



27 July 2025

Trinity 6



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	St Nicholas'

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If you need help, call the Office.

How is your prayer life?

Are you talking to God? What is God saying? Maybe you haven't prayed for a while ... maybe you don't know what to say ... maybe you feel let down and that your prayers have not been answered.

At times like these, I thank Jesus for the amazing gift of the Lord's Prayer, a divinely inspired and crafted prayer that can be said privately or all together.

Jesus chose to begin his prayer by saying Our Father in the conversational language of Aramaic, 'Abba' which means that his followers could say the prayer in all languages all over the world.

Jesus encourages us to use simple words when we pray, we cannot impress God for he already knows us inside and out! Let us tell God our troubles, ask for his loving care and guidance.

Life in this parish is steeped in prayer, we pray before and after our meetings and during our services, there are many people who have many years of experience with prayer and we have a Parish Prayer Group which meets monthly. We are also hoping to run a Prayer Course in the Autumn. If you would like to talk about prayer or your prayer life, your struggles or answers to prayer then please do talk to one of the ministry team.

When we feel lost or afraid or full of gratitude and hope; when we can't find the exact words, then we can always say the Lord's Prayer.

Peace be with you,

Revd Sarah

Collect

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading Genesis 18.20-32

Then the Lord said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.'

So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the Lord said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty

are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found

there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

Reading Colossians 2.6-15

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue



to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Gospel Luke 11.1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray,



say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive

everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.” And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.” I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 29 Jul	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 31 Jul	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 3 Aug	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'
Sunday 3 August 2025 Trinity 7 Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14; 2.18-23 Colossians 3.1-11 Luke 12.13-21		

Festivals this week	
Tues 29 Jul	Martha, Mary and Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord (LF)
Wed 30 Jul	William Wilberforce, Social Reformer, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, Anti-Slavery Campaigners 1833, 1797 and 1846 (LF)
Thur 31 Jul	Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus 1556 (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. **Now on holiday**

Safeguarding

We are delighted to report that Dawn Clubb has been appointed as Deputy Safeguarding Officer for the Parish. She worships at St Nicholas' Church and is a point of contact there for any safeguarding queries.

Scrabble and Cake

Wed 30 July, 14.30-16.30, in St Barnabas' Café. Come and enjoy games, refreshments and company. A welcome awaits! £3.50. In aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund.

Parish Prayer Group

Wed 30 July 19:00 at St Barnabas'. Please join us at St Barnabas' as we pray for our Parish, its clergy and its outreach.

Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **1 August** 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 30 July**. 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
Now on holiday

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

After months of thought and preparation by our creative team, our Parish summer festival 'Entwined in Harmony' now arrives at its delivery phase.

Our Aim is to share our Beautiful Church, its History, Music and Flowers, with as many people as possible to benefit the Organ Repair Fund and St Catherine's Hospice. Our Hope is to re-create the feeling of welcome and inclusion experienced at the celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee at St Nicholas' in 2022. Our Challenge is that this festival runs over three days of the August bank holiday!

To help us achieve this we need a strong team of **willing volunteers** who are available for a couple of hours on a rota to help our festival run smoothly.

There are signup sheets in both churches, but if you would find it easier to contact us directly please email:

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**CRAWLEY OPEN HOUSE
HARVEST APPEAL 2025**

We estimate that over the last year, we provided around 48,000 meals to homeless, disadvantaged and socially excluded people at our hostel, day centre or in the community in partnership with other agencies.

Without the kindness and generosity of the community around us we would not be able to help those in need.

Crawley Open House and The Easter Team have combined food donations and stores under the name of the Crawley Foodbank Partnership. Given the unprecedented scale of need, we are making a joint appeal to ask you to consider donating the proceeds of your harvest festivals and collections to us this year.

The most useful items are tins or packets of the following: sugar, UHT milk, meat and fish, vegetables, fruit, beans, bottles of squash, soup, cereals, rice, cooking sauces, desserts, tea/coffee, and biscuits but, of course, all donations are welcome.



ANGLO-SAXON VOICES

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As part of our Festival this year there will be readings of Anglo-Saxon poetry and prose (in modern English translation) on **Sat 16 Aug at 15:00** in St Nicholas', followed by refreshments including apple honey mead. Free entry; donations welcome. All welcome!

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