



WORTH PARISH

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2 August 2026

Trinity 9

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 Revd Sarah Upchurch
Preacher Revd Canon Penny Foreman

10:00 Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'
Celebrant Father Michael Boag
Preacher Deborah Cowie

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straight to a giving page.



Payments to the Parish

If you possibly can, please transfer the money
by electronic payment to: Parish of Worth
Poundhill & Maidenbower, sort code 40-18-22,
account 61223372.

If you need help, call the Office.

There is one thing every human being has in common: we hunger. We live in a world that constantly tells us where to satisfy our hunger. Yet, after all the striving, many people still feel empty, for there are some hungers that food cannot satisfy. We know the hunger of grief. We hunger for hope when our world has been turned upside down. We know the longing for meaning, for peace, for reassurance that we have not been forgotten. The prophet Isaiah speaks into our emptiness and need as he spoke to the people returning from exile: "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters..." All are welcome, just as we are. Isaiah promises abundance. In the Gospel reading, Jesus has received news of the death of John the Baptist, and he withdraws to a deserted place as he seeks solitude and space to grieve, but the crowd find him and Jesus' sorrow deepens his compassion. He shows us that compassion is not the absence of pain. It is love that continues despite pain. The crowds have their own hunger. At first glance, it is simply physical. The disciples look at what they have and conclude it cannot possibly be enough. Jesus looks at the same resources and sees something entirely different. He stands before a hungry crowd and feeds thousands with five loaves and two fish and fills baskets with leftovers. God sees our deepest hunger and meets us with abundant grace. Those who come to Christ with empty hands never leave empty-hearted.

Deborah

Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reading Isaiah 55. 1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk



without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does

not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Reading Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ



for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the

adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving

of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen

Gospel Matthew 14: 13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion



for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children

Post Communion

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

NOTICES

St Barnabas' Julian Group

meets on Monday 10 August. at 14:00
in St Barnabas'. Old and new friends
very welcome

St Nicholas' Julian Group

meets on **Wednesday 19 August** at
12:00 for half an hour of silent prayer.
Please feel free to join us - everyone
welcome

Friday Lunches

The next lunch will be on **14 August**.
Please book your place for the 14
August with the Office or the Café by
Wednesday 12 August. We are still
in need of some more cooks, so do let
us know if you can help out (help and
advice given)

Festival Choir rehearsals

The Festival Choir is a non-auditioning
choir that rehearses for one hour, at St
Nicholas' 4pm, every Sunday afternoon
in July and August.

The concert is on **Sunday 6
September**

This year we're performing the Haydn
"Nelson" mass. All welcome. No to
book. Music provided. No fee to sing.

The Parish family BBQ,

organised by Messy Church and
Mother's Union, is on Saturday 8
August in the Jubilee Garden at St
Barnabas' from 1pm to 3pm. Just bring
yourselves!

The Hangout Youth Club

at St Barnabas' meets Every Friday at
19:00 during term time.

Now on holiday until September.

Toddlers Group

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

Now on holiday until September.

Parish Magazine

The latest magazine is now available in
both churches,
Pick up your copy now.



The poster is for a 'Joint Parish Picnic at Tilgate'. It features a yellow background with a green border. At the top left is a heart logo for 'St Alban's' with a cross and the text 'Gossops Green & Bewbush'. To its right is the 'Mothers' UNION 150 years' logo. Further right is a circular logo for 'worth parish'. The main title 'Joint Parish Picnic at Tilgate' is in large, bold, green letters. Below the title is a photograph of a group of people (adults and children) sitting on a picnic blanket by a lake, surrounded by trees. The text 'Sunday 30th August' and '12:30-14:30' is in bold green. Below that, 'Tilgate Park (on green between Smith and Western and the lake)' is in white. At the bottom, 'Bring a picnic and chair' and 'Games will be provided' are in white.

St Alban's
Gossops Green & Bewbush

Mothers' UNION
150 years

worth parish

**Joint Parish
Picnic
at Tilgate**

**Sunday 30th August
12:30-14:30**

**Tilgate Park (on green between Smith and
Western and the lake)**

**Bring a picnic and chair
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THIS WEEK		
Tues 4 August	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 6 August	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 9 August	8:15 Eucharist (BCP)	St Nicholas'
	10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sunday 9 August 2026 Trinity 10 I Kings 19: 9-18 Romans 10: 5-15 Matthew 14: 22-33		



BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND GENERAL ENQUIRIES



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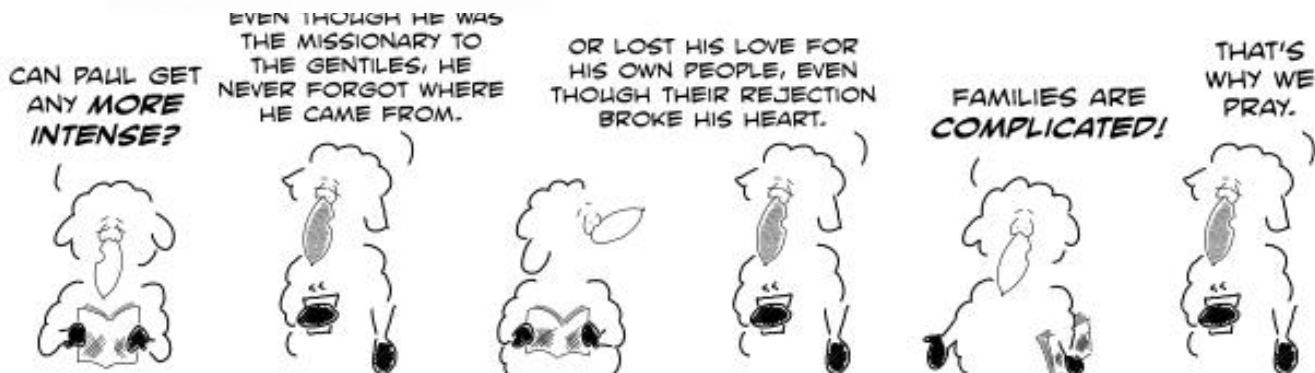


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ROMANS 9:1-5

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