



## Second Sunday of



12<sup>th</sup> 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 &amp; Preacher:</i>	
Rev'd Peter Addenbrooke	
09.45 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
<i>Celebrant &amp; Preacher:</i> Rev'd Canon Julia Peaty	
10.00 Eucharist Service	St Barnabas'
Rev'd David Knight	
12.00 Baptism	St Nicholas'
Rev'd Canon Julia Peaty	

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phone 0300 111 8150

### Being born again

After I left school I spent two years in an Advertising Agency in London. I remember the experience clearly and also some of the slogans that adorned the hoardings and which appeared on TV.

Many years later, after a lot of publicity in the press about people being converted and being 'born again Christians' an advert appeared about the new Volkswagon Golf car. It said 'Born again Golf'. This made me smile and took me back to the advertising world of many years earlier.

In fact there was nothing special about the car – the odd adjustment. It really was just the same. That is probably how it is for us as Baptised Christians. Certainly at Baptism we are born again but often the seed remains dormant and does not grow and flower as it should. Jesus said to Nicodemus 'We must be born again' but this won't change us from who we are as persons. Our character and personality will be just the same but to be born again is to **see** things differently, to be more aware and alive to the Love of God.

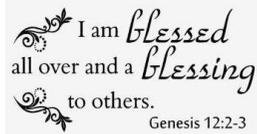
**Every day** we need to be born again and wake up to the wonder of Being, the gift of life and God's love.

The Spirit blows where it wills. Just let it happen and it will make all the difference to our keeping of Lent.

*Roger*

## Collect

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. through Jesus Christ our Lord.



## First Reading

Genesis 12.1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

*my strength  
comes from  
the Lord*

## Psalm 121

## Second Reading

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of

the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

## Gospel

John 3.1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, and no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended

into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.



### Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 14 Mar	Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 16 Mar	10.30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	09.45 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	11.30 Nic's Mini Messy	St Nicholas'

### Readings for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Mar

#### Lent 3

Exodus 17.1-7 Psalm 95  
Romans 5.1-11 John 4.5-42

Wed 22 March 17

St Barnabas Hall 15.00 – 17.00

Wed 5 April 17

Maidenbower 15.15-16.45

Old and new friends welcome



## Notices & Diary Notes

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.

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

LAST CALL 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), order **today, pay on receipt**. If you would prefer something more challenging 'Guidelines' are available, same price. ann.phillipson1@virginmedia.com or 885517.

**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). We are pleased to report that we have also now received a grant of £5000 from the Courage-Dyer Recreational Trust.

**Saturday Market** Thanks to those who were able to support the Saturday Market on 4th March. £109.18 was raised. The next Market is on 1st April when there will be a Knit n Natter stall selling Easter goodies etc.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> Mar  
(for catering) for 17<sup>th</sup> Mar at the PC or call  
0300 111 8150.

**Lent Course continues Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>  
Mar at 19.30 for 4 weeks** at St Barnabas,  
led by Rev Julia Peaty. Not been to a course  
before? This is a good start as it is designed  
to help us understand the Bible & grow  
together in faith. If you can't make each  
week come when you can & find out more.

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

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

**Mothers' Union** Thursday 23rd of March  
**@ 7.30** in the Pastoral Centre. Our  
Diocesan President will be speaking about  
The Contact Centre in Eastbourne. We will  
finish with Compline. All are welcome.

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

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**'Eternally Yours' on** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April, at  
The Hawth Theatre. Community Groups  
will tell the Easter Story in dance, drama &  
music. Worth choir are taking part. Bring  
the whole family! Tickets: £13.50 (discounts:  
£12) the Hawth Box Office 01293 553636

**Walter Herbert George Hopkins**  
was an early submariner. He served  
on H. M. Submarine E49. He died  
with the rest of the crew on 12<sup>th</sup>  
March 1917 when the submarine hit  
a mine laid by a German U-Boat off  
the Shetland Isles. He was 32. He  
was the son of the late George and  
Emma Hopkins. His brother, Roger,  
lived at 1 New Street, Three Bridges.  
He is remembered on Portsmouth  
Naval Memorial.

**May 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Big Church Day Out**  
at Wiston House, Steyning. Lots of fun &  
modern worship. Contact for tickets 01903  
815020 - book by Mar 31<sup>st</sup> to save money.

**June 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Open Air play of the  
Life of Christ** at Wintershall, Bramley, Nr  
Guildford – see posters in churches.

### **Fun Mondays**

The Centre Café is open Term Time on  
Monday s from 14.00 – 16.00. A group of  
regulars are keen to play some card or  
board games. Come to play or just to  
chat. Tea/coffee & cake available.

### **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

### **Churchwardens**

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