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Sunday 25 October 2026

Bible Sunday

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' Father Michael Boag
10:00 Child-Friendly Eucharist Celebrant & Preacher	St Barnabas' Revd Sarah Upchurch
10:00 Sung Eucharist Celebrant Preacher	St Nicholas' Revd Gordon Parry Deborah Cowie

Please try our QR code to donate to Worth Parish. Scan this code with a smartphone to take you straight to a giving page.

Payments to the Parish

If you possibly can, please transfer the money by electronic payment to: Parish of Worth Poundhill & Maidenbower, sort code 40-18-22, account 61223372. If you need help, call the Office.

Pew Sheet Notices

Please can all Pew Sheet notices be sent to my personal email address: Denysesmith@hotmail.co.uk

A dangerous Book

I believe that the Bible contains the Truth about God.

I believe that the Bible contains the Truth about the Chosen One, Jesus.

I believe that the Truth in the Bible is revealed to us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Bible is a dangerous book, because it gives us Freedom.

When individuals choose to take certain words and phrases of the Bible literally, this can damage and prevent people from knowing God's Truth.

If Christians all over the world followed the instructions in the excellent Colossians reading literally, then maybe we would be more united and concentrate on what is important to God.

May we read our Scripture with Wisdom and clothed in an attitude of Love.

Peace be with you,

Revd Sarah

Collect
Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Reading Nehemiah 8. 1-12

all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them

Reading Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect



harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Matthew 24.30-35

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch



becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he* is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Post Communion
God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

NOTICES

Remembrance List

Last chance for the **Remembrance List** to be updated is **TODAY.** The names will be included, if you have requested them to be, at the All Souls & Saints Requiem service on Sunday November 1st at 4.00pm St Nicholas, Worth. Then every week of their anniversary of death on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday 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**

Scrabble and Cake

Wednesday 28 October, 14.00-16.00, in St Barnabas' Cafe, £4, in aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund. All welcome. Just turn up

Chosen Course

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

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 14:00-16:00** 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)

Parish Prayer Group

Meets on **Wednesday 28 October** at 19:00 at St Barnabas'. Please join us to pray for our parish, our clergy, our outreach and our congregations.

Parish Co-ordinator

The PCC seeks to employ a part-time parish co-ordinator, from January 2027, who will: act as first point of contact for enquiries, including weddings, baptisms, funerals and burials.
attend to registers, certificates and applications.
contribute to and have oversight of the digital calendars.
The post will initially be for 7 hours per week. Applications (and for more information) to be emailed Fr Michael (rector@worthparish.org) by **Sunday 1 November 2026.**

Christmas Fair 2026

Yes folks, it's that time of year- the Christmas Fair. This will be held on **5 December 11:00-14:00** at St Barnabas.
As usual we will be looking for help on the day, setting up, running stalls and clearing away after event. There will be a brief meeting on **Friday 30 October** at **10.00** in the cafe at St Barnabas', please come along if you are able to help with planning, your input is very important to the day.
Donation boxes and sign up sheets for volunteers will be in both churches from this week, please look and see if there is a space you can fill, if you are only able to manage an hour or so that's fine, as the saying goes " every little helps"
Thank you. Jane Stanford 07967 139168.

Saturday Market

7 November, 10.00-11.30, in St Barnabas' Cafe. Come and find a bargain and enjoy refreshments whilst helping us to raise funds for St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund. '

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 27 October	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 29 October	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 1 November	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Nicholas' St Barnabas'

Sunday 1 November 2026
All Saints
Revelation 7.9-end 1 John 3.1-3
Matthew 5.1-12

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

Agnus Day appears with the permission of www.agnusday.org

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