



22nd
October
Trinity 19



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>	Fr Michael Boag
09.45 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
<i>Celebrant & Preacher</i>	Revd Gordon Parry
10.00 Family Service (non-Euch)	St Barnabas'
	Fr Michael Boag
12.00 Baptism	Revd Gordon Parry

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The essence of the Christian life is a focus on Christ himself, the creator God - his Father - and the animating presence of his Holy Spirit. Through them we orientate our lives, deriving from our faith a moral compass and sense of our place in God's creation.

Yet, we have a degree of autonomy to make decisions about the direction and priorities of our lives and about our connections with the human society of which we are necessarily a part. This autonomy also requires allegiance and coherence in order for human beings to flourish in community.

It is this interrelationship between our faith in God and our obligations to society that are being questioned and tested in the Gospel reading for today. If we have a supreme loyalty to the one true God, then how at the same time can we have an allegiance to an earthly power such as an emperor?

Human allegiances and obligations are themselves of vital importance in maintaining the structures that are required of any human society. These require us to uphold laws, honour our obligations and contribute positively to their reinforcement. Unjust laws and faulty, shallow allegiances should be challenged but that does not invalidate the significance of laws and allegiances as such. It is not a matter of 'serving two masters' but rather of applying our faith and the purposes and direction that it gives to us in order to live more fully within society and to ensure that through its functioning it enables us all the better to live life 'in all its fullness'.

Gordon

Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

Isaiah 45.1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,

whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—

and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze



and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name,

I surname you, though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun

and from the west, that there is no one besides me;

I am the Lord, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

Psalms 96.1-9 [10-13]



Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father

your work of faith and labour of love and



steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known,

so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Gospel

Matthew 22.15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to



God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Post Communion

Holy and blessed God,
 you have fed us with the body and blood
 of your Son
 and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
 may we honour you,
 not only with our lips
 but in lives dedicated to the service
 of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Mon 23 rd	12.30 Funeral	St Nicholas'
Tues 24 th Oct	10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thurs 26 th Oct	10.30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Fri 27 th	12.00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Sun 28th October	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Parish Eucharist (Joint)	St Barnabas'

Readings for Sun 29th October –

Bible Sunday

Joint Parish Eucharist

Nehemiah 8. 1-4a, 8-12;

Psalms 119. 9-16,

Colossians 3. 12-17,

Matthew 24. 30-35

MESSY CHURCH

Wed 8th November 17

Maidenbower Infants Sch. 15.15-16.45

Wed 22nd November 17

St Barnabas Hall 15.00 – 17.00

Old and new friends welcome

100 Club October

1st prize	£100	No 14	Sheila Dring
2nd prize	£50	No 40	Pat Childs
3rd prize	£25	No 16	Roger Pennell
4th prize	£25	No 26	Tony Smith

Check Your Sofa and give more this month to the Church:

Old £5 notes can only be accepted by the Bank of England. Old £1 coins can only be banked up to the end of October. We'll take away the inconvenience of dealing with them and put that old money to good use. *Max*

Notices & Diary Notes

Friday lunches 12.30 in the Pastoral Centre, 2 courses + tea / coffee - £6.50. All welcome. Please order tickets by 25th Oct (for catering) for 27th Oct at the PC or call 0300 111 8150

The next Parish Prayer Group will be on **Monday 23rd October** at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre. Everyone is very welcome. to join us.

Thursday 26th Oct 19.30 Worth & Pound Hill Mothers' Union are celebrating their 30th Birthday with "Songs of Praise" at St Barnabas Church. Please join us, everyone welcome – there will be cake!

Friday 27th October 1.30pm - 3.30pm Afternoon Tea with entertainment at St Elizabeth's, Boundary Road, Northgate. Free for Senior Citizens.

Saturday 28th October, 9.30am Jumble Sale in the Parish Hall. Please bring Jumble on Friday 27th October to the Pastoral Centre between 10.00am and 2.00pm or to the Hall 7.00-8.00pm, alternatively on the Saturday morning 8.30-9.00am. Helpers are needed on the 28th 9.15-11.30- if you are able to assist please sign the list at St. Barnabas or give me a call (01293) 883362-Phyl. Thank you

Sunday 29th October Parish Eucharist at St Barnabas. 10.00. Following the service the refreshments- tea/coffee, biscuits etc are being provided by the local Coop store. There will be a very short talk about the Coop and its charity work and we are hoping that the Pastoral Centre will be one of the Coop's chosen charities for 2018. We hope as many of you as possible will be present.

Saturday 4 November 12 noon at St. Barnabas'. All Souls Service.

Sat 18th November Christmas Fair

There is a box in both churches for any contributions you are able to make for the various stalls – raffle prizes, new gifts etc. There is also a list of stalls - please fill in one of the gaps if you can- all offers of help welcomed. Thank you

A **booklet** of the **Parish Remembrance Diary** is in both churches. Please ✓ the name of your loved ones for them to be remembered in the weekly intercessions, on All Souls' Day in November or both. If anyone is to be added, please write full names, date & year of death in the correct month. Please complete by 29 Oct. Thanks.

POSADA (Travelling Crib) will be on the move again during December if you would like to "Host" the travellers overnight please add your name, address & phone number to the lists in both churches, with any dates that you are UNABLE to accommodate them. It is a great way to spread the Word and meet new & old friends. More info from Joan Tick, 884695.

Recruiting – Magazine editor(s) We are looking for 1/1+ people to take over from the beginning of 2018. We try to issue 5 mags a year, but the format is up to you to create your own masterpiece. Help given if needed. Advertising and printing is all sorted. **Could this be you?**

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