



**31 August 2025**

**Trinity II**



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 & Preacher	Fr Francis Pole
10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Fr Michael Boag
16:00 Baptism	St Nicholas'

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## Payments to the Parish

If you possibly can, please transfer the money  
by electronic payment to: Parish of Worth  
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In this morning's Gospel reading, Jesus observes people scrambling for places of honour at a banquet, in a distinguished setting. He responds with a parable, urging humility: 'For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He then turns to the host, challenging him to invite not friends, or the wealthy - who can repay - but the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

This passage exposes our natural desire for recognition and security. We, like the dinner guests, manoeuvre for status, whether through achievements, possessions, or relationships. Yet Jesus reminds us that true honour does not come from human applause but from God's grace. To humble ourselves is not to think less of who we are but to live in a way that acknowledges our dependence on God, our solidarity with, commitment to, others.

Jesus also shifts the focus from reciprocity to generosity. Kingdom hospitality is not about what we can gain but about giving freely to those who cannot repay us. This reflects God's own hospitality toward us - welcoming us into God's kingdom, though we can never earn or repay God's love.

In our daily lives, humility may look like listening more than speaking, serving quietly without recognition, or extending kindness to the overlooked; hospitality may mean opening our hearts and homes to those who cannot offer anything in return.

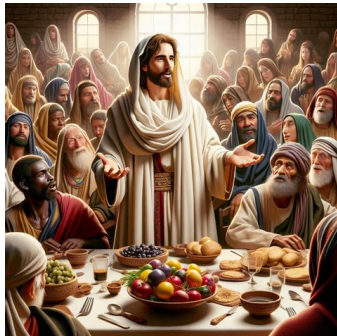
When we live this way, we mirror the banquet of God's kingdom, where all are welcomed, honoured and satisfied.

*Fr Michael*

## Collect

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

## Reading *Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18*



The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.

Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

## Reading *Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16*

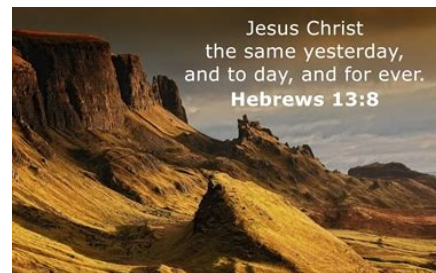
Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus

Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Through him, then, let us

continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.



## Gospel *Luke 14.1,7-14*

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.



When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by

someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite

the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

### Post Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 2 Sept	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 4 Sept	10:30 Said Eucharist 14:00 Wedding	St Nicholas' St Nicholas'
Sun 7 Sept	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 13:00 Wedding	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'
<b>Sunday 7 September 2025</b> <b>Trinity 12</b> Deuteronomy 30.15-20 Philemon 1-21      Luke 14.25-33		

### Festivals this week

Mon 1 Sept	Giles of Provence, Hermit c.710 (C)
Tues 2 Sept	The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea 1901 and 1942 (C)
Wed 3 Sept	Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher 604 (LF)
Thur 4 Sept	Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon.), Apostle of Wessex 650 (C)
Sat 6 Sept	Allen Gardiner, Founder of the South American Mission Society 1851 (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. **On holiday to 9 Sept**

### Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **5 September** 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 3 September**. 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  
**Restarts 5 Sept**

### Jumble Sale

in St Barnabas' Hall, **Sat 6 Sept**, 10:00-11:30. In aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund. On Fri 5 Sept jumble may be brought to the Café between 10:00 and 14:00 or to the Hall between 19:00 and 20:00 or to the Hall on the Saturday from 9:15. Helpers will be needed, if you are able to volunteer please sign the list at St Barnabas' or contact Phyl on 07895 052729. Thank you.

### Scrabble and Cake

**Wed 10 Sept, 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.

*For everyone who EXALTS  
himself will be HUMBLed,  
but the one who HUMBLES  
himself will be EXALTED.*



# HARVEST 2025

## Why Do We Need Your Help?

The Crawley Foodbank Partnership is run by Crawley Open House and The Easter Team and we use food in 2 ways. We distribute emergency food parcels every day and serve 3 meals a day, 365 days a year via our hostel kitchen – that's more

- Long-life milk
- Toilet rolls
- Sugar
- Small bottles of water
- Tinned meat and fish
- Tinned potatoes and vegetables
- Tins of beans and spaghetti
- Jam, marmalade & honey
- Spray deodorants
- Biscuits, chocolate & sweets
- Tea and coffee
- Jars of cooking sauce and pasta sauce
- Custard and rice pudding
- Soup
- New socks and underwear, for men and women
- Dog food and treats

For more information call us at **01293 447702** or visit our website

<https://www.crawleyopenhouse.co.uk/>

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