



28 September 2025

Michael and All Angels



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 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'
14:00 Pet Service	St Nicholas'
18:30 Sunday Space for You	St Barnabas'

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Entertaining Angels

Wouldn't it be wonderful to greet everyone
we meet, as if they might be an angel?

As humans, made in the image of God then
it is surely possible to know and learn
something about the very nature and
character of God in every other human we
meet. Beware though, we need to be
sensible as humans are complex creatures
and so caution and discernment needs to be
employed.

My understanding of the alternative
scripture this week, Revelation 12.7-12, is
that there is a great struggle in this world.
Evil in the form of Satan whose other name
is the Devil, was banished after a battle in
Heaven by the Archangel Michael and now
has **temporary** hold on earth. I emphasise
temporary because we know that Jesus has
won the victory over Satan and death and
all that is evil. However the people in this
world are being deceived and tricked to
ignore true Goodness, the source of Love
which is God and his Son Jesus. Therefore,
we are in the throes of a spiritual battle, and
the battle ground is in the heart and mind of
every human being.

We must never forget that through the
victory of Jesus we are citizens of heaven,
and we have the Armour of God for
protection against the Evil one. We are not
guaranteed protection from disaster and
disease, but we can be sent help. I have
heard personally of more than one or two
instances of friends who have been
ministered to by Angels.

Do not be afraid, keep praying, keep
trusting. May God's Holy Angels surround
you and guide you as you seek and fight to
follow Jesus.

Amen

Revd Sarah

Collect

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Reading *Genesis 28.10-17*

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go,



and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I

have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

Reading *Hebrews 1.5-14*

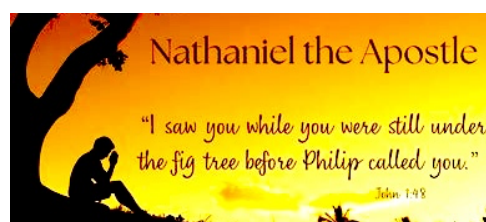
For to which of the angels did God ever say, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you'? Or again, 'I will be his Father, and he will be my Son'? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, 'Let all

God's angels worship him.' Of the angels he says, 'He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.' But of the Son he says, 'Your throne, O God, is^a for ever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.' And, 'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.' But to which of the angels has he ever said, 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet'? Are not all angels spirits in the divine service, sent to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?



Gospel *John 1.47-51*

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?'



Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before

Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Post Communion

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Mon 29 Sep	11:00 Funeral William Henry Saunders	St Nicholas'
Tues 30 Sep	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 2 Oct	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Fri 3 Oct	12:00 Funeral: Carol Ann Carney	St Nicholas'
Sun 5 Oct	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 19:00 95% Prayer Gathering	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Barnabas'
Sunday 5 October 2025 Harvest Thanksgiving Deuteronomy 26.1-11 Philippians 4.4-9 John 6.25-35		

Festivals this week	
Tues 30 Sep	Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher 420 (C)
Wed 1 Oct	Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, Apostle of the Franks 533 (C) Anthony Ashley Cooper, earl of Shaftesbury, Social Reformer 1885 (C)
Fri 3 Oct	George Bell Bishop of Chichester, Ecumenist, Peacemaker 1958 (C)
Sat 4 Oct	Francis of Assisi, Friar, Founder of the Friars Minor 1226 (LF)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

Sometimes Sunday afternoons can be a bit lonely! Come and join us **TODAY** at St Barnabas' at Pound Hill Shops for a whole afternoon and evening:

First a Free **Tea Party** 16:00-18:00 with dancing entertainment.

Then we move into a calming **Meditation and Relaxation** session 18:30-19:30 to prepare us for the week ahead - bring a cushion & blanket. Come to one or the other or both!

All welcome - we'd especially love to reach older neighbours and friends in the community, or those who might not have the chance to socialise much over a weekend - PLEASE bring someone along to join in the fun!

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

St Nicholas' Circle

Next meets on **Wed 1 Oct** 19:30 for 20:00 at St Barnabas' Café. Liz Gallagher will speak on the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham.

Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **3 October** in The Café at 12:30. More cooks are needed for Friday lunches - if you cook at home this is not much different - perhaps 2 people working together could provide a lunch. Please see Phyl or Sarah if you think you could help - once a month or every 6 weeks. Due to a shortage of cooks we are only able to offer lunches on 2 Fridays in October, November and December- the first and 3rd Fridays of the months, 3 and 17 October, 7 and 21 November and 5 and 19 December. The situation will obviously be reviewed if we can recruit a few new cooks. As usual lunches cost £7: 2 courses and drink. Everyone welcome.

The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas' meets
Every **Friday** at 19:00

Saturday Market

4 Oct, 10:00-11:30, in St Barnabas' Café; come and find a bargain and enjoy refreshments too. In aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund. All welcome.

Choral Evensong

Sun 12 Oct 16:00 at St Nicholas'

The Prayer Course continues on the **4 Oct** in the Café at St Barnabas' 13:30 for a 14:00 start. Then 11, 25 Oct, 1, 8, 22 and final one on 29 Nov. Certain Wednesdays may be available for catch ups or for those who cannot make Saturdays, talk to Sarah for clarification.

Everybody welcome! This is your invitation to **Harvest Shared Lunch** on **5 Oct** at St Barnabas' when we will cut the ribbon for our new Church Entrance and celebrate 70 years of St Barnabas' in Pound Hill! Look out for sign-up sheets.....

Scrabble and Cake

Wed 8 Oct, 14:30-16:30, in St Barnabas' Café. Come and enjoy games, refreshments and company. £3.50 in aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund. All welcome.

Recycling

We continue to recycle **milk bottle tops**. Containers are now available in the Narthex and on Sue's doorstep. Please deliver **by the end of SEPTEMBER**. We also collect used postage **stamps** (for the Hospice) and used **printer cartridges** (for McIndoe); please deliver to the Narthex. Our recent collection of printer cartridges raised £14.45 for McIndoe. Thank you!

Autumn Fair

The autumn fair is being held on Sat 1 Nov 11:00-14:00 at St Barnabas'. Any ideas for stalls and activities would be very welcome. A date to discuss plans for the fair will be made later, all welcome to attend. *Jane Stanford*

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