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**Sunday 11 October
2026
Trinity 19**

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' Revd Gordon Parry
10:00 Sung Eucharist Celebrant & Preacher	St Barnabas' Revd Gordon Parry
10:00 Sung Eucharist Celebrant & Preacher	St Nicholas' Father Michael Boag

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Pew Sheet Notices

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personal email address:
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We all make excuses. Often, we're attempting to avoid directly hurting the feelings of others. Surely it's a different matter when the inviter is a king. Nevertheless, the king got a negative response from those he had invited to his son's wedding banquet and some of the invitees' responses were extreme: the king's slaves, the bearers of the invitation, were killed. God's love for his creation is expressed in countless ways. Our earth is extravagantly filled with life and beauty and yet we so easily take it for granted and can degrade its environment. The physical damage that can be caused by the earth's natural processes are sometimes seen as a divine punishment for our behaviour in relation to God. A tidal wave that engulfed many of the coastal communities along the Bristol Channel in 1607, killing over 2000 people and estimated to be Britain's worst ever natural disaster, was recorded in some records of affected parishes as a divine punishment. Back to the king. Having been rebuffed, he then invited to the feast all manner of individuals who were found in the streets of the king's city. God's generosity is extended to all, regardless of their social status, and the king achieved a full house. Christ described them as 'both good and bad'. In this context even the king's generosity was exceeded when he discovered an inappropriately attired guest. No respect was being shown and the king took appropriate action. The guest was roughly rejected and ostracised. We sometimes take advantage of God's invitation to us to share the bounty of his creation and to offer us forgiveness for wronging him. Respect is still due and this, hopefully will always be a feature of our public and private worship of him.

Revd Gordon

Collect

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reading Exodus 32.1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"' The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.' But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self,

saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever." ' And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people

Reading Philippians 4. 1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and



long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they

have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his



slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king

was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Post Communion

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NOTICES

A Remembrance List

will be at the back of both churches from today until **October 25**. Please tick the column that indicates when you would like to have your loved one remembered, on **November 1** at the All Souls service and /or during 2027. Thank you.

Shelley Copthorne Educational Foundation Registered Charity No. 306408

Small grants towards the expenses of college or university courses are available to students, under the age of 25 years, who are resident in or near the civil and ecclesiastical parishes of Worth.

Applications for grants should only be made for courses where a confirmed offer of a place has been accepted. Application should be by email, giving brief details of yourself, which must include your date of birth, your home postal address and the course you will be undertaking, and sent to the Secretary at shelleycopthorne@gmail.com **Applications by 1st November for consideration in the current year**

The Circle

Will be on **Wednesday 21 October**, where Graham Feest will be discussing making roads safer. Doors open at **19:00** for a **19:30** start at St Barnabas.

Chosen Course

Today at St Barnabas' **12:00-13:00**, join us for our first session of "From Screen to Scripture", a study inspired by the popular show "The Chosen".

St Barnabas' Julian Group

meets on **Monday 12 October** at **14:00** in St Barnabas'. Old and new friends very welcome.

St Nicholas' Julian Group

meets on **Wednesday 21 October** at **12:00** for half an hour of silent prayer. Please feel free to join us - everyone welcome

Save the Date - 17th November 2026

2026 has seen an amazing number of Significant Birthdays amongst our Senior Congregation. We would like to celebrate them all collectively at the

Parish Big Birthday Bash Tuesday 17th November 2026 14:30-16:30 St Barnabas' Cafe

Our Special Guest Stars will have had a 'Big O' birthday this year. Everyone is Welcome **RSVP** Rose Wells rosetw@btinternet.com

Friday Lunches

The next lunch will be on **20 November**. Please book your place with the Office or the Café by **Wednesday 18 November**. We are still in need of some more cooks, so do let us know if you can help out (help and advice given)



Mag Copy date – Final deadline 18 October

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 13 October	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 15 October	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 18 October	8:15 Eucharist (BCP)	St Nicholas'
	10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Sunday 18 October 2026 Luke the Evangelist Isaiah 35. 3-6 2 Timothy 4. -17 Luke 10. 1-9		

GENERAL ENQUIRIES



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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

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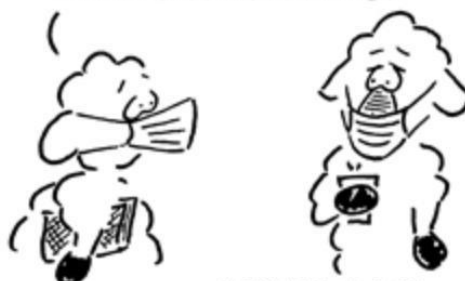


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WHEN WE ARE CALLED INTO
THE FULFILLMENT OF THE
REIGN OF GOD, NOTHING
ELSE MATTERS.



OH, I GET THAT!
IT JUST CAN'T HAPPEN NEXT
WEEK. I HAVE PLANS!



MATTHEW 22:1-14