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## Sunday 4 October 2026 Harvest

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)

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| 08:15 Said Eucharist (BCP)<br>Celebrant & Preacher     | St Nicholas'<br>Rev'd Gordon Parry   |
| 10:00 Sung Eucharist (Harvest)<br>Celebrant & Preacher | St Nicholas'<br>Father Michael Boag  |
| 11:00 Harvest Cafe Church<br>Celebrant & Preacher      | St Barnabas'<br>Rev'd Sarah Upchurch |

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Harvest is a time to pause, give thanks, and recognise the many gifts that sustain us. In a year marked by war, uncertainty and tension, gathering together reminds us that even in difficult times, there is much for which we can be grateful. We give thanks for the people who grow and prepare our food, for families and friends who support us, and for communities where kindness and generosity can flourish. Harvest reminds us that none of us truly lives alone. Every loaf, every meal and every shared table connects us with the work, care and dedication of others. At a time when people are experiencing fear, loss and displacement because of violence and war, our celebration invites us to remember them with compassion. We may feel powerless in the face of events around the world but we can still choose how we respond. We can offer welcome instead of suspicion, generosity instead of indifference, and hope instead of despair. The harvest teaches us that small seeds can grow into something beautiful when they are cared for. In the same way, small acts of kindness can bring encouragement and peace to those around us. A listening ear, a helping hand, a shared meal or a word of friendship can make a difference. So let us give thanks for what we have, share generously with those in need, and hold onto hope. May this harvest remind us that even in troubled times, goodness can grow, communities can come together, and peace remains worth planting.

*Father Michael*

## Collect

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## Reading Deuteronomy 8. 7-18

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land



where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the

good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today

## Reading 2 Corinthians 9. 6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

## Gospel Luke 12. 16-30

Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.' He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what



you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

### **Post Communion**

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **NOTICES**

### **11:00 TODAY**

Join us for Cafe church and a bring and share Harvest lunch at **St Barnabas'**

### **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

**Mag Copy date – Sunday 11 October**

## **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 ones remembered, on **November 1** at the All Souls service and /or during 2027. Thank you.

## **Friday Lunches**

The next lunch will be on **9 October**. Please book your place with the Office or the Café by **Wednesday 7 October**. We are still in need of some more cooks, so do let us know if you can help out (help and advice given)

## **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](mailto:shelleycopthorne@gmail.com)

**Applications by 1st November for consideration in the current year**

## **Saturday Market**

The next Saturday Market takes place on **10 October, 10.00-11.30**, in St Barnabas' Cafe. Come and find a bargain and enjoy refreshments with us. In aid of St Barnabas Refurbishment Fund

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

|                                                                                                                 |                            |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Tues<br>6<br>October                                                                                            | 10:30 Healing<br>Eucharist | St Barnabas' |
| Thur<br>8<br>October                                                                                            | 10:30 Said<br>Eucharist    | St Nicholas' |
| Sun<br>11<br>October                                                                                            | 8:15 Eucharist<br>(BCP)    | St Nicholas' |
|                                                                                                                 | 10:00 Sung<br>Eucharist    | St Nicholas' |
|                                                                                                                 | 10:00 Sung<br>Eucharist    | St Barnabas' |
| <b>Sunday 11 October 2026</b><br><b>Trinity 19</b><br>Philippians 4. 1-9      Exodus 32.1-14<br>Matthew 22.1-14 |                            |              |

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