



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

# WORTH PARISH

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

**4 August  
2019**

**Trinity 7**



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: Fr Michael Boag

10:00 Child Friendly Sung Eucharist  
St Nicholas'  
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Michael Boag

10:00 Eucharist St Barnabas'  
Celebrant Revd Gordon Parry  
Preacher Revd Sarah Upchurch

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or phone 0300 111 8150

The parable of the rich man and his barns  
in this week's Gospel reading teaches that  
God wants so much more for us than  
mere things; he offers life and love, mercy  
and forgiveness, communion and  
community.

On Tuesday, we celebrate the Feast of the  
Transfiguration (Luke 9. 28-36), when  
Jesus' divine nature is revealed to three of  
his disciples on the mountain top. The  
eminent German theologian, Karl Rahner  
wrote of this experience: 'Union with  
God, which Jesus otherwise holds hidden  
in the ultimate depths of his soul, now fills  
up all the chambers of his soul, it  
embraces his body, drawing it, too, into  
the blessedness of God's light and God's  
unity. "His face was like the sun, and his  
clothes were as radiant as light."... And  
just as at the baptism, the voice of the  
Father confirms here, too, that this poor,  
praying Jesus, consecrated for suffering,  
and heroically prepared for the cross, is  
God's very beloved Son. This then is the  
meaning of the Transfiguration for Jesus  
himself: in the dark night of earthly  
hopelessness the light of God shines, a  
human heart finds in God the power in  
which turns a dying into a victory and into  
the redemption of the world.'

Jesus, who warns against greed, who  
invites us to abundant life, speaks to us of  
God's love in every Gospel and carries  
this message all the way to the cross. He  
does this to show us just how much God  
loves us, so that we might learn and follow  
his ways of life and love, mercy and  
forgiveness, communion and community.

*Fr Michael*

## Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 *Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14;2.18-23*

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.



I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me - and who knows

whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

## Psalm *Psalms 49.1-12*

Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together. My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. I will incline my ear to a

proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.

Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me, those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches? Truly, no ransom avails for one's life, there is no price one can give to God for it. For the ransom of life is costly, and can never suffice, that one should live on for ever and never see the grave.

When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others. Their graves are their homes for ever, their dwelling-places to all generations, though they named lands their own. Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.

## Reading *Colossians 3.1-11*

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer

Greek and Jew,  
circumcised and  
uncircumcised, barbarian,  
Scythian, slave and free;  
but Christ is all and in all!



**Gospel Luke 12.13-21**

Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But



God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the

things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

**Post Communion**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**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

<b>SERVICES THIS WEEK</b>		
Tues 6 Aug	10:30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Barnabas'
Thur 8 Aug	10:30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Nicholas'
Sat 10 Aug	14:00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Sun 11 Aug	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 11:45 Baptisms	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas''
<b>Sunday 11 August 2019</b> <b>Trinity 8</b> Genesis 15.1-6 Psalm 33.12-end Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16 Luke 12.32-40		

<b>Festivals this week</b>	
Mon 5 Aug	Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr 642 (LF)
Tues 6 Aug	Transfiguration of our Lord (F)
Wed 7 Aug	John Mason Neale, Priest, Hymn Writer 1866 (C)
Thur 8 Aug	Dominic, Founder of the Order of Preachers 1221 (LF)
Fri 9 Aug	Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union 1921 (LF)
Sat 10 Aug	Laurence, Deacon, Martyr 258 (LF)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

**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](http://chichestercathedral.org.uk) or 01243 812497

## DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

### **Pastoral Centre Refurbishment**

As one of the Co-op's three local charities, we can receive 1% of our selected spend on products. Register your Co-Op card for our charity online or by ringing 0800 023 4708. Every little helps (£2,368.29 already raised). Let Phyl know of any problems (883362).

**Pastoral Centre Café** closed Monday afternoons during August; open Tues, Fri and Sat mornings 10:30-12:00.

### **Favourite Recipes from the Bellringers:**

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

The **Revd John Loxton** celebrates his 90<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Thur 8 Aug 14:00 Knit & Natter**  
Pastoral Centre.

**Thur 8 Aug 14:30 Julian Group**  
at St Nicholas'. Please come and join us for half an hour of peace and silent prayer.

**Friday Lunch 9 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 **7 Aug** at the Pastoral Centre or by calling 0300 111 8150.

*Correction:* **Wed 14 Aug 14:30** (not the 7 Aug) **Parish Tea** offered in the Pastoral Centre – good company – great food. Everybody welcome.

**Sun 25 Aug 18:00 Choral Evensong**  
Quinquagesima and Worth Choir. Music by Orlando Gibbons, Hubert Parry, George Dyson and Herbert Sumsion. Followed by refreshments.

**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.

**A very big 'Thank you'** to all who supported the Coffee & Cake Sale for the MU "Summer of Hope" appeal, **£108.37** raised for this project.

**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](mailto:stmichaelslancing@gmail.com), or online: [adrain-and-bridget-plass-lancing.eventbrite.co.uk](http://adrain-and-bridget-plass-lancing.eventbrite.co.uk)

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### CALLING ALL CHILDREN

### **CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION**

Winner will have the cards printed and sold.



Categories: under 12's, 12-16 years  
Design must fit into a 5½ inch (14 cm) square  
Deadline: 31 August 2019. For more details see flyers at the back of both churches.

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