



**7 September 2025**

**Trinity 12**



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	Revd Sarah Upchurch
10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Fr Michael Boag
13:00 Wedding	St Nicholas'

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In this morning's Gospel of Luke, Jesus confronts the large crowd following him with a stark challenge: true discipleship demands complete commitment. He speaks in striking terms, saying that we must hate father, mother, partner, children, siblings, and even one's own life, in order to be his disciple. While this language is jarring, it emphasizes the radical priority of loyalty to Christ over all other attachments. Jesus is not commanding literal hatred but rather pointing to the cost of discipleship; it cannot be half-hearted or secondary to other loves and obligations.

Jesus then offers two illustrations: a builder considering the cost of constructing a tower and a king weighing the chances of victory before going to war. Both images underline the importance of estimating the cost before embarking on a serious endeavour. Following Jesus is not a casual decision; it requires foresight, readiness, and the willingness to relinquish everything that might compete with wholehearted devotion.

The final verse summarizes the message: 'So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.' Possessions here extend beyond material wealth, they represent anything that holds our allegiance, distracts us, or tempts us to trust in something other than God.

This passage challenges us to examine what competes for our loyalty. Faith in Jesus is not an add-on to a comfortable life; it is a proper ordering of values, relationships, and priorities. Discipleship is costly but in surrendering all, we discover the deeper freedom and life Christ offers.

*Fr Michael*

## Collect

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Reading Deuteronomy 30.15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and

earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may **LIVE** DEUTERONOMY 30:19

blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

## Reading Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord

Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a



beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

## Gospel Luke 14.25-33

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross



and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate

the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

### Post Communion

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Festivals this week	
Mon 8 Sep	The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary (LF) The Accession of King Charles III 2022 (C)
Tues 9 Sep	Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest 1880 (C)
Sat 13 Sep	John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher 407 (LF)

(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 9 Sep	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 11 Sep	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 14 Sep	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 13:00 Wedding	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'

**Sunday 14 September 2025**

**Holy Cross Day**

Numbers 21.4-9

Philippians 2.6-11 John 3.13-17

### St Barnabas' Julian Group

meets on **Mon 8 Sept at 14:00** in St Barnabas'. Old and new friends very welcome

**Toddlers Group** meets on Tues 13:00-15:00 and Thurs 9:00-11:00, in St Barnabas' Hall in term time.

### St Nicholas' Julian Group

meets on **Wed 10 Sept at 12:00** for half an hour of silent prayer. Please feel free to join us - ever

### 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.

### Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **12 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 10 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

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

In September Messy Church will be on **Sat 20 Sept** and **Wed 24 Sept**; both 15:00-16:30, at St Barnabas'. This month: The parable of the foolish farmer - appreciating needs v wants. Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and have fun!



## 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 than 20,000 meals a year. We can only do this because people donate most of the food we give out. If you can help these are the things we need.

- 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/>



Crawley  
Food Bank  
Partnership



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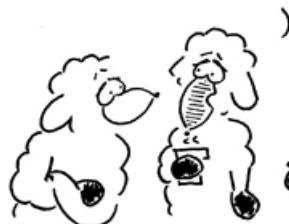
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POSITIVE & UPBEAT  
IF HE WANTS PEOPLE  
TO FOLLOW HIM.



TED! HE'S DESCRIBING  
HIS OWN MINISTRY—  
HIS COMING CRUCIFIXION!



STILL, HE COULD TALK ABOUT  
HOW NICE IT IS TO HELP PEOPLE,  
THE LONG WALKS WITH HIS  
DISCIPLES,  
THE DINNER INVITATIONS...



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Luke 19:25-33