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4 February 18 Candlemas

Welcome to our services at
St Nicholas in Worth

This sheet details the readings in today's services as well as notices for everyone.

Please do take it home and share it.

There are soft toys and books available at the back of the church for children.

At Communion, everyone is welcome to come up and receive a blessing or, if baptised, share the bread and wine. If you are here for the first time, please introduce yourselves. After the 10.00 service on Sunday please join us for refreshments.

SERVICES TODAY

08.00 Holy Communion St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Michael Boag

10.00 Candlemas Family St Nicholas'
Sung Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Michael Boag

10.00 Eucharist St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Roger Combes

Revd Sarah Upchurch will be licensed as Associate Vicar for St. Barnabas on **Tuesday 13 March at 7.30pm** at St. Barnabas. Everyone welcome! We are hoping to have 'bring and share' light refreshments. From Sun 11 Feb there will be a 'sign up' list in both churches.

On the third Thursday and on the fourth Tuesday of each month we have a Holy Communion service with prayers for healing in St Barnabas' church (Tuesday, 10.30am) and in St Nicholas' church (Thursday, 10.30am). The disciples were commissioned by Jesus to do many things, including proclaiming the coming of God's kingdom, bringing good news to the poor and healing the sick.

So, as instructed, in the context of the Eucharist, we have prayers, laying on of hands and anointing for healing. We pray for healing of body, mind and spirit, not just for ourselves but for those we care most about, as well as the wider community and indeed, the world.

Many find it a profoundly moving experience, reassuring and peaceful. Sometimes, a touch can say more than a word. It connects us. Literally. All the baptised, I think it's fair to say, have been touched by someone who has been touched by someone who has been touched by someone who has touched Jesus. From the Apostles on, the church has grown by touch. (Although we cannot say for sure whether or not Paul had ever met Jesus before his conversion, we do have an account of him, after his conversion, meeting Peter.) We are all connected, one with another, and all with one another with Jesus; our hope, our healing and our life.

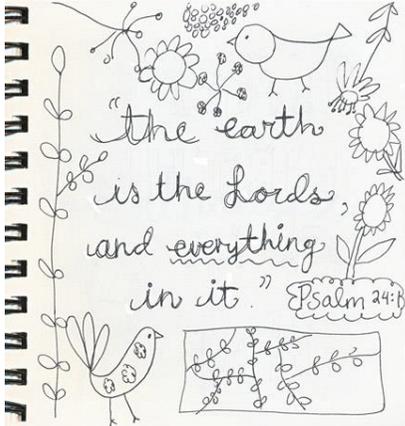
In February the healing services will be on Thursday 15th (St N) and Tuesday 20th (St B); do come, all are very welcome.

Fr Michael

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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 Psalm 24



The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

For he has founded it upon the seas and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, or who can rise up in his holy place?'

'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, nor sworn an oath to a lie; who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,

'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a just reward from the God of their salvation.'

Such is the company of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

'Who is the King of glory?' 'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.'

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

'Who is this King of glory?' 'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

Gospel

Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,

according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.'



And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

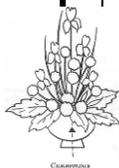
When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

We remember today those whose anniversary of death occurs this week.

- Margaret Rich.**
 - Christopher Mann.**
 - Philip Barnes.**
 - Tina Wheelhouse.**
- May they rest in peace.



SERVICES THIS WEEK

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| Tues 6 February | 10.30 Eucharist | St Barnabas' |
| Wed 7 February | 15.15 Messy Church | Maidenbower Infant School |
| Thurs 8 February | 10.30 Eucharist | St Nicholas' |
| Sunday 11 February | 08.00 Holy Communion | St Nicholas' |
| | 10.00 Sung Eucharist | St Nicholas' |
| | 10.00 Eucharist | St Barnabas' |

2 Kings 2.1-12
 Psalm 50.1-6
 2 Corinthians 4.3-6
 Mark 9.2-9

Join us at Messy Church!

Just turn up for crafts, refreshments, activities, a song and a story at our:



Wed 7 February Maidenbower Infant School Studio 15.15 – 16.30

Wed 21 February 2018 St Barnabas Hall, 15.00-16.45 including a light tea

Do you like **arranging flowers**? At St Nicholas' we need more people to join our list of people taking a turn to arrange flowers maybe 6 times a year. No experience or expertise required! Please contact Noreen Oxlade on 01293 884172 if you are interested.

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Friday Lunch in the Pastoral Centre, 2 courses and tea/coffee for £6.50. All welcome. To help with catering, please order tickets by 7th Feb for 9th Feb at the P C or by calling 0300 111 8150

Family Activities

@Chichester
Cathedral

'Famous Folk'

Friday 16th February 2018 from 10.00am – 3pm

A fun filled family day to be held in Chichester Cathedral



PARISH LENT COURSE - 'Inspired to follow Art and the Bible Story', led by Fr Michael Boag, will begin on **Saturday February 17th at 2.00pm** in the Pastoral Centre and continue weekly until March 17th. The Course will be preceded by a **Lent Soup Lunch at 1.00pm**, also in the Pastoral Centre. Donations will be accepted for Parish Funds. All are welcome!

PRAYER GROUP

The next Parish Prayer Group
Is at St Barnabas 7.30pm
Monday 19 February.
All welcome, especially you



CURC - Lent Course

"Walking the Way" Tuesday February 20th at 2.00pm at Crawley United Reformed Church for 5 weeks, all are welcome.

Saturday 24 February 10.00-12 noon

There will be a Book, Plant and Toy Sale in the Pastoral Centre in aid of St. Barnabas Fabric Fund, current project Hall Refurbishment. Please save your good condition books and toys for us.

January 100 Club winners

£100 - Ann Phillipson
£50 - Don Hewerdine
£25 - Joan Pallett
£25 - Richard Sidaway

You have to be in it to win it – or so the saying goes. If you are not sure how this works, it is briefly this. You set up a payment of £10 per month and you will be issued with a number (between 1 and 100) which you keep for as long as you pay. Each month a number generator randomly picks 4 numbers in front of witnesses. Prizes allocated as above. Any money not given as prize money goes to the Church funds. Family and friends are welcome to join in too. Want to join? Please speak to Sheila Dring or call the office on 0300 111 8150

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