



7 Jun 2026

Trinity I

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) Celebrant Preacher	St Nicholas' Father Michael Boag Deborah Cowie
10:00 Sung Eucharist Celebrant & Preacher	St Barnabas' Revd Sarah Upchurch
10:00 Sung Eucharist Celebrant & Preacher	St Nicholas' Father Michael Boag

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Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel highlights the mercy, compassion and healing power of Jesus. The first moment that stands out, is Jesus calling Matthew, a tax collector, to follow him. Tax collectors were disliked and considered sinful because many were dishonest and worked for the Roman authorities. Yet Jesus does not judge Matthew by his reputation. Instead, he sees his potential and invites him into a new life. Matthew's immediate response shows trust and willingness to change. The Pharisees criticise Jesus for eating with sinners, believing that holy people should avoid those seen as unclean. Jesus answers by saying that it's the sick who need a doctor, not the healthy. This reminds us that God's love is especially for those who are struggling, lost, or in need of forgiveness, who know and recognise their need and shun complacency. Jesus values mercy more than religious pride or outward appearances. The healing of the woman suffering from haemorrhages shows the importance of faith. For twelve years she had suffered physically and socially, yet she believed Jesus could heal her. Jesus responds with kindness, calling her "daughter" and restoring her dignity as well as her health. Finally, the raising of the synagogue leader's daughter reveals Jesus' power over death and despair. Even when others laugh and doubt, Jesus brings hope and life. This passage reminds us to trust in Jesus, show compassion to others and never exclude people because of their past or present struggles. Jesus welcomes everyone with love and mercy. Let us do the same.

Fr Michael

Collect

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reading Hosea 5.15-6.6

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favour: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes



away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgement goes forth as the light. For I

desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt-offerings.

Reading Romans 4. 13-25



For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings

wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of

us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel Matt 9.9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and



knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then

suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she

said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Post Communion

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

NOTICES

Jane Stanford

Will be climbing the roof of the O2 building, on the 10 Jun to help to raise funds for the Mothers Union. She appreciates any donations to help this important organisation. She has a just giving page, just search up her name, or if you prefer she is happy to take your cash! Thank you.

Stephen Mumford

Will be taking part in the London to Brighton bike ride, this father's day, to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. If you would like to donate, please use the QR code below or give cash to Stephen, David or Sarah.



St Barnabas' Julian Group
meets on **Mon 8 Jun.** at 14:00 in St Barnabas'. Old and new friends very welcome

Friday Lunches

The next lunch will be on **12 June.** Please book your place for the 12 June with the Office or the Café by **Wed 10 June.** We are still in need of some more cooks, so do let us know if you can help out (help and advice given).

St Nicholas' Julian Group

meets on **Wed 10 Jun** at 12:00 for half an hour of silent prayer. Please feel free to join us - everyone welcome

The Circle

Wed 10 June Ryan, the Events Coordinator for the Sussex Bat Group, will be talking about bats and bats rescue. As usual this will be in the café at St Barnabas and there will be cake! Doors open at 19.00 and the talk will start at 19.30. Donations will be collected for this charity. Bring your friends, everyone welcome

Saturday Market

13 June, 10.00-11.30, at St Barnabas', in aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund. Come and look for a bargain and enjoy company and refreshments in the Cafe. All welcome

Scrabble and Cake

Wed 24 Jun, St Barnabas' Café, 14:00-16:00. Come and enjoy games, refreshments and company. £4, in aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment. All welcome.

Messy Church

Come and see, a song and a prayer, followed by pizza and lollies. In June Messy Church will be on **Sun 13 June and Wed 17 Jun** 15:00-16:30, at St Barnabas'. Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents,



SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 9 June	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 11 June	10:30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	13:30 Wedding	St Nicholas
Sun 14 June	8:15 Eucharist (BCP)	St Nicholas'
	10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Barnabas'
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<p>Sunday 14 June 2026 Second Sunday after Trinity</p> <p>Acts 11. 19-end Gal 2. 1-10 John 15. 12-17</p>		

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 during term time.

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JUST LIKE THAT,
 MATTHEW
 LEAVES IT ALL
 TO FOLLOW
 JESUS.



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YES, IT'S *MERCY*
 THAT DRAWS HIM AND
 IT'S *MERCY* THAT
 MOVES JESUS TO
 DINE WITH SINNERS.



BUT THE PHARISEES DON'T
 SEE *MERCY*, WHEN THEY
 LOOK*, THEY CAN *ONLY*
 SEE *JUDGEMENT*.



*MATTHEW 6:22

WELL, I'M
 GLAD I'M *NOT*
 LIKE THAT!



MATTHEW 9:9-13

