



# WORTH PARISH

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**23 August 2026**

**Bartholomew the  
Apostle**

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)<br>Celebrant & Preacher     | St Nicholas'<br>Revd Gordon Parry                  |
| 10:00 Child Friendly Eucharist<br>Celebrant & Preacher | St Barnabas'<br>Revd Sarah Upchurch                |
| 10:00 Sung Eucharist<br>Celebrant<br>Preacher          | St Nicholas'<br>Revd Gordon Parry<br>Deborah Cowie |

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"I am among you as one who serves," remind us that true greatness is found not in power, status, or recognition but in humble service. This message of Jesus is reflected in the life and witness of St Bartholomew, remembered as the apostle, along with Thaddeus, who brought the Gospel to Armenia. The tradition that Bartholomew preached in India and Armenia is known from the fourth century onward. Eusebius of Caesarea mentions that when Pantaenus of Alexandria travelled to India in the late second century, he found Christians there who possessed a Hebrew copy of Matthew's Gospel, which they attributed to Bartholomew. Bartholomew's mission was not an easy one. He travelled to share the message of Christ with people who had not yet heard it, giving his life in service of the Gospel. Armenia would eventually become the first country to adopt Christianity as its state religion. His example challenges us to ask what it means to serve Christ in our own lives. Service does not always require great or heroic actions. It can be found in simple acts of kindness, patience, forgiveness, encouragement, and generosity. Like Bartholomew, we are called to put our faith into action and to bring hope to those around us. Jesus shows us that serving others means putting their needs before our own and loving without expecting anything in return. St Bartholomew reminds us that this kind of service can have an impact far beyond what we can see.

May the Apostles inspire us!

*Fr Michael*

## Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace  
truly to believe and to preach your word:  
grant that your Church  
may love that word which he believed  
and may faithfully preach and receive the  
same; through Jesus Christ your Son our  
Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

## Reading Acts 5. 12-16

Now many signs and wonders were done



among the people through  
the apostles. And they  
were all together in  
Solomon's Portico. None  
of the rest dared to join

them, but the people held them in high  
esteem. Yet more than ever believers were  
added to the Lord, great numbers of both  
men and women, so that they even carried  
out the sick into the streets, and laid them on  
cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow  
might fall on some of them as he came by. A  
great number of people would also gather  
from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing  
the sick and those tormented by unclean  
spirits, and they were all cured.

## Reading I Corinthians 4. 9-15

For I think that God has exhibited us apostles



as last of all, as though  
sentenced to death,  
because we have become  
a spectacle to the world,  
to angels and to mortals.

We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you  
are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are  
strong. You are held in honour, but we in  
disrepute. To the present hour we are

hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and  
beaten and homeless, and we grow weary  
from the work of our own hands. When  
reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we  
endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We  
have become like the rubbish of the world,  
the dregs of all things, to this very day.

I am not writing this to make you ashamed,  
but to admonish you as my beloved children.  
For though you might have ten thousand  
guardians in Christ, you do not have many  
fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your  
father through the gospel.

## Gospel Luke 22. 24-30

A dispute also arose among them as to which



one of them was to be  
regarded as the greatest.  
But he said to them, 'The  
kings of the Gentiles lord  
it over them; and those in

authority over them are called benefactors.  
But not so with you; rather the greatest  
among you must become like the youngest,  
and the leader like one who serves. For who  
is greater, the one who is at the table or the  
one who serves? Is it not the one at the  
table? But I am among you as one who serves.  
'You are those who have stood by me in my  
trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father  
has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you  
may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom,  
and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve  
tribes of Israel.

## Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and  
fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in 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.**

### Jumble Sale

There will be a jumble sale in the church hall on **Saturday 5 September** from 10.00 in aid of St Barnabas Refurbishment Fund. Please save your jumble for us but do not bring it before **4 September** as we have nowhere to store it. If you are willing to help at this event please sign the list at St Barnabas or contact Phyl on [07895052729](tel:07895052729). Thank you.

### Friday Lunches

The next lunch will be on **18 September**. Please book your place with the Office or the Café by **Wednesday 16 September**. 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.

### 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 29 August**. 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.

### Scrabble and Cake

14.00-16.00, **Wednesday 26 August**, 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 26 August at 19:00 at St Barnabas'. Please join us to pray for our parish, our clergy, our outreach and our congregations.



The poster is for a 'Joint Parish Picnic at Tilgate'. It features a central photograph of a group of people, including children and adults, sitting on a picnic blanket by a lake in a park. The background of the poster is yellow with green borders at the top and bottom. Decorative elements include colorful balloons, suns, and trees. Logos for 'St Alban's' (a heart with a cross), 'Mothers' UNION 150 years', and 'worth parish' are at the top. The text 'Gossops Green & Bewbush' is also present. The main title 'Joint Parish Picnic at Tilgate' is in large, bold, green letters. Below the photo, the date and time 'Sunday 30th August 12:30-14:30' are listed, followed by the location 'Tilgate Park (on green between Smith and Western and the lake)'. At the bottom, it says 'Bring a picnic and chair' and 'Games will be provided'.

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**  
**Games will be provided**

| SERVICES THIS WEEK                                                                                                |                         |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Tues<br>25<br>August                                                                                              | 10:30 Said<br>Eucharist | St Barnabas' |
| Thur 27<br>August                                                                                                 | 10:30 Said<br>Eucharist | St Nicholas' |
|                                                                                                                   | 11:00 Baptism           | St Nicholas' |
| Sun<br>30<br>August                                                                                               | 8:15 Eucharist<br>(BCP) | St Nicholas' |
|                                                                                                                   | 10:00 Sung<br>Eucharist | St Barnabas' |
|                                                                                                                   | 10:00 Sung<br>Eucharist | St Nicholas' |
|                                                                                                                   | 12:00 Baptism           | St Nicholas' |
| <b>Sunday 30 August 2026</b><br><b>Trinity 13</b><br>Jeremiah 15. 15-21      Romans 12. 9-21<br>Matthew 16. 21-28 |                         |              |

## GENERAL ENQUIRIES



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I TOTALLY GET PETER.  
 WHO WANTS SOMEONE  
 AS NICE AS JESUS TO  
 GO THROUGH ALL  
 THAT?



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IT'S A PARADOX. WE WANT  
 TO HONOR JESUS, BUT  
 WHEN WE TRY TO DENY  
 HIS SUFFERING,  
 IT'S ACTUALLY  
 AN OFFENCE!



I GUESS IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE  
 THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD, YOU'VE  
 GOT TO BE A LITTLE HEADSTRONG!



MATTHEW 16:21-28