



18 January 2026

Epiphany 2



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 Fr Michael Boag

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Today marks the first day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme this year, provided by the ancient Armenian Orthodox Church, comes from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians: "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." (4.3)

In our divided world it seems to me to be of paramount importance that the Christian church is united and Christ-focused. Whereas unity does not necessarily mean uniformity, each of us needs to reflect on how well we, both as our Parish and as individuals, are united and Christ-centred.

Even before the coming of Jesus into our world there are several references in the Old Testament, regarding unity before God. Perhaps the most well-known is in Psalm 133.1 “how very good and pleasant it is when brothers (and sisters) live together in unity.” Again, earlier, we find Abram pleading with Lot: “Let’s have no quarrelling between you and me.... for we are brothers.”

In the New Testament Jesus' prayer in John 17.21 calls for believers to be one as He and the Father are one. Surely Jesus' command we should love one another as he has loved us (John 13.34) emphasises the point that this love is the essence of our oneness in Christ.

So today and this week we pray: Lord Jesus Christ, in your mercy draw our hearts together, so that divisions may give way to understanding, and suspicion to trust. Breathe your Spirit into our churches that we may serve as one body. Teach us to see your image in every believer. May our unity bear witness to your love, so that the world may believe and rejoice in your truth.

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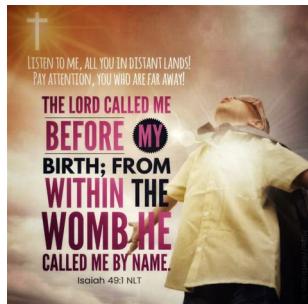
Fr Francis

Collect

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading *Isaiah 49.1-7*

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me



before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished

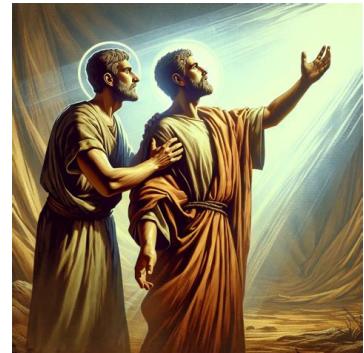
arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Reading *I Corinthians 1.1-9*

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



Gospel *John 1.29-42*

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw

where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew,



Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought

Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

Post Communion

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Festivals this week

Mon 19 Jan	Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester 1095 (LF)
Tues 20 Jan	Richard Rolle of Hampole, Spiritual Writer 1349 (C)
Wed 21 Jan	Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome 304 (LF)
Thur 22 Jan	Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon, first Martyr of Spain 304 (C)
Sat 24 Jan	Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, Teacher 1622 (LF)

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

Scrabble and Cake

Wed 21 Jan 14:00-16:00, (note new earlier time), in St Barnabas' Café. Come and enjoy games, refreshments and company. £4. In aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund. All welcome.

Friday Lunches

The next lunch will be on **23 Jan**. Please book your place for the 23 Jan with the Office or the Café by **Wed 21 Jan**.

We are still in need of some more cooks, so do let us know if you can help out. Thank you

The Hangout

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

Saturday Market

24 Jan, 10:00- 11:30, in St Barnabas' Café. Come and find a new year's bargain and enjoy Café refreshments. 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 JANUARY**

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

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

Worth Parish Legendary Quiz Night

Sat 31 Jan 19:00 – 22:30

St Barnabas' Church

Doors 19:00; Food 19:15; Quiz 20:00

1. Gather up to 6 friends and choose a team name
2. Email office@worthparish.org stating how many people need food
3. Turn up and pay on the night (cash or card)

Food: jacket potatoes, baked beans, cheese and coleslaw, plus ice-cream

- **Teams of up to 6**
- **£12 per head with food, £7 without**

See website for details <https://wp.me/P387KI-u8s>

Choral Compline

St Nicholas', 16:00 on **Sun 1 Feb.**

We believe that this is the first time Compline has been sung at St Nicholas' since the choir was formed in the 1960s. Please come and join us for a short service including music by Tallis and Gibbons.



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YEAH. IT'S A
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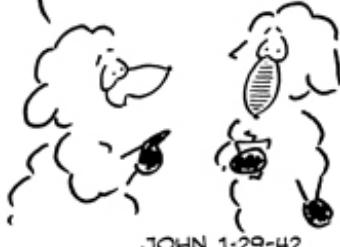
BUT IT'S ALSO COMPLETELY UNIQUE.
NO ONE WAS EVER CALLED "THE
LAMB OF GOD" BEFORE THIS AND
NO ONE ELSE EVER WILL.



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JOHN 1:29-42

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Parish Prayer Group

Meets on **Wed 28 Jan** at 14:30 at St Nicholas'. Join us to pray for our Parish, our clergy, our outreach and the congregations.

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