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19 July 2026

Trinity 7

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	Father Michael Boag
Preacher	Deborah Cowie

10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Rev'd Sarah Upchurch

10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Celebrant	Father Michael Boag
Preacher	Seb Pelissier

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If you've ever done any gardening, you'll know that weeds seem to grow with remarkable enthusiasm usually faster than anything you've actually planted! We all long for a world where everything is put right, so it's natural to wonder why God doesn't simply pull out all the weeds. In the Gospel this week, Jesus gives a surprising answer. God is patient, allowing the good grain to grow until the harvest. Jesus reminds us that God sees the whole picture when we only see a small part of it. While we often want quick fixes, God is quietly at work, bringing goodness to life even in a world where good and evil grow side by side.

The parable of weeds also encourages us to be careful about judging others. We rarely know the whole story, after all God's grace can transform lives in ways we never expect.

This week, rather than worrying about the weeds around us, ask God to help the good grain grow in us through patience, kindness and forgiveness, trusting that he is still at work and, in his perfect time, will make all things new.

Seb

Collect

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading Wisdom of Solomon 12: 13, 16-19



For neither is there any god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly;

For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

Reading Romans 8.12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the

revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed



good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the

good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

NOTICES

Mothers' Union Afternoon Tea at St Barnabas' Café.

Wednesday 22 July 3.00 - 4.00pm. Tickets on sale now £12 per head. Plus extra for the Raffle on the day. Contact Mary Fry 01293 410383 or Joan Tick 01293 884695.

In aid of Away From It All Holidays.

A gentle Service of Light

at St Nicholas takes place at 1700 on the last Saturday of each month. This month's service will be on **Saturday 25 July**. This quiet gathering offers space for anyone navigating grief, stress, change, or simply the weight of life. Through stillness, candle-lighting, and moments of reflection, the service creates a calm, supportive environment to pause, breathe, and find renewed hope. Open to all, whatever your background or beliefs.

Thursday 23 July - 5:30pm at Chichester Cathedral

The choir of St Nicholas' have been invited to sing evensong on **Thursday 23 July**. We will be joined by several of the choir of St. Alban's. Gossops Green, who sang with us at the Nine Lessons and Carols last December. We hope that many people from the congregations of St. Nicholas', St. Alban's and St. Barnabas' will be able to come and listen. Ollie Salamon, St. Nicholas organ scholar, will be playing. Arranging to share a car journey works out substantially cheaper, and better for the environment, than travelling alone, so please bring friends. We will be singing an anthem by Rutter, canticles by Noble, versicles by Radcliffe, and Psalm chants by Parry and Eric Spencer, the former Director of Music at St. Nicholas in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Scrabble and Cake

14.00-16.00, **Wednesday 29 July**, in St Barnabas Cafe. Come and enjoy games, refreshments and company. All welcome. £4. In aid of St Barnabas Refurbishment Fund.

Parish Prayer Group

Meets on **Wednesday 29 July** at 14:30 at St Nicholas'. Join us to pray for our Parish, our clergy, our outreach and the congregations.

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, 4pm at St Nicholas', 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 need to book. Music provided. No fee to sing.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 21 July	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 23 July	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sat 25 July	17:00 Service of Light	St Nicholas'
Sun 26 July	8:15 Eucharist (BCP)	St Nicholas'
	10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Barnabas'
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Sunday 26 July 2026 James the Apostle Acts 11. 27-12.2 2 Corinthians 4. 7-15 Matthew 20. 20-28		

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

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BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND GENERAL ENQUIRIES



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MATTHEW 13:24-30&36-43

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