



5th March 2017

Welcome to our services at
St Nicholas' in Worth and St
Barnabas' in Pound Hill.

This sheet details the readings in today's services and notices for everyone. **It is for you to take home and share.** If you are here for the first time, please do introduce yourselves. Please feel free to use the soft toys and books at the back of the church for your children. At Communion, everyone is welcome to come up and receive a blessing or, if baptised, share the bread and wine. We'd also love you to join us for refreshments after the service

SERVICES TODAY

08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
<i>Celebrant & Preacher:</i>	Revd Gordon Parry
09.45 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
<i>Celebrant & Preacher:</i>	Revd Gordon Parry
10.00 Eucharist Service including Baptism	St Barnabas' Revd Roger Combes
11.30 Nic's Mini Messy	St Nicholas' Greta Sawyer

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phone 0300 111 8150

Years ago, when we moved into our house, I asked the then curate to come and hold a house communion to celebrate and bless our new home. He asked me what my favourite passage of scripture was and it took me by surprise. I wonder what you would say if someone asked you for your favourite passage - there are so much to choose from?

This first week of our Lent Course we will be asked for our favourite book of the Bible so if you are going to the first session of the course, you now have time to think. For many years, I would always have chosen the Gospel of Luke. I have always been interested in all things medical and Dr Luke is full of interesting details. Certainly, Luke's is a good gospel to read all through. Perhaps that could be a thing to do this Lent?

If you are curious I chose I John 4.7 for my house blessing.

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us." *Julia*

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



First Reading

Genesis 2.15-17;
3.1-7

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.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.



Psalm 32

Second Reading

Romans 5.12-19

Adam and Christ

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one

man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Romans 5:12-21

That Which Comes to Man by . . .

Adam

Sin
Death
Condemnation
Disobedience
Sin Increased
Sin Reigned
Death Reigned

Christ

Righteousness
Eternal Life
Justification
Obedience
Grace Abounded
Grace Reigned
Reigning in Life

Gospel

Matthew 4.1-11

The Temptation of Jesus

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 7 Mar	Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 9 Mar	10.30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 12 th Mar	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	09.45 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	12.00 Baptism	St Nicholas'

Readings for Sunday 12th Mar Lent 2

Genesis 12.1-4a Psalm 121
Romans 4.1-5,13-17 John 3.1-17

Wed 8 March 17

Maidenbower
Infants School
15.15-16.45



Wed 22 March 17

St Barnabas Hall 15.00 – 17.00

Old and new friends welcome!

Notices & Diary Notes

Lent Course Thurs 9th Mar at 19.30 for 5 weeks

at St Barnabas, led by Revd Julia Peaty. If you have never been to a course before this is a good start as it is designed to help us understand the Bible better and grow together in our faith. Please sign up on the sheets in either church or email julia@peaty.net so that we know how many course booklets to print. It doesn't matter if you can't make every week just come along and find out more. Home groups will meet as usual during Lent.

Many thanks to those supporting the Book Sale on 25th February. £105.51 was raised for the Hall and toilets refurbishment fund.

The **electoral rolls** are displayed in both churches. **Please check** that your entry is there and correct. Report any omissions/errors etc to Phyl Pennell or Dave Parker.

St Nicholas Heating

Our heating can now be controlled remotely by phone or computer and it also works out when to turn on the heating according to the outside temperature. **This means you cannot adjust the controls of individual heaters** – please let the Office know if you think something is not quite right.

Bible Reading Fellowship New Daylight notes

A dozen people in the Parish are reading these notes. If you would like to continue/join in, we now get group rates (£4.40 per issue) Ann Phillipson would like your orders for, either, one booklet (May to Aug) or, a year's subscription (£13.20 - May to April 2018), by Sun 13 March – at the latest. If you would prefer something more challenging 'Guidelines' are available at the same price. ann.phillipson1@virginmedia.com or 885517.

The Pastoral Centre is open

Mon 14.00 – 16.00 & Tues, Fri, Sat 10.30 – 12.00 for refreshments and friendship

Friday lunches 12.30 in the Centre - 2 courses + tea / coffee - £5.50. All welcome. Please order tickets by 8th Mar (for catering) for 10th Mar at the PC or call 0300 111 8150.

Tues 7th Mar – Lenten Soup Lunches 12.15 pm served on Tuesdays during Lent, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March and 4th and 11th April at 12.15pm in the Pastoral Centre. Donations in aid of Parish World Bank (charities). All welcome.

Thursday 9th March 19.00 – 21.00
Crawley Question Time Open to everyone who has a question about the work the Council does and what they can do for us and the community. Please register beforehand at www.crawley.gov.uk/getinvolved. If anyone does not have a computer and would like the office to register you, please call the office.

Saturday 11th March 9.30am - 11.00am
Jumble Sale in the Parish Hall, in aid of Hall refurbishments. Jumble can be brought to the Pastoral Centre on Friday 10th March between 10.30am and 2.00pm or on the morning of the Sale from 8.30am onwards. If anyone is available to help at the sale please ring the Office or Phyl on (01293) 883362.

Friday March 17th - our Parish will be prayed for in Chichester Cathedral during Evensong at 17.30, free tea in the Cloisters Cafe at 16.30, and if you wish there will be a guided tour before tea and an opportunity to see the Parish Silver in the Treasury. Please remember to sign-up TODAY March 5th so we can book the tea & tour. Thank you.

Thursday 23rd March 2.30 pm the Parish Prayer Group will meet at St Nicholas (funerals permitting). Everyone welcome.

Please note the ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING is on Wednesday 29 March @ 19.00
All are welcome, so please try to attend!

Tuesday 4th April 9.30am-10.15am St Barnabas'. A presentation by the Alzheimer's Society. We would like to make our Pastoral Centre 'dementia friendly'. This is open to all, please come & bring your friends and families.

STOP PRESS Hall toilets refurbishment - Thank you to those who have contributed to this project so far. Our funds have also been boosted with a grant of £2015 from Community Initiative Funding (East Crawley County Local Committee).

CONTACTS

During the interregnum the Rural Dean, the Revd Canon Julia Peaty & Church Wardens, Phyl Pennell and David Parker, are the sequestrators (responsible for clergy cover).

Also Revd Gordon Parry has offered his number 07802 43 23 98 if anyone specifically needs to talk with a member of clergy

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