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Trinity 10

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'
Rev'd Gordon Parry

10:00 Sung Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher

St Barnabas'
Rev'd Sarah Upchurch

10:00 Sung Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher

St Nicholas'
Father Michael Boag

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by electronic payment to: Parish of Worth
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Today's Gospel reading is well known. Christ's disciples had left him to pray after preaching to the crowds. They set out across the Sea of Galilee and a storm blew up. Those who make their living upon turbulent water in small boats know how to deal with storms but are nevertheless often fearful of them. Fear creates hallucinations. The disciples saw Christ walking towards them across the storm-tossed sea and thought they were seeing things. Impulsive Peter, seemingly upon Christ's invitation, started to walk towards him on the water, began to sink and asked his Lord to save him – which he did. Once Christ boarded the boat, the storm subsided. It's easy – too easy - to use this account as evidence that, if we have faith in Christ, the storms of life will subside. If they don't, then it must be that our faith is lacking, as Matthew indicates was the problem with Peter trying to walk across the water. Bad things happen to those of the most profound faith. Perhaps we should re-visit this account and note a number of things. A boat is a frequently used Christian image. Indeed the term 'nave', used to describe the body of a church, comes from the Latin 'navis' meaning a boat. Even seeking safety in a boat - or the church - does not guarantee calm and security. On the sea, Peter's impulsiveness trumped his common sense. We cannot walk on water. Peter's faith in rationality had deserted him. Once Christ is in the boat, the confidence of the disciples to continue their voyage returns and the rough water no longer holds any terror for them. Faith in Christ does not eliminate life's extremes but it helps us to cope with them.

Gordon

Collect

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reading I Kings 19. 9-18

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came



to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your

covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever

escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

Reading Romans 10. 5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips



that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the

mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Gospel Matthew 14. 22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the



mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the

wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And thos

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

NOTICES

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.

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 need to book. Music provided. No fee to sing.

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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
Games will be provided

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 11 August	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Wed 12 August	13:00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Thur 13 August	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 16 August	8:15 Eucharist (BCP)	St Nicholas'
	10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Barnabas'
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Sunday 16 August 2026 The Blessed Virgin Mary Isaiah 61. 10-11 Galatians 4.4-17 Luke 1.46-55		

GENERAL ENQUIRIES



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NICE OF JESUS
TO SCARE HIS
DISCIPLES
LIKE THAT.



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THEY
THOUGHT
HE WAS A
GHOST.



BUT FEAR IS AN
APPROPRIATE RESPONSE
OF SINNERS BEFORE
THE HOLY GOD.



YEAH! THAT'S
ANOTHER THING,
I PREFER MY GOD
WARM AND FUZZY!



MATTHEW 14:22-33

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