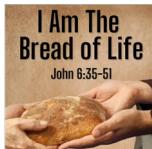




5 October 2025

Harvest Thanksgiving



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

19:00 95% Prayer Gathering St Barnabas'

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Philippians 4. 4–9 is a timely reminder for Harvest Thanksgiving. Paul’s words, written from prison, begin with the call to: ‘*Rejoice in the Lord always.*’ At harvest, we are invited to celebrate God’s abundant provision, not only in crops and food but in the daily gifts we can so easily take for granted: health, community, creation itself. Gratitude, he teaches, is at the heart of our attitude towards God. Paul reminds that joy flows not from our own circumstances but from the Lord who sustains us.

Paul urges us to let our gentleness be known to everyone. Just as the earth yields fruit for all, so are we called to share generously, showing gentleness, kindness and hospitality toward everyone.

The assurance that 'the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus' reminds us that thanksgiving is not just about food and provision but about entering into God's peace. In a world beset by anxiety, Paul points us toward prayer and trust. By dwelling on what reflects God's goodness, we are not passive recipients of peace but active participants in cultivating it.

Paul's words about focussing on what is true, honourable, just, pure, pleasing, and commendable offer a vision for daily living. Harvest is not only about giving thanks for the past season but about shaping how we live going forward with contentment, generosity, and integrity.

May the peace of God be our guide;
always guarding hearts and minds in
Christ Jesus.

Fr Michael

Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 *Deuteronomy 26.1-11*

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you,

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together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Reading *Philippians 4.4-9*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

- Philippians 4:4 -



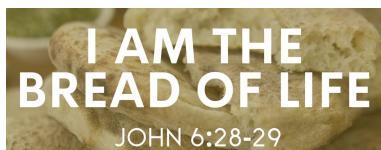
everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel *John 6.25-35*

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave

them bread from heaven to eat.” Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’



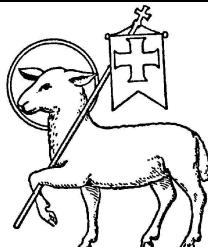
Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will

never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Post Communion

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 7 Oct	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 9 Oct	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 12 Oct	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 16:00 Evensong	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'
Sunday 12 October 2025 Trinity 17 2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15 2 Timothy 2.8-15 Luke 17.11-19		



Festivals this week	
Mon 6 Oct	William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr 1636 (LF)
Thur 9 Oct	Denys, Bishop of Paris, and his Companions, Martyrs c.250 (C) Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, Philosopher, Scientist 1253 (C)
Fri 10 Oct	Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary 644 (LF) Thomas Traherne, Poet, Spiritual Writer 1674 (C)
Sat 11 Oct	Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking 675 (C) James the Deacon, Companion of Paulinus 7 th century (C)

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

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! Come as you are, with or without food. There is bound to be plenty!

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

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.

Friday Lunches

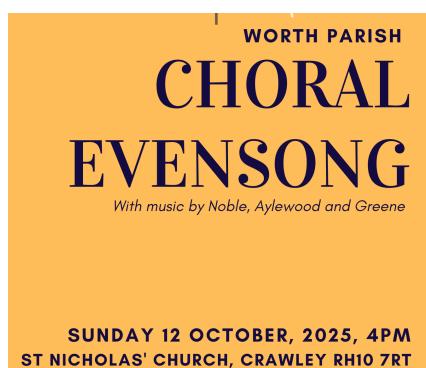
Friday lunch on **17 Oct** in The Café at 12:30. More cooks are needed for Friday lunches - if you cook at home this is not much different - perhaps 2 people working together could provide a lunch. Please see Phyl or Sarah if you think you could help - once a month or every 6 weeks. Due to a shortage 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

Mothers' Union

Coffee Morning on **Sat 11 Oct** at 10:00 in the Café.

The Prayer Course continues on the **11 Oct** in the Café at St Barnabas' 13:30 for a 14:00 start. Then 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.



October Concerts in St Nicholas' Worth

Fri 24 Oct at 19:00, Ensemble Reza, play Felix Mendelssohn's string octet, a dazzling joyful work, 200 years after the sixteen-year old completed it in October 1805. Also, his violin concerto in E minor, completed in 1845. Tickets £20

www.ensemblereza.com/events/24102025

Sun 26 Oct at 16:00, former St Nicholas' chorister, Warren Mailley-Smith (piano) with Susan Parkes (soprano): Beethoven - Moonlight Sonata, Chopin - Fantasy Impromptu, Mozart - Voi che Sapete, Bizet - Habanera, Puccini - O mio bambino caro, Puccini - Un bel di, Gershwin - Summertime, Gershwin - Rhapsody in Blue. Donations welcome, to support the St Nicholas' Churchyard Fund

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