



**22 June 2025**

**Trinity I**



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 Dr Greta Sawyer

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

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by electronic payment to: Parish of Worth  
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This is my last Pewsheet before I depart  
for pastures new and I would like to  
thank all of you for your support, care  
and nurturing during the last 5 years. I  
will miss you!

Today's Gospel gives us a striking  
example of Jesus's healing power. In this  
instance, unlike others, Jesus openly asks  
the man he has healed to go and tell  
others what has happened:

"Return to your home, and declare how  
much God has done for you."

This might feel a little uncomfortable for  
us. Sharing what God has done in our  
lives is not something we are always  
good at. Perhaps we're not fully aware of  
how or when God has been at work in  
us - or, if we are, we might not feel  
confident enough to speak about it.

But notice that Jesus doesn't tell the man  
to shout it from the rooftops. He says,  
"Go home". That suggests it's okay to  
start small - to share quietly with those  
closest to us: family, friends, (or even  
clergy). The first step is simply becoming  
more aware of God's presence in our  
own lives.

Often, it won't be dramatic or headline-  
making events. But God is with us in the  
small and quiet moments too: giving us  
strength in times of trouble, courage in  
uncertainty, and the confidence to leave  
the nest and head for new adventures  
knowing that 'by the help of God I will'.

Bye for now

*Revd Greta*

## Collect

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

**Amen**

## Reading *Isaiah 65.1-9*

I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, 'Here am I, here am I.'

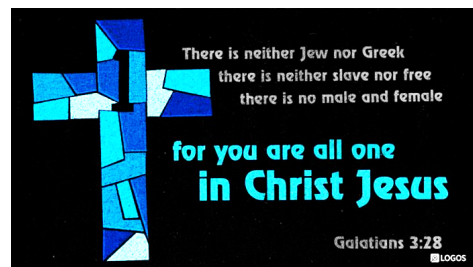
I was ready to be sought out by those

who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am', to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.' These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it', so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

## Reading *Galatians 3.23-29*

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith

has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no



longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

## Gospel *Luke 8.26-39*

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' - for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.



When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

### Post Communion

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope, and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 24 Jun	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 26 Jun	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sat 28 Jun	12:30 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Sun 29 Jun	8:15 Eucharist (BCP)	St Nicholas'
	10:0 Sung Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	11:45 Baptism	St Nicholas'
<b>Sunday 29 June 2025</b> <b>Ss Peter and Paul</b> Acts 12.1-11    2 Timothy 4.6-8,17-18 Matthew 16.13-19		

Festivals this week	
Mon 23 Jun	Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely c.678 (LF)
Tues 24 Jun	<b>The Birth of John the Baptist</b> (F)
Fri 27 Jun	Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher 444 (C)
Sat 28 Jun	Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, Teacher c.200 (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.

### Parish Prayer Group

**Wed 25 June 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 25 June, 14:30-16:30**, in St Barnabas' Café. Come and enjoy games, refreshments and company. £3.50, in aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment. Just turn up - all welcome.

### Mothers' Union

**Thurs 26 June 16:00** at the St Barnabas' Café, Mothers' Union Branch Meeting when our Speaker will be from M.A.F. (Mission Aviation Fellowship) The Meeting is open to everyone, even non-Members, an interesting talk and followed by refreshments and compline.

**Wed 23 July MU Afternoon Cream Tea**, with a **raffle**, 15:00-16:30 at St Barnabas' Café. Tickets, £15 each, will be on sale from 23 June to everyone, you do not have to be a Member, all profit will be donated to AFIA (Away From It All holidays). We look forward to seeing you again this year.

## Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **27 June** 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 25 June**. 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.

## Saturday Market

**28 June, 10:00-11:30**, in St Barnabas' Café. There will be books, bric-a-brac and plants, etc. Come and find a bargain, enjoy refreshments and company. All welcome.

## Entwined in Harmony, Eleven centuries of music and flowers at St Nicholas', Worth: August 23 - 25 2025

As we are preparing for the wonderful music and flower festival celebrating the 1,050th anniversary of St Nicholas' and raising funds across the weekend for The Organ Restoration Fund and St Catherine's Hospice we are looking for support in the following areas. Do you know anyone who would like to sponsor an arrangement as an individual, as part of a group or from a local business or company? We will include names of supporters in the festival brochure (if you would like). It would be a wonderful way to celebrate or commemorate someone or something very special. The themes for the arrangements are; **Compassion, Renewal, Eternity, Mercy, Joy, Comfort, Harmony, Praise, Love, Grace**, with a feature tableau at the high altar **Heaven on Earth**. Inspiration for each floral display is taken from the music that will be performed by the Festival Choir on Sunday 24 August, a piece from each century that the church has stood - including a new composition by The Music Director himself! Please do get in touch if you would like to discuss the options further. **Adela Hawley** 07947424860 [adelahawley@gmail.com](mailto:adelahawley@gmail.com) or **Mark Harrison** [musicdirector@worthparish.org](mailto:musicdirector@worthparish.org)

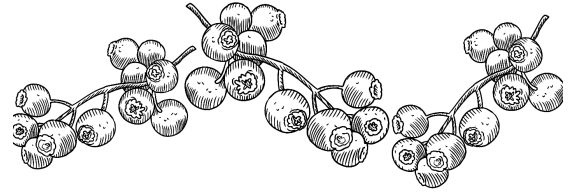
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ST MARY'S CHURCH LONDON ROAD BALCOMBE RH17 6PX

Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

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