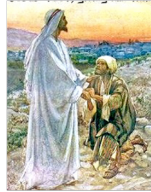




**12 October 2025**

**Trinity 17**



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 Canon Penny Foreman

10:00 Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'  
Celebrant & Preacher Fr Michael Boag

16:00 Sung Evensong St Nicholas'

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In the time of Christ, and through much of human history, leprosy has been a terrible disease because it can so easily be passed on by touch. Some 200,000 new cases still occur globally each year. It is cured through antibiotics. We had some intimation of the isolating impact of leprosy during the Covid pandemic when we were asked to forfeit so many of our liberties and practise social isolation. Lepers were cast out from society and hence the pleading of the group of ten lepers that Jesus should have mercy on them and heal them. Jesus did so and sent them to the priests so that their healed status could be validated. Only one of them – a Samaritan in fact - saw fit to thank Jesus by prostrating himself at his feet.

Jesus generously exerts compassion, regardless of background, but is mindful of our ongoing relationship with him. It is this relationship that is central to our faith. Bad things have happened and will happen to us. What is of supreme importance is that we do keep faith with Jesus and acknowledge his saving presence, even if our circumstances lead us to suppose that we really have been abandoned. Such abandonment takes many forms and includes a sense of emotional isolation or alienation from the world and from those who love us that characterises so much of real mental illness. Abandonment also is seen in those whose differences make us suspicious or reluctant to reach out to them. Our society, indeed our churches, are not immune from this and we must constantly be on our guard to ensure that we do welcome and acknowledge those who are very different to us, in our midst.

*Gordon*

## Collect

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Reading 2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.'

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' So he went down and immersed himself seven times in



the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.'

## Reading 2 Timothy 2.8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David - that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful - for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.



## Gospel Luke 17.11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.'



And as they went, they were made clean.

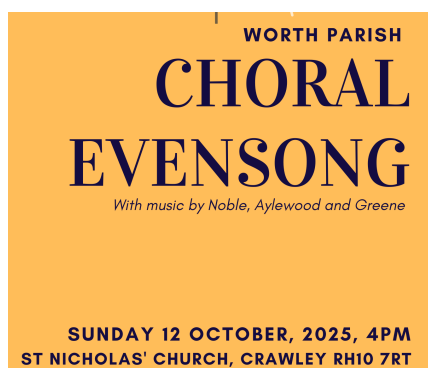
Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

### Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 14 Oct	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 16 Oct	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 19 Oct	8:15 Eucharist (BCP)	St Nicholas'
	10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	12:00 Baptism	St Nicholas'
<b>Sunday 19 October 2025</b> <b>Trinity 18</b> Genesis 32.22-31 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5      Luke 18.1-8		



### St Barnabas' Julian Group

meets on **Mon 13 Oct** at **14:00** in St Barnabas'. Old and new friends very welcome

### Festivals this week

Mon 13 Oct	Edward the Confessor, King of England 1066 (LF)
Wed 15 Oct	Teresa of Avila, Teacher 1582 (LF)
Thur 16 Oct	Nicholas Ridley, Bishop of London and Hugh Latimer, Bishop of Worcester, Reformation Martyrs 1555 (C)
Fri 17 Oct	Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr c.107 (LF)
Sat 18 Oct	<b>Luke the Evangelist (F)</b>
(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.

### 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 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

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

In October Messy Church will be on **Sat 18 Oct** and **Wed 22 Oct**, both 15:00-16:30, at St Barnabas'. This month the topic is Prayer. Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and have fun!



## Autumn Fair

The Parish Autumn Fair is less than four weeks away. If you can help in any way, volunteering to run a stall or helping out on stalls, help with refreshments, or anything else you think would be helpful, we need you.

Also help will be needed to set up on the Friday evening and clear away after the event. There are now boxes at the back of both churches for donations for stalls and for raffle. Suggestions for stalls would be bottles, unused toiletries or gifts, boxes of chocolates and/or biscuits, wine, packets of wrapped sweets to use as prizes on stalls, in fact anything you think would be acceptable.

Please remember this is a Parish event with all money raised (after expenses) going towards desperately needs Parish funds, so if you can spare even an hour to help please let us know. Needed: Does anyone have **hula hoops** I could borrow for the Autumn Fair please? I need four (not the weighted ones) for a game. Please contact me on 07967 139168 if you can help. Many thanks. *Jane Stanford*

## Healing Service

There will be a Healing Service at St Andrew's Furnace Green on **Sun 19 Oct** at 16:00.

## 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](http://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

As a previous supporter of **Tariro** I am inviting you to attend a presentation on **Sat 15 Nov** at 14:30 in the Tudor Room at the Old School. Cuckfield. Tea will be provided and you will hear a talk and see a video presentation by Fr Nicolas Stebbing. More info: Fr Michael.

**The Prayer Course** continues on the **25 Oct** in the Café at St Barnabas' 13:30 for a 14:00 start. Then 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.

## Safeguarding Training

On **Sat 22 Nov**, Revd Greta and Anita (Parish Safeguarding Officer) are planning to deliver **basic awareness safeguarding training** in the Café at 15:00.

This is the first time that face to face training has been done since Covid.

The course is suitable for everyone, we would ideally like all parishioners to have the basic awareness training. It is recommended particularly for those doing any voluntary work or on a church rota. *Anita*

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