared
for this?

Gordon

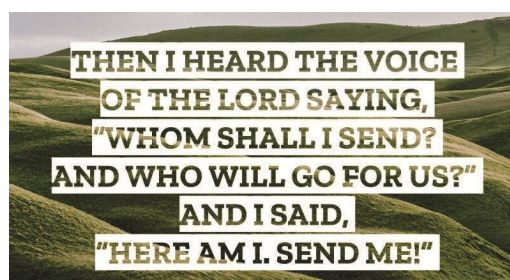
Collect

Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading *Isaiah 6.1-8*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the



voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Reading *1 Corinthians 15.1-11*

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold

**BY THIS GOSPEL YOU ARE SAVED,
IF YOU HOLD FIRMLY TO THE WORD
I PREACHED TO YOU. OTHERWISE,
YOU HAVE BELIEVED IN VAIN.**

firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you - unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them - though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Gospel *Luke 5.1-11*

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.'

When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.



So they signalled to their partners in the

other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Post Communion

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 11 Feb	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Wed 12 Feb	15:00 Messy Church	St Barnabas'
Thur 13 Feb	10:30 Said Eucharist 11:00 Burial of Ashes Mary Courtneidge	St Nicholas' St Nicholas'
Sun 16 Feb	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'
Sunday 16 February 2025 Third Sunday before Lent Jeremiah 17.5-10 1 Corinthians 15.12-20 Luke 6.17-26		

Festivals this week	
Mon 10 Feb	Scolastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola c.543 (C)
Fri 14 Feb	Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs 869 and 885 (LF) Valentine, Martyr at Rome c.269 (C)
Sat 15 Feb	Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden 1045 (C) Thomas Bray, Priest, Founder of the SPCK and SPG 1730 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

St Barnabas' Julian Group

meets on **Mon 10 February** at **14:00** in St Barnabas'. Old and new friends very welcome

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

St Nicholas' Julian Group

meets on **Wed 12 February** at **12:00** for half an hour of silent prayer. Please feel free to join us - everyone welcome!

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

In February the second Messy Church will be on

Wed 12 Feb; 15:00-16:30, at St Barnabas'.

This month: House on the Rock – building houses and painting rocks.

Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and have fun!



Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **14 Feb** 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 Feb**. 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
Every **Friday** at 19:00
For Year Groups 7-11. Entry free.
Weekly during term time.

Jumble Sale

Jumble Sale in St Barnabas' Hall, **Sat 22 Feb, 10:00-11:30**. Please save us your jumble but do not bring it before 21 Feb as we have nowhere to put it. Anyone willing to help please sign the list at St Barnabas' or ring Phyl on (01293) 883362. Thank you.

Creating new Electoral Roll for 2025

Prior to this year's APCM a new Electoral Roll needs to be created.

This requires anyone in the parish who wishes to be on the Electoral Roll to complete an Electoral Roll Form - this includes those whose names are already on the roll.

There will be forms placed at back of both Churches; if you wish to be included please complete a form and return to me, Jane Stanford, no later than **Sun 23 Feb**.

If you require any further information or assistance please contact me on 01293 543065.

Many thanks

Jane Stanford Electoral Roll Officer.

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