



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

WORTH PARISH

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

**28 July
2019**

Trinity 6



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.

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.

There are soft toys and books available for children. Note that we do not normally sing the starred (*) verses in hymns.

SERVICES TODAY

08:00	Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	Celebrant & Preacher:	Revd Gordon Parry
10:00	Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	Celebrant & Preacher:	Revd Gordon Parry
10:00	Child Friendly Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Francis Pole
11:45	Baptism	St Nicholas'

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In our Gospel passage today Christ is first encountered in prayer. His disciples then ask him to teach them to do the same. This is where we encounter the basic words of the Lord's Prayer that we recite in every service and use regularly, no doubt, in our own prayer lives. I still remember getting into trouble at my ordination selection conference by saying that my prayers in the morning were usually done on my bike as I cycled along the Worth Way to Hazelwick School. The spot on the path where I recited the Lord's Prayer is still a location very precious to me. This prayer consolidates our individual and very personal relationship with God.

The next part of the passage confirms in a roundabout way the commitment of God to responding to us. If a friend, even at midnight, locked in his house with his family, can be persuaded to respond to his friend's request for bread, then how much more will our Father respond to our requests.

In the final section Christ exhorts us to act persistently as the friend did: to knock, to ask, to search, even though we are imperfect and human.

It is, however, all too easy to leave matters there, but we know that there are times when it seems that the response we are promised does not seem to have materialised. We can deal with this in a number of ways but it is of vital importance that those of us grounded in faith do our best to help and nourish those whose experience of prayer does not seem to be yielding the answers they hoped for.

Gordon

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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**

Reading Genesis 18.20-32

Then the Lord said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.'



So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then

Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the Lord said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Let me take

it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

Psalm Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;



you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Reading Colossians 2.6-15

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of



every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Gospel Luke 11.1-13



**LORD,
TEACH
US TO
PRAY**

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who

searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 30 Jul	10:30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Barnabas'
Thur 1 Aug	10:30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Nicholas'
Sun 4 Aug	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist and Baptism	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'
Sunday 4 August 2019 Trinity 7 Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14;2.18-23 Psalm 49.1-12 Colossians 3.1-11 Luke 12.13-21		

Festivals this week	
Mon 29 Jul	Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of our Lord (LF)
Tues 30 Jul	William Wilberforce 1833, Oloudah Equiano 1797 and Thomas Clarkson, Anti-Slavery Campaigners (LF)
Wed 31 Jul	Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus 1556 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

The Lighthouse Project has two vacancies: Primary Schools Lunch Club Co-ordinator; Primary Schools RE Co-ordinator. Both 10h/wk. Closing date 27 Aug. Contact 0300 111 8150

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Favourite Recipes from the Bellingers:

a recipe book including many of the cakes featured at the Afternoon Tea. Copies £1; to order email laing.lucy@gmail.com

Filing Cabinets at St Barnabas' there are 2 x 4-drawer metal filing cabinets available to anyone who would like them. They are outside near the basement access. Phyl (01293 883362) has keys. Please help yourselves.

Thur 1 Aug 14:00 Knit & Natter

Pastoral Centre.

Friday Lunch 2 Aug 12:30 in the Pastoral Centre; two courses and tea/coffee for £6.50. All welcome. To help with catering, please order tickets by **31 Jul** at the Pastoral Centre or by calling 0300 111 8150.

The **Revd John Loxton** celebrates his 90th birthday on **Tues 6 Aug**. He invites you to join him at St Barnabas' for the 10:30 Eucharist and afterwards for coffee in the Pastoral Centre.

Wed 7 Aug 14:30 Parish Tea offered in the Pastoral Centre – good company – great food. Everybody welcome.

Thur 8 Aug 14:30 Julian Group

at St Nicholas'

Sat 14 Sep 15:00-16:30 Harvest Afternoon

Tea at the Pastoral Centre in aid of Mothers' Union projects. Tickets £5 on sale from 4 Aug from Mary Fry, Jacky Hemsley & Joan Tick. There will also be a 'Harvest Hamper' raffle during the afternoon – see posters for details.

Fri 20 Sep 19:30 An Evening with Adrian and Bridget Plass at St Michael and All Angels, Lancing. Adrian Plass is well known as an author

of humorous and insightful books including the *Sacred Diary of Adrian Plass* series; a best-selling fictional satire of Christian life. Tickets £10 centre, £8 sides: tel. 01903 762793, email stmichaelslancing@gmail.com, or online: adrain-and-bridget-plass-lancing.eventbrite.co.uk

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Chichester Cathedral – Live Better Together 2019

Recipe for Peace Sat 21 Sept free drop-in event for all ages 13:30-15:30 on the Cathedral Green, followed by **Interfaith Thanksgiving** in the Cathedral's Lady Chapel at 16:00

Two free but ticketed talks: 1 Oct Dr Ruth Valerio on climate, conflict and prosperity and on **17 Oct an Interfaith Panel** considering efforts to combat climate change.

Throughout, a **Prayer Station for Peace** and a **Peace and Reconciliation Trail** in the Cathedral.

More information and booking: chichestercathedral.org.uk or 01243 812497