



19 October 2025

Trinity 18



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	Fr Michael Boag
Preacher	Seb Pelissier
12:00 Baptism	St Nicholas'
16:00 Healing Service	St Andrew's Furnace Green

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Be persistent.

I expect you have heard the saying 'if at first
you don't succeed, try, try and try again.' It
is a reminder for us to be persistent, even
when we feel like giving up.

Our Gospel reading is the Parable of the
Persistent Widow. The widowed lady in
question, presented herself to a judge,
repeatedly begging him for justice against
her enemy. The judge was not a kindly old
gentleman. We know this because we are
told that he 'neither feared God nor
respected man.'

The widow must have been courageous as
she wasn't put off when at first the judge did
not grant her request. The widow didn't
give up because her request was of great
importance to her. It was something in
which she believed.

The judge eventually granted the lady
justice. Her persistence proved to be her
greatest asset. The judge acquiesced so that
he wasn't worn down by her pestering. So,
do you think the message of this parable is
to make a nuisance of yourself until you
wear the other person down? I think not.
Rather, I think that the message is about
persistence in relation to prayer. To pray
and not to lose heart.

There may be times when we feel defeated
and our fervent prayer appears to go
unanswered. If that happens, it is easy to
give up, yet we are urged not to do so. We
are encouraged to have faith that God hears
our prayers and that he will answer.

This parable reminds us to persevere and to
understand that persistence in prayer is the
mark of enduring faith. We are reassured
that God will act on behalf of his people so
that justice will prevail.

Canon Penny

Collect

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading Genesis 32.22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until



daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said,

'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Reading 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone

who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

PREACH
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WORD

Gospel Luke 18.1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their

ALWAYS
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need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept

coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and

here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 21 Oct	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Wed 22 Oct	15:00 Messy Church	St Barnabas'
Thur 23 Oct	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Fri 24 Oct	12:00 Burial of Ashes Eileen Clark	St Nicholas'
Sat 25 Oct	12:00 Baptism	St Barnabas'
Sun 26 Oct	8:15 Eucharist (BCP)	St Nicholas'
	10:00 Child Friendly Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	12:00 Baptism	St Nicholas'
Sunday 26 October 2025 Last Sunday after Trinity Ecclesiasticus 35.12-17 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18 Luke 18.9-14		

Festivals this week	
Sat 25 Oct	Crispin and Crispinian, Martyrs at Rome c.287 (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.

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

Oriel are putting on **Little Shop of Horrors** (the musical) and Luke is the show pianist and Tabitha is in the band. They have shows on 10/11/12 Dec with a 14:30 matinee on Fri 12 which might suit some parishioners.

There is a link to buy tickets:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/oriel-high-school>

We've had updated usage figures for the **defibrillators** that our Parish hosts.

The defibrillator next to the garage block at St Nicholas', has been "accessed" three times.

The defibrillator at St Barnabas' has now been "accessed" six times.

'Accessed' doesn't mean it definitely saved a life, but does mean that a medical professional has approved its use. (There is an "anti-vandalism" step that means that a medical professional has to enable it remotely - the details on how to call that team are printed on the defibrillators.)

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

In October the second Messy Church will be on

Wed 22 Oct, 15:00-16:30, at St Barnabas'.

This month the topic is Prayer.

Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and have fun!



Mothers' Union

Songs of Praise on **Thur 23 Oct 16:00** at St Barnabas'. Please come and join us as we sing praises to the Lord. We may be few in number but Joyse's in voice. Followed by tea and cake. **ALL ARE VERY WELCOME.**

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.

Friday Lunches

Next Friday lunch on **7 Nov** in The Café at 12:30. Lunches cost £7: 2 courses and drink. 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 7 and 21 November and 5 and 19 December. The situation will obviously be reviewed if we can recruit a few new cooks. Everyone welcome.

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



Autumn Fair

The Parish Autumn Fair is less than two 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*

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.

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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