



**2 March 2025**

**Sunday next  
before Lent;  
Quinquagesima**



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 Child Friendly Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sarah Upchurch
10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Fr Michael Boag
12:00 Baptism (tbc)	St Nicholas'

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As we approach the season of Lent, the Sunday before its beginning offers a moment of reflection and preparation. It is a time to quieten our hearts, to listen, to set our focus on the way ahead - a pilgrimage of repentance, renewal, and deeper communion with God. The Gospels often remind us of the call to humility and self-examination. Jesus teaches about love, forgiveness, and the need to prepare our hearts for transformation. This Sunday serves as a bridge between the green days of ordinary time and the purple solemnity of Lent, inviting us to consider what we must lay down and where we must grow in faith. Lent is not merely about giving up luxuries but about embracing a mindset of spiritual renewal. Looking to Ash Wednesday, we are called to prepare our hearts for a season of transformation. Just as Jesus came down from the mountain to face suffering, we too must descend into the reality of our own struggles, seeking renewal through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The Transfiguration story reminds us that beyond sacrifice, there is resurrection. Today we are given an opportunity to ask: What is hindering my relationship with God? Where do I need healing and strength?

So, now, let us go joyfully and expectantly into Lent with open hearts, ready to surrender our burdens and receive God's grace. May it be for us a time of renewal, of drawing closer to Jesus, who walked the path of suffering for our joy and our salvation.

*Fr Michael*

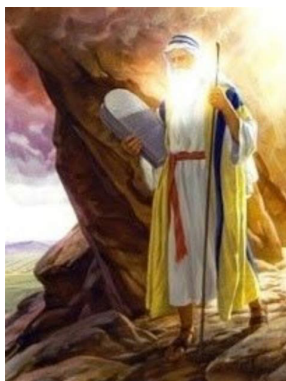
## Collect

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## Reading *Exodus 34.29-35*

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he



came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the

skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sina. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

## Reading *2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2*

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but

when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected

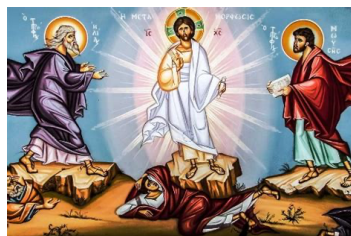


in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

## Gospel *Luke 9.28-36*

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.



And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah' - not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they

kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

### Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 4 Mar	10:30 MU Shriving Service and Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Wed 5 Mar	13:00 Ash Wednesday Service 20:00 Ash Wednesday Service	St Barnabas St Nicholas'
Thur 6 Mar	10:30 Said Eucharist 11:00 Burial of Ashes David, Gwendoline Pemberton, and Sean Stacey	St Nicholas' St Nicholas'
Sun 9 Mar	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'
<b>Sunday 9 March 2025</b> <b>Lent I</b> Deuteronomy 26.1-11    Romans 10.8b-13 Luke 4.1-13		

### Festivals this week

Fri 7 Mar	Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage 203 (LF)
Sat 8 Mar	Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln 1910 (LF) Felix, Bishop, Apostle to the East Angles 647 (C) Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, Priest, Poet 1929 (C)
(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.

### Young Organists Concert

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

### Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **7 Mar** 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 5 Mar**. 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.

### Soup and Lent Course

Deborah is compiling a special Lent course for us this year & the idea is to have soup in the Café first, followed by the reflection, followed by Evening Prayer, on **Saturdays 8, 15, 22, 29 March & 5 April, 13:00 to 14:30**.

### 100 Club Winners

#### January 2025

1st Richard Sidaway  
2nd Malcolm Booker  
3rd Trevor Stokes  
4th Brenda Booker

#### February 2025

1st Mary Harrison  
2nd Roger and Phyl Pennell  
3rd Rose Wells  
4th Rosemary Cordan

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - PLEASE!

St Nicholas' Annual Spring Clean **Sat 15 Mar** 10:00 to 12:30 (or part thereof!)

Please do come and help to give our beautiful Church some extra TLC - I feel sure you won't want to miss an enjoyable couple of hours in good company and there may even be a hot + bun and tea/coffee to help the proceedings along. All tools etc. provided but if you have your own favourite cleaner please bring it.

If you can't spare a couple of hours, however long you can manage would be very much appreciated.

If you have any questions please call me, Jill Freeborn, 01293 883631. In the meantime I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible - thank you  
Jill

The **Jumble Sale on 22 Feb** raised £414.76 for St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund. Thanks to all our supporters.

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**YOUNG ORGANISTS**  
**CONCERT**

Sunday 2  
March 2025  
16:00

St Nicholas' Church  
Worth, Crawley, RH10 7RT  
[worthparish.org](http://worthparish.org)

 **Charlotte Wong**  
Worth Parish  
Organ Scholar, 2024

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 **Thomas Watkin**  
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**FREE ENTRY**  
Suggested donation £5, with all  
proceeds going to the organ fund.

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