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6 September 2026

Feast of Creation in Christ

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	Father Michael Boag
Preacher	Seb Pelissier
10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Rev'd Sarah Upchurch

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by electronic payment to: Parish of Worth
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John's Gospel begins with something huge "In the beginning was the Word." Before creation, before Bethlehem, before anything we know, Jesus was with God and was God.

John tells us that everything was made through God. Then comes the astonishing part, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." God didn't stay at a safe distance. In Jesus, God came and lived among us sharing our joys, struggles, tiredness and mess.

John also gives us a wonderful promise. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." Notice that it doesn't say the darkness disappears immediately. It says it cannot win.

So, what does this mean for us this week?

When we meet someone who is struggling, an awkward situation, or something we would rather avoid, we can choose not to stand at a distance. We can show up, listen, care and bring a little light.

We may not fix everything. But we can make a difference.

"The darkness has not overcome the light".

Seb

Collect

Holy and eternal God,
you are the Maker of heaven and earth,
you are the Word through whom all things
were made,
and you are the Spirit, the giver of life:
draw us into the mystery of your love,
that with all creation we may proclaim your
praise,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reading Genesis 2:4-25

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.



In the day that
the Lord God made the
earth and the
heavens, when no plant of
the field was yet in the

earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that

flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’

Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

‘This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;

this one shall be called Woman,

for out of Man this one was taken.’

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Reading Acts 17:22a, 24-28



Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines

made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

Gospel John 1. 1-5



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Post Communion

God our Creator,
by your gift the tree of life was set
at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your
Church:
may we who have been nourished at your
table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's
cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Amen

NOTICES

The Hangout Youth Club

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

Toddlers Group

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

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- Today

The concert is on **Sunday 6 September** at
4pm, at St Nicholas'. This year we're
performing the Haydn "Nelson" mass. All
welcome.

St Barnabas' Julian Group

meets on **Monday 14 September** at 14:00
for half an hour of silent prayer. Please feel
free to join us - everyone welcome.

St Nicholas' Julian Group

meets on **Wednesday 16 September** at
12:00 for half an hour of silent prayer. Please
feel free to join us - everyone welcome.

Messy Church

Come and see, a song
and a prayer, followed by
pizz a and lollies.

In September Messy
Church will be on

Saturday 12 September and **Wednesday
16 September** 15:00-16:30, at St

Barnabas'.

Theme: Harvest/New Beginnings - Feeding of
the Five Thousand.. Everyone welcome -
mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and
have fun!



SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 8 September	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 10 September	10:30 Funeral Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 13 September	8:15 Eucharist (BCP)	St Nicholas'
	10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'

Sunday 13 September 2026

Holy Cross

Numbers 21. 4-9

Philippians 2. 6-11 John 3. 13-17

GENERAL ENQUIRIES



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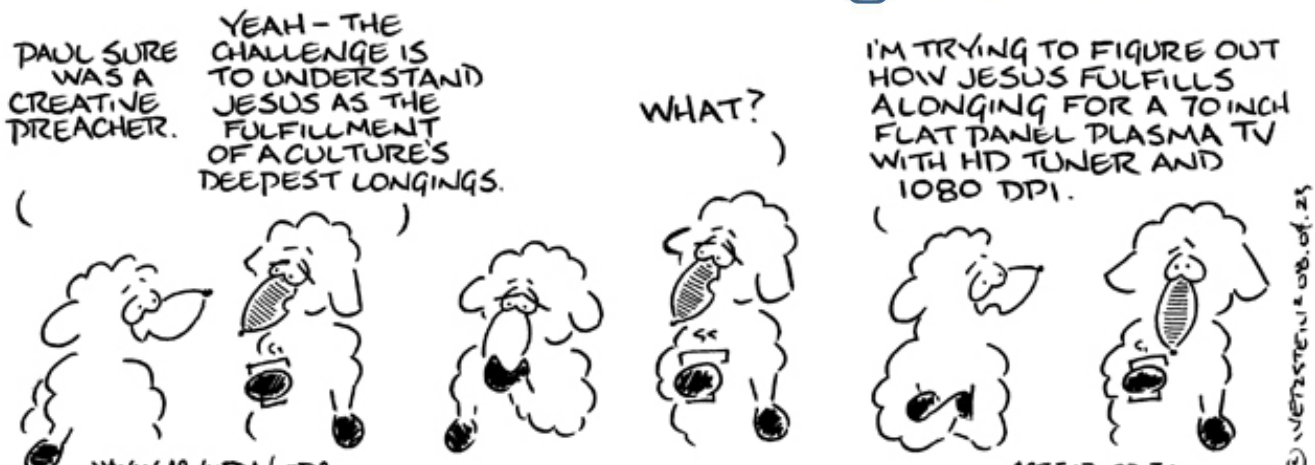
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