



**16 February
2025**

**Third Sunday
before Lent;
Septuagesima**



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 Canon Penny Foreman
Preacher Deborah Cowie

10:00 Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher Revd Dr Greta Sawyer

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In the Gospel reading today, we hear about
The Beatitudes. Among them, we find;
**'Blessed are you who weep now, for
you will laugh'.**

This beatitude invites us to embrace our
grief and suffering; even in mourning we
can encounter God's comforting presence.
But it is also a metaphor for the
transformation of sorrow into joy.
Laughter can be seen as the release of joy
in the same way that tears are the release
of sorrow. And this laughter and joy aren't
reserved for the future.

Sometimes when life is tough, we can
barely remember what laughter is, let
alone laugh ourselves. In such times, it is
good to know that Jesus is with us in our
turmoil and strife; that there is hope that
our tears of sorrow will become the
laughter of joy. But to do that we have to
trust; trust in God that we will know His
joy.

That joy comes from knowing that we are
loved by God, and that He is with us
through everything that life throws at us.
This kind of joy isn't fleeting; it's
contagious, and when we carry it with us,
we spread it to everyone we meet. Our
joy in knowing Jesus is contagious too,
infecting those who don't yet know
Christ. So, let us laugh, not because life is
easy - because, let's be honest, it's often
challenging - but because we know that we
serve a God who brings light into
darkness, turns despair into hope, and
transforms sorrow into laughter. Let's
choose joy, trust in His promises, and
spread the infectious laughter of Christ's
love to everyone we encounter.

Revd Greta

Collect

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading *Jeremiah 17.5-10*

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. they shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a



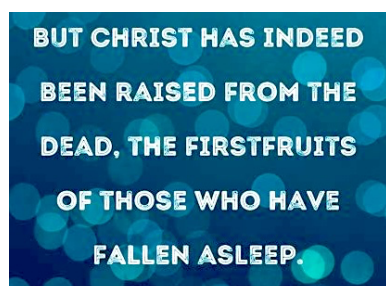
tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its

leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse - who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Reading *1 Corinthians 15.12-20*

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because



we testified of God that he raised Christ - whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not

raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Gospel *Luke 6.17-26*

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.



Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are

you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Post Communion

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger draw us to the Lord in faith and love that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the

kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 18 Feb	10:30 Said Eucharist 13:00 Funeral Linda Kirkham	St Barnabas' St Barnabas'
Thur 20 Feb	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 23 Feb	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Child Friendly Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 12:00 Baptism	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'

Sunday 23 February 2025 Second Sunday before Lent Sexagesima

Psalm 65 Revelation chap.4
Luke 8.22-25

Festivals this week

Mon 17 Feb	Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr 1977 (LF)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

Toddlers Group meets on Tues 13:00-15:00 and Thurs 9:00-11:00, in St Barnabas' Hall in term time. Next meets 25 Feb.

Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **21 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 19 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.
Next meets 28 Feb.

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.

Parish Prayer Group

Wed 26 Feb 14:00 at St Nicholas'. Please join us at St Nicholas' as we pray for our Parish, its clergy and its outreach.

Scrabble and Cake

Wed 26 Feb, 14:30-16:30, St Barnabas' Café. Come and enjoy Scrabble (other games available), refreshments and company. All welcome. £3.50, in aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment.

Mothers Union AGM

Thur 27 Feb 16:00pm at St Barnabas' - Eucharist service and refreshments. We look forward to welcoming all our members and visitors, especially those who would like to know more about us, what we have done and will be doing this year. All are welcome!

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.

Young Organists Concert

There will be a concert by three talented young organists associated with St Nicholas' on **Sun 2 March at 16:00**, in St Nicholas'. It will last about one hour and is free, although donations to the Organ Fund would be appreciated.

THE BEATTITUDES

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 BE SHOWN 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
BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.
BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN PEOPLE INSULT YOU,
PERSECUTE YOU AND FALSELY SAY ALL KINDS OF
EVIL AGAINST YOU BECAUSE OF ME.
REJOICE AND BE GLAD, BECAUSE GREAT
IS YOUR REWARD IN HEAVEN
FOR IN THE SAME WAY THEY PERSECUTED THE
PROPHETS WHO WERE BEFORE YOU.

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