



16 March 2025

Lent 2



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 Fr Michael Boag
Preacher Deborah Cowie

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

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In our Gospel passage today, Jesus uses animal metaphors, that of a fox and of a hen. He refers to Herod Antipas as a fox. In the ancient world, particularly in Jewish culture, calling someone a fox was an insult; foxes were seen as cunning, deceitful, and destructive... but also weak.

So, Jesus calling Herod 'a fox' was a way of mocking his cunning but ultimately weak nature. It emphasizes the fact that Herod's threats would not stop God's plan, and it reinforces Jesus' authority and divine purpose. In contrast, Jesus refers to Himself as a hen: "How often I desired to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings".

The hen metaphor contrasts sharply with the fox metaphor used for Herod. While the fox symbolises cunning, destruction, and self-interest, the hen represents protection, nurturing, and self-sacrificial love.

So, Jesus paints a vivid picture: The fox preys on the hen and her chicks, but the hen still gathers her young, willing to die to protect them. This is a foreshadowing of the cross, where Jesus would lay down His life to save those who would come to Him.

The imagery of a hen protecting her brood with her wings enables us to feel that same protection; that same sense of safety of being in the shadow of His wings. But in order to be protected by those wings we need to move in tandem with them and match our footsteps to walk with Christ along the path of life - not to go our own way and do our own thing, but to stay as close to Him as we can.

So, during Lent, by spending time reflecting on our own lives, our own missions, and our own relationships with God, we can grow more mindful of His presence in our lives, knowing that we are safely under the shadow of His wings.

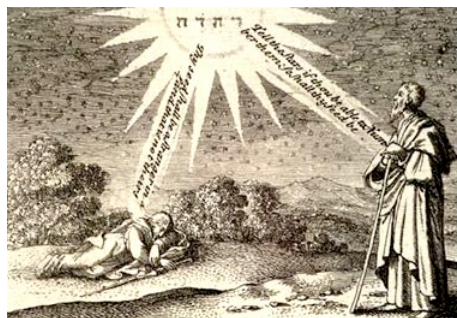
Greta

Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading Genesis 15.1-12,17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O L God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.



When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed

between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

Reading Philippians 3.17-4.1

Brothers and sisters join in imitating



me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Gospel Luke 13.31-35



At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you. He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am

casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until

the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.””

Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 18 Mar	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Wed 19 Mar	15:00 Messy Church	St Barnabas'
Thur 20 Mar	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	11:15 Burial of Ashes Donovan	St Nicholas'
Sun 23 Mar	8:15 Eucharist (BCP)	St Nicholas'
	10:00 Child Friendly Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sunday 23 March 2025 Lent 3 Isaiah 55.1-9 I Corinthians 10.1-13 Luke 13.1-9		

Toddlers Group meets on Tues 13:00-15:00 and Thurs 9:00-11:00, in St Barnabas' Hall in 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 22, 29 March & 5 April, 13:00 to 14:30.**

Festivals this week

Mon 17 Mar	Patrick, Missionary, Patron of Ireland c.460 (LF)
Tues 18 Mar	Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher 386 (C)
Wed 19 Mar	Joseph of Nazareth (F)
Thur 20 Mar	Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary 687 (LF)
Fri 21 Mar	Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr 1556 (LF)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

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

In March the second Messy Church will be on **Wed 19 Mar**; 15:00-16:30, at St Barnabas'.

This month: The Unforgiving Servant Crafting forgiving hands..

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



Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **21 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 19 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.

Copy date for the next Magazine

The copy deadline for the next Parish Magazine is **TODAY**. Please send contributions to Viv Tillyer (vivft1948@outlook.com) or to the Office.

Scrabble and Cake

Wed 26 Mar 14:30-16:30 in St Barnabas' Café. Come and enjoy games, refreshments and company. £3.50 in aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund. All welcome.

Parish Prayer Group

Wed 26 Mar 19:00 at St Barnabas'. Please join us at St Barnabas' as we pray for our Parish, its clergy and its outreach.

Saturday Market

29 Mar 10:00-11:30 in St Barnabas' Café. Come and find a bargain and enjoy refreshments. All welcome. In aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund.

The English Arts Chorale will be performing as part of our 1050th Festival in December, but before then, you can see them perform **Bach's St. Matthew Passion** on Saturday 29 March in Chichester Cathedral. Tickets www.thenovium.org/boxoffice (01243 816525) or www.englisharts.org (07901 604905).

The Hanover Band and Chorus are performing **Bach's St John Passion** in the Parish Church at Steyning on Saturday 12 April at 19:00. Tickets are available at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/thehanoverbandfoundation>. Steyning Church's music team are very supportive of our 1050th, and we hope to be welcoming several of their people in August.

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JESUS DOESN'T
SEEM TO BE
TOO WORRIED
ABOUT HEROD.

HEROD IS
NOTHING.

THE *REAL* THREAT LIES
AMONG THE PEOPLE
JESUS HAD COME
TO *SAVE*.

SERIOUSLY.
WHO WAS DOING
HIS MARKET
RESEARCH?

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LUKE 13:31-35

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