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Sunday 22 November 2026

Christ the King

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

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

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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: Denysesmith@hotmail.co.uk

Jesus is Christ the King

Would you agree that doing things being motivated by fear is not what God in his Goodness would want?

Our Gospel passage today could press us into doing good works in order to secure our eternal future. However God can read our hearts, we cannot pull the wool over his eyes.

It is related to thinking that we have to be good enough for God to love us. That if we do enough good things, help enough people or say enough prayers, we might earn God's favour. But the wonderful message of the Bible is that God chose us first. He loved us before we had done anything to deserve it. We cannot earn our place in his heart or his kingdom; we already have a place in his heart and in his kingdom. Jesus has freely given it to us. Jesus is Christ the King. Hopefully when we get to know Jesus personally our motivation to love others will be motivated simply by Love. When people are suffering because they are hungry, thirsty, estranged and lonely or cold and in need of shelter, sick or in prison……looking after them and providing for them becomes motivated because we recognise that God and his Goodness lives in them too.

If you don't feel you know Jesus personally, but you feel moved by compassion to help other people then this is God's love at work in your heart. If you feel lacking in compassion, then maybe a heart to heart through prayer with someone is in order?

Christ the King, King Jesus has it covered.
Peace be with you..

Reverend Sarah

Collect
God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.
Amen

Reading Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24

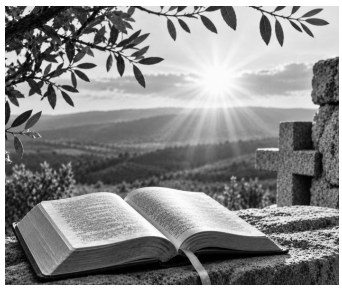
For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered



sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Reading Ephesians 1.15-end

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of



wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel Matthew 25.31-end

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he



will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,* you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from

me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

NOTICES

Chosen Course

Sunday 29 November at St Barnabas' **12:00-13:00**, join us for our fifth session of "From Screen to Scripture", a study inspired by the popular show "The Chosen". Please note there will be no session today (Sunday 22 November)

Friday Lunches

The next lunch will be on **11 December** . Please book your place with the Office or the Café by **Wednesday 9 December**. We are still in need of some more cooks, so do let us know if you can help out (help and advice given)

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. 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.

Mothers' Union

Thursday November 26 16:00. Mothers' Union are holding a Preparation for Advent Eucharist service at St Barnabas', before packing socks for the Gatwick Detainees. This will be followed with tea/coffee and mince pies. Everyone is welcome to attend so if you would like to please come along and join us.

Sponsored Rowing Event.

Ethan Butler will be taking part in a sponsored row with his Sea Cadets unit on **Saturday 13 December** in the County Mall (time to be confirmed). His team will be virtually rowing around the Isle of Wight to raise money for Crawley Sea Cadets unit. If you would like to sponsor him, he would be grateful for any donations- these can be made to Denyse/Stephen Mumford, Reverend Sarah or David Anderson.

Parish Prayer Group

Meets on **Wednesday 25 November** at **14:30** St Nicholas'. Please join us to pray for our parish, our clergy, our outreach and our congregations.

Service of Light

at St Nicholas takes place at **17:00** on the last Saturday of each month. This months' service will be on **Saturday 28 November**. 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

The Hangout Youth Club

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

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SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 24 November	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 26 November	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sat 28 November	17:00 Service of light	St Nicholas'
Sun 29 November	8:15 Eucharist (BCP)	St Nicholas'
	10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	10:00 Child Friendly Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	16:00 A Candlelit Advent	St Nicholas'

Sunday 29 November 2026
First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 64.1-9 1 Corinthians 1.3-9
Mark 13.24-37

GENERAL ENQUIRIES

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