



**16 November 2025**

## **Second Sunday before Advent**



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

10:15 Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'  
Celebrant & Preacher Fr Michael Boag

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### **Payments to the Parish**

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by electronic payment to: Parish of Worth  
Poundhill & Maidenbower, sort code 40-18-22,  
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Today's Gospel passage (Luke.21vv.5-19)  
contains some hard lessons. Whilst Jesus'  
disciples admire the beauty of the Temple,  
Jesus shockingly declares that 'the day will  
come when not one stone will be left on  
another'. He adds that there will be wars,  
earthquakes, famines and plagues. But why  
does Jesus say all this?

Essentially Jesus wants to shift the disciples'  
focus from the temporary to the eternal.  
Even the most magnificent works of this  
world will pass away, so our hope cannot  
rest in buildings, or even on earthly stability.  
All of these are temporary. Our focus must  
be on God!

Through the darkness of our Gospel reading  
two promises shine through: Firstly, Jesus  
promises his presence; when everything  
feels uncertain His spirit equips us to speak  
the truth and to stand firm. "I will give you  
words and wisdom that none of your  
adversaries will be able to resist or  
contradict". Secondly, Jesus promises  
ultimate safety in him. "Not a hair of your  
head will perish. By standing firm you will  
win true life for yourselves."

Jesus, in this and at other times, does NOT  
say that we won't face pain or loss in this  
life – but that we are secure in his hands.  
Our faith and endurance, even when the  
going gets tough, is how we demonstrate  
our trust in eternal values.

So, when our world feels unstable (as it  
does now!); when news, relationships,  
sickness or other personal troubles shake  
us, Jesus calls us to look up, not around.  
The things of this world are temporary and  
will crumble, whereas God's promises stand  
for ever.

So, take heart, dear hearts!

*Fr Francis*

## Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Reading *Malachi 4.1-2a*

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

## Reading *2 Thessalonians 3.6-13*

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

## Gospel *Luke 21.5-19*

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon



another; all So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

## Post Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 18 Nov	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Wed 19 Nov	15:00 Messy Church	St Barnabas'
Thur 20 Nov	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 23 Nov	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Child Friendly Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'

**Sunday 23 November 2025**

**Christ the King**

Jeremiah 23.1-6    Colossians 1.11-20  
Luke 23.33-43



Festivals this week	
Mon 17 Nov	Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln 1200 (LF)
Tues 18 Nov	Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist 1231 (LF)
Wed 19 Nov	Hilda, Abbess of Whitby 680 (LF) Mechtild, Béguine of Magdeburg, Mystic 1280 (C)
Thur 20 Nov	Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr 870 (LF) Priscilla Lydia Sellon, a Restorer of the Religious Life in the Church of England 1876 (C)
Sat 22 Nov	Cecilia, Martyr at Rome c.230 (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.

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

In September the second Messy Church will be on **Wed 19 Nov**; 15:00-16:30, at St Barnabas'. Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and have fun!



### Friday Lunches

Next Friday lunch on **21 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 21 November and 5 and 19 December. The situation will obviously be reviewed if we can recruit a few new cooks. Everyone welcome.

### Magazine Copy Deadline

**TODAY** is the copy deadline for the next Parish Magazine. For personal reasons, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that copy is submitted to Sue or Viv TODAY.

### The Hangout

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

**The Prayer Course** continues on **22 Nov** in the Café at St Barnabas' 13:30 for a 14:00 start. Then 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



## Cleaning at St Nicholas'

Please can you help? From January onwards we shall be short of 2 cleaners at St Nicholas' to help to keep our beautiful Church looking as she deserves to look. The task and commitment is not onerous as we each clean about 8 times a year, and it takes about 2 hours or thereabouts (seldom more) each time, spread throughout the year at times/days to suit YOU. All equipment is provided and I will gladly explain what is actually involved - there is no heavy lifting, just generally maintaining the internal appearance of the Church by dusting, Hoovering, polishing etc. If 2 people could join forces, as for the most part we work in 2's, that would be ideal but not definitive. I look forward to hearing from anyone who can help and if you are able to join our team that would be so very much appreciated. I shall be preparing the rota for next year shortly so, please, if you can, contact me as soon as possible. Many thanks. *Jill Freeborn*

## 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 NOVEMBER**.

We also collect used postage **stamps** (for the Hospice) and used **printer cartridges** (for McIndoe); please deliver to the Narthex. Thank you!

## Parish Prayer Group

**Wed 26 Nov 19:00** at St Barnabas'. Please join us at St Barnabas' as we pray for our Parish, its clergy and its outreach.

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LUKE 21:5-19

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