



THE CHURCH  
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# WORTH PARISH

Serving Crawley in Worth, Pound Hill, Maidenbower and Forge Wood

**30  
December  
2018  
Christmas I**



Welcome to our services at  
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.  
**Please do take it home and share it.**

There are soft toys and books available 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: Revd Gordon Parry

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

10.00 Eucharist St Barnabas'  
Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Sarah Upchurch  
Sunday School: Leader, Caroline Formby

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Scripture describes Jesus as being the visible image of the invisible God. We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. In him we see the qualities of God's love in clearest definition.

We are encouraged to imitate these qualities and replicate them in our own lives. 'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience' St Paul writes to the Colossians. These qualities are not necessarily already there but can be put on, as it were, like clothes, taken up, added, acquired, achieved. In other words, we might describe someone as being 'kind' and while it may be that kindness comes easily or naturally to them it may also be something consciously worked at and practised. To be kind when you are not feeling kind takes effort and, along with compassion and patience, is a nurturing quality that comes with its own discipline and effort.

Compassion, which is drawn from the deep well of God's love, flows freely and is a powerful force for good in the world, it is a word of Christ, a word with costly implications that, when written on human hearts informing our deeds and thoughts is a word that dwells in us richly.

As the calendar year turns and we try to make sense of what has past and ponder what is to come, we do well to remember Paul's advice. Throughout it all, let us treat ourselves and one another with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience, being imitators of Christ and emissaries of his love.

May the New Year bring you joy and peace!

*Fr Michael*

## Collect

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## Reading | *1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26*



Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the

yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

## Psalm | *Psalm 148*

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. He established them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

## Reading | *Colossians 3.12-17*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## Gospel | *Luke 2.41-52*

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival.



When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group

of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

### Post Communion

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 1 Jan	10.30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Barnabas'
Thur 3 Jan	10.30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Nicholas'
Sun 6 Jan	08.00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00 Eucharist 10.00 Epiphany Child Friendly Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'
<b>Sunday 6 January 2018</b> <b>Epiphany</b> Isaiah 60.1-6 Psalm 72.10-15 Ephesians 3.1-12 Matthew 2.1-12		

Festivals this week	
Mon 31 Dec	John Wyclif 1384 (C)
Tues 1 Jan	Naming and Circumcision of Jesus
Wed 2 Jan	Basil the Great 379 (LF) Gregory of Nazianzus 389 (LF) Seraphim 1833 (C) Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah 1945 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	



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## DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

**Mondays – JayDee’s Café 12.00 – 17.00**  
at the Pastoral Centre. (next: **7 Jan**)

**Pastoral Centre Café Christmas Closure** Re-opens Friday 4 Jan at 10.30.

**Friday lunch 12.30** in the Pastoral Centre resumes on 4 Jan; two courses and tea/coffee for £6.50. All welcome. To help with catering, please order tickets by **2 Jan** for **4 Jan** at the Pastoral Centre or by calling 0300 111 8150.

### Join us at Messy Church!

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

**Wed 9 Jan 15.15**

Maidenbower Infant School



### **Pastoral Centre Refurbishment**

As one of the Co-Op’s three local charities, we can receive 1% of our spend on selected products. Register your Co-Op card for our charity online or by ringing 0800 023 4708. Please help by registering your card. Every little helps. Let Phyl know of any problems (883362).

As a parish we encourage recycling. We collect 1] spectacles (given to Boots Chemist for use in 3rd world countries), 2] postage stamps (to St. Catherine’s hospice who sell them), 3] plastic bottle tops – any with a triangle containing a 2 (to Billingshurst Library for a local Children’s hospice), 4] inkjet cartridges (not Kodak or Epson) and 5] old mobile phones (to Blond McIndoe Research Foundation at East Grinstead hospital). As the storage facilities are limited at St N’s please take directly to St B or give to Sue on a Sunday.



### **Jazz in January**

Come and hear the Gentle Jazz Trio and guest vocalist Penny Payne. **Sun 20 Jan 14.00-16.00** at St Nicholas’. Turn up any time and listen to jazz while enjoying refreshments. Tickets available on the door or from churchwardens £10 or from [jazzinjan.eventbrite.co.uk](http://jazzinjan.eventbrite.co.uk)

### **Church Cleaners**

for St Nicholas’ desperately needed. If you can give 2 hours (times flexible) 4 to 5 times a year; please contact Jill Freeborn 01293 883631 for more information.

### **The Children’s Society –**

Arrangements will be made in early 2019 for the collection of the home-held savings boxes for the annual cash count. Grateful thanks to all the supporters. Brenda Booker

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