



**3 August 2025**

**Trinity 7**



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 Sung Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sarah Upchurch
10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Fr Michael Boag

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In this morning's Gospel reading, Jesus responds to a man's request for help in resolving a family inheritance dispute. Rather than intervening, Jesus warns against greed, emphasizing that life's value does not lie in material abundance. He illustrates this with the parable of a rich man whose land yields a bountiful harvest. The rich man, overwhelmed by his success, decides to tear down his barns and build larger ones to store his surplus. He tells himself he can rest, eat, drink and enjoy life for many years. However, God calls him a fool; declaring his life will be demanded that very night, and questioning who will inherit all he has stored.

The parable highlights the futility of hoarding wealth without regard to spiritual matters or our relationship with God. The message is a warning: material security is fleeting and cannot guarantee happiness. Real wealth lies in being rich toward God, which as we already know, involves generosity, humility, trust in divine providence and a desire to be in tune with God's will. The Gospel passage points to the false sense of control that wealth can provide and urges us to focus on eternal values rather than be obsessed with temporary possessions. Jesus turns the focus away from worldly disputes to matters of the heart, underlining that life's true purpose is not found in accumulation but in alignment with God's will. It is a call to spiritual wisdom over material obsession.

So, let us pray we may stay focussed!

*Fr Michael*

## Collect

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Reading** Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; 2.18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me - and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the

A surreal painting depicting a city skyline at night, reflected in the ocean. In the foreground, a figure sits on a rocky shore, looking out at the waves. Another figure is visible further down the beach. The sky is filled with large, luminous celestial bodies: a bright yellow moon on the left and a large, pale blue moon on the right. The city buildings are dark silhouettes against the bright sky. The overall atmosphere is dreamlike and fantastical.

sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

## Reading *Colossians 3.1-11*

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things - anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being

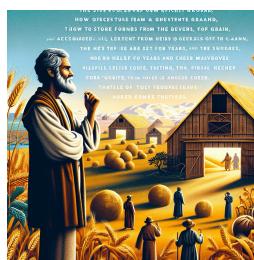
renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that

Put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

## **Gospel** Luke 12.13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them,



‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’

parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

## Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen**

<b>SERVICES THIS WEEK</b>		
Tues 5 Aug	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Wed 6 Aug	12:00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Thur 7 Aug	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 10 Aug	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'
<b>Sunday 10 August 2025</b> <b>Trinity 8</b> Genesis 15.1-6   Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16 Luke 12.32-40		

<b>Festivals this week</b>	
Mon 4 Aug	Jean-Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars, Spiritual Guide 1859 (C)
Tues 5 Aug	Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr 642 (LF)
Wed 6 Aug	<b>The Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>
Thur 7 Aug	John Mason Neale, Priest, Hymn Writer 1866 (C)
Fri 8 Aug	Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers 1221 (LF)
Sat 9 Aug	Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union 1921 (LF)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

## Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **8 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 6 August**. Profits for Parish funds. The lunches are for everyone, why not bring a friend and give us a try. All welcome!



### St Barnabas' Julian Group

meets on **Mon 11 Aug at 14:00** in St Barnabas'. Old and new friends very welcome

### St Nicholas' Julian Group

meets on **Wed 13 Aug at 12:00** for half an hour of silent prayer. Please feel free to join us - everyone welcome!

### Greta's Licensing

Please note that the time has been changed to 19:30.



### ANGLO-SAXON VOICES

#### Anglo-Saxon Voices

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!

## EASTER TEAM

Foodbank Operations Manager

Part-Time 24hrs per week

Salary Range: £14.50 - £18.25 per hour (dependent upon experience)

We are looking to appoint an operations manager to lead the Easter Team Foodbank. The role reports to the Board of Trustees and is responsible for leading a large team, predominantly volunteers, to deliver its services.

As a Christian Charity we feel that it is a genuine occupational requirement for the job holder to be a Christian and ideally have a church connection within the local community.

It is essential that you have experience of working in the charity sector, ideally with experience of delivering services to vulnerable adults. The foodbank operates between the hours of 10am – 2pm Monday to Friday and the role has the flexibility to work the contracted hours across a variety of days/times.

If you would like to find out more or apply for the role please email, Sharon Golightly, Chair of Trustees who will provide a copy of the job description, person specification and application form as well as answer any initial questions you may have.

Closing date for applications: Friday 8 August 2025



## Entwined in Harmony, Eleven centuries of music and flowers at St Nicholas', Worth:

August 23 - 25 2025

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, or please email:

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