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| Wednesdays | No services | 15.00 Messy Church at St Barnabas' 26 April and 24 May |
| Thursdays | 10.30 Eucharist | No services |
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HELLO...

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Worth Parish magazine. The clocks have sprung forward, the sun is shining, the flowers are blooming and St Nicholas' is full of ladybirds - the season is well and truly flourishing! And even without ministers, so is our parish. The Editor has asked me to pen a few words to introduce this latest edition so as not to bother Gordon too much as he has already contributed an article and always does (*and it's always on time, mentioning no names Anthony! - Ed*).

As I write, our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is upon us, bringing changes to our 'leadership' team. If you weren't able to come, you can find out the salient points on page 9. If you have been reading our pewsheets, you will know what a magnificent job Phyl has been doing with the fundraising for the new toilets at St Barnabas' but if not, there is an update on the facts and figures on page 11. I am looking forward to Gordon's piece on page 13 as his sermons are always topical and pertinent.

There are, of course, our regular spots, with the Parish Purse and A View from a Pew. The St Nicholas' Circle and Mothers' Union have had some interesting meetings - if you didn't manage to go, you get an update and perhaps, think about joining in during the coming months.

Thank you to all those who have written in this issue and also to our advertisers make valuable contributions to our coffers. Please bear them in mind if you are in need of what they are offering






Sunday 9 April
9.45am Eucharist and Procession of Palms, *St Nicholas'*
10.00am Palm Sunday Eucharist, *St Barnabas'*

Thursday 13 April
8.00pm Eucharist of the Last Supper
with Foot Washing, *St Nicholas'*

Friday 14 April
2.00pm Good Friday Liturgy, *St Nicholas'*

Saturday 15 April
10.30am Building the Easter Garden, *St Barnabas'*
3:30pm Building the Easter Garden, *St Nicholas'*

Sunday 16 April
5.30am Sunrise Eucharist, *Worth Park Lake*
9.45am Eucharist and Easter Egg Hunt, *St Nicholas'*
10.00am Eucharist and Easter Egg Hunt, *St Barnabas'*

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and mention where you saw them. And if you come across a tradesperson who'd like to advertise with us, please pass their details to us, or ours to them - magazine@worthparish.org.uk. Finally, you will find details of our Easter services below, so hopefully I'll see you at one or two.

Sue Perry

NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to those who have been baptised at our churches in the last two months, including Eryn Elizabeth Laura Bartlett, Samuel James Garner, Evelyn Anne Garner, Jack Edward Leslie Higgs, Oscar Henri James Lusted, Matilda Rose Powders and Zara Cecelia Saunders. Zara is shown here with her parents Donna and Geoff, being baptised by Rev'd Roger Combes in the 10am service at St Barnabas' on Sunday 5 March.

Also many congratulations to Paul Joseph Christensen and Rebecca Jane Boggis married at St Nicholas' on 4th February 2017.

THE LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT IN CRAWLEY

The Lighthouse Project has been having a really exciting time celebrating its 20th birthday. If you don't know, the Lighthouse Project works in schools all over Crawley - 18 primary schools and two secondary schools (we are working on getting into a few more). We reach over 6000 children spreading God's love doing school assemblies every half term as well as lunch clubs. Assemblies are interactive and usually focus on a particular Bible story with a practical message. And we couldn't do this work without donations from people like you so thank you very much to all at Worth Parish for the recent donation of £400.

We are looking forward to our partnership with St Barnabas' again this year as we bring in Year 3 children from Pound Hill Junior School for the Easter Experience.

Liz Burston

COMMEMORATING BELL RINGERS

On Saturday 8 April, there will be an open service to remember the lives of the 258 Sussex bellringers who served during the First World War. The service will take place at Sussex' only 12-bell tower-St Swithun's, East Grinstead at 4.30pm. Do come along.



LGBTi LIAISON OFFICER APPOINTED

Revd Andrew Woodward, Priest in Charge of St Mary's Kemp Town and Rural Dean of Brighton has been named as the first Bishop's Liaison Officer for the LGBTi community in our Diocese. Prior to ordination, Andrew worked in the banking industry and has experience of conflict management, building fruitful relationships and allowing disparate voices to be heard. The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner said that the post is about 'building, opening and crossing new and existing bridges towards great understanding and mutual flourishing.'

C OF E STATISTICS

The Research and Statistics unit of the Church of England collects, analyses, and publishes data relating to things such as annual attendance, cathedral activities, finance and licensed ministers and provides parish-level information for the Church of England's 12,600 parishes. To see maps and statistics, visit www.churchofengland.org/about-us/facts-stats/research-statistics

THE CHURCHYARD IN SPRING

Spring in the churchyard looks wonderful again this year but with it comes the start of the new maintenance program. We are blessed with helpers on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, weather permitting. The mowers are serviced and ready to go. We even have volunteers to maintain our Rectory garden and hedge ready for the new incumbent (whenever they arrive). Thanks to all our gardeners and to Bill Puttick for these lovely pictures.

Colin Smith



FROM THE ORDINAND'S DOG

Let me introduce myself. My name is The Kaden Shadow and I am a Blue Roan Working Cocker Spaniel. However, I don't do any work, my mates call me Shadow and I'm certainly not blue!

I'm a member of the Sawyer family, along with Phoebe another 'non-working' Working Cocker Spaniel. She's five years older than me and tries to be the boss (but only when I let her). I'm 5 now



(going on 2!) and those that love me describe me as 'special' with an exuberant energy. Those that meet me infrequently just think I'm mad - ask the prayer group for details; or maybe that's for another story!.

Life in our household is going to change drastically when Her Indoors - the Ordinand - starts training in September. Maybe she's not officially an Ordinand until September, who knows? But it's close enough for me!

Apparently her visit to St Augustine's College of Theology went well with just the paperwork to complete now. Oh, how I love leaving my muddy paw prints on piles of paperwork...

I hope you like my photo, rather dashing don't you think? The other photo shows how ingenious I can be. Well, it was cold and everyone else was snuggled up under their duvet, so I made a hole in the sofa cover and climbed in. Rather clever I thought, but The Ordinand wasn't at all impressed!

Must go, I hear a car outside and Phoebe and I always have a competition to see who can bark the loudest!

Shadow Sawyer

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THE JOYS OF VOLUNTEERING

Mahatma Gandhi said *The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others*. There are many wonderful things that will never be done if you do not do them, and volunteering for me, is one such thing. Joining Phyl Pennell's small team at the Pastoral Centre has helped me to get to know new people, and in doing so I feel I have made a difference to peoples' lives.

I find serving tea, coffee and cakes, and interacting with others to be fun and rewarding and in doing so, I'm support the church at the same time. I have made some good friends amongst the customers and helpers.

The Rebrand Group (Glennis Parker, Phyl Pennell, Liz Gallagher, Joyce Watts and myself), which was born out of the New Parish Plan, is looking at ways our parish can expand use of our facilities. We have already made strides to improve the



look of the Pastoral Centre and we will provide a more modern flag outside to advertise the café. We propose to make the café dementia-friendly and are also looking into the possibility of serving fresh, delicious afternoon teas at a cheaper price than elsewhere.

At the moment we don't get many people from our wider community coming in (huge thank you to all our supportive regular customers). You may have your own ideas of how we can make the centre a destination for more people. We do need more people serving in the café, so if you can spare 2 hours a month to join our small team of volunteers, then please let one of us know. You can choose which dates suit you and if something comes up, it's easy to swap. It would be great to have the café full of locals enjoying each other's company. The picture above shows some regulars, eyes down for cake and Scrabble on a Monday Games Afternoon.

Providing a café that welcomes all the community is a lovely way to fulfil one of our parish aims which is *promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to the Community, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole*.

If you can volunteer or have any ideas of how we can invite the community in, just let one of the Rebrand Group know or contact the Parish Office on 0300 111 8150 or by emailing office@worthparish.org.uk.

Sue Walshe



Sue (pouring tea) with Phyl

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH?

CLERGY VACANCIES UPDATE

The search for a Rector and an Associate Vicar (see below) for our parish is fully underway with an advertisement in the Church Times and elsewhere.

On April 7, our representatives in consultation with Archdeacon Fiona and Bishop Martin, will have a conversation in which candidates are shortlisted.

On May 4, interviews will take place at the Bishop's palace with our representatives, Archdeacon Fiona and Bishop Martin.

Please continue to pray for those involved in this process and that the right people will be appointed to these roles. A big thank you to everyone who has helped with this, or pulled together to take on extra work during our interregnum.

Colin Smith

PCC UPDATE

The PCC last met on March 8 and you can read the full version of minutes at the Parish Office.

In summary:

- Finance – There are no excessive income/expenditure items to report. A new architect has been appointed for the forthcoming quinquennial inspections.
- Policy on charitable giving - 10% is aspirational but at the moment we can only afford 5%. It was agreed that £400 be donated to the Lighthouse Project.
- Clergy appointments – vacancies for both posts are on the Diocesan website and the post of Rector at St Nicholas' has been advertised in the Church Times. This is good news for St Nicholas' but the news for St Barnabas' is not encouraging. The Bishop has now decided to appoint a Rector first with the Rector then being involved with the appointment at St Barnabas'. This is a contradiction of what was previously agreed. The vote at the 2016 APCM was for St

Barnabas' to become a Conventional District with an independent Priest in Charge with full autonomy and the appointment not being made by the Rector. A Conventional District was agreed and granted by the Bishop in September 2016. However, with the passage of time and no appointment at St Barnabas' being made, the Bishop has had a change of mind. The PCC are not happy about this development. To hear that the St Barnabas' vacancy will now be classed as an Associate Vicar was not well received. Julia Peaty advised the PCC that as it was the Parish's wish not to split into two parishes then the clergy person at St Barnabas' would still be under the authority of the Rector at St Nicholas'. The PCC feels let down and has ended up with exactly what we did not wish for!

- An Equality and Diversity Policy was agreed by the PCC.
- Glennis Parker will be stepping down as PCC secretary following the APCM. Thanks go to Glennis for all her hard work. We continue to seek a volunteer to take on this role.

The next meeting of the (new) PCC is scheduled for 26 April.

Phyl Pennell

APCM UPDATE

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) took place on 29 March, the day before this magazine was published, so please forgive any inaccuracies that may be present in this hastily written account!

All printed reports had been available in the week leading up to that date so the meeting was kept quite short and the main points were as follows:

- Gerald Sandwell was elected churchwarden for St Nicholas', taking over from Dave Parker who was thanked for his work this year. Deputy churchwarden is Colin Smith.
- Phyl Pennell was also elected to continue work as the St Barnabas' churchwarden with Sheila Dring as deputy.

- Phyl thanked everyone who has helped keep up the Parish Plan.
- Viv let us know that all safeguarding policies are up to date and available in both locations.
- Colin also offered thanks to all those, paid and unpaid, who connect with the community we serve. He mentioned hall hire, weddings, baptisms, bereavements and funerals as well as less visible but vital connections made with our Parish through the website, magazine and social media.
- Max updated us all on parish finances and let us know that we are now looking for a new independent examiner.
- In response to a question, Julia Peaty said that both clergy positions had been advertised on the Diocesan website, but due to expense, only the Rector position is currently being advertised in the Church Times. The group in charge of this is the Diocesan Pastoral Committee under the supervision of Gabrielle Higgins.
- Deanery Synod reps elected were Ann Phillipson, Sue Walshe and Mary Fry.

- New members to the PCC this year are Bob Musselwhite and David Fry (St Barnabas'), and Joan Tick and Pam Newley (St Nicholas').
- Phyl was praised for her amazing efforts as churchwarden and we now know she has the ability to write a winning grant application.
- Glennis was thanked for all she does, as she leaves her PCC secretary role - a position now taken filled by Pam Newley, to whom we are grateful.

In closing, Julia thanked everyone who has helped to hold the parish together creating a warm, busy and welcoming community ready into which new clergy can come. Particularly, Julia felt it was a sign of vibrancy that we have nurtured Greta and are sending her off for her training in September. She urged us all to keep going, and to keep praying.

The next APCM date will be set in consultation with the new PCC and will be published in due course.

Elizabeth Whyman

30 SECONDS WITH ...CAROLINE FORMBY

'Hi I'm Caroline and I've been coming to St Barnabas' for about 12 years, attending the Tuesday morning Eucharist service which I started coming to with a friend. It was only last year that I properly *joined* St Barnabas' and got my name on the electoral role. I run the only daytime Home Group in the parish on alternate Thursday mornings 10-11.30 in the Pastoral Centre. I took over this group when Revd Anthony left. I'd love more people to come along, so give me a ring on 01293 519923 if you'd like to find out when we are next getting together.'

Caroline Formby



BOOK CLUB The Parish Book Club meets on the last Monday of each month

Our book for April is *Suffer the Little Children* by Donna Leon and in May, we hope to read *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro - two very different reading styles. We read books by a diverse range of authors.

Anyone looking for a good evening with a great read should join us on: **Monday April 24 or Monday May 29 at 7pm at St Barnabas'.**

THE PARISH PURSE

Since the beginning of this year, the Finance department has been manically working to get the 2016 Annual Report ready for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. You may think during an interregnum that there would be less to talk about, but the report was longer than ever! Initial feedback shows that there are a few areas that have been missed, so if this applies to you, please accept our apologies and talk to a member of the PCC to ensure that your area is fully included next year – the more, the better.

Currently our main financial focus is the appeal to raise funds for the complete overhaul of the Hall Toilets at St Barnabas'. We have been applying for grants right, left and centre and some of these have also proved fruitful and I can confirm grants in excess of £7000 so far (see below). Donations are still coming in from parishioners and it is really uplifting to see the response to the appeal. Please keep supporting all efforts to increase the total and hope and pray for continued positive responses to our outstanding grant applications.

On the charity front, I can report that the Christmas Charity collection has now been distributed; £547.50 each going to The Salvation Army, Crawley Open House and Worth Parish. From the Parish World Bank we are going to send £400 to help the famine in South Sudan - every single penny helps.

More locally, we are also going to support the Lighthouse Project here in Crawley. As many of you know one of their leading lights is Liz Burston, wife of our brilliant and much missed curate, Steve. Lighthouse brings the celebration of God's word into all Primary and many Secondary schools in our parish through visits and assemblies. This year they are 20 years old and they are aiming to partner with 20 Churches in Crawley in their "20/20 campaign". So it is a pleasure to give them £400 this year and be counted as an ongoing partner to encourage their youth work. For more information, visit lighthouseprojectcrawley.org/

Max Perry, Treasurer

ST BARNABAS' REFURBISHMENT

The quote accepted for work to refurbish the Hall toilets and provide a toilet for the disabled is £19,414.

Applications were submitted to four grant-providing bodies in January/February and a letter was sent out to parishioners in February requesting donations.

At the moment we have the results of three out of the four applications. The Courage-Dyer Recreational Trust has agreed to donate £5000, the Community Initiative Funding has donated

£2150 and Crawley Borough Council has agreed to give us £1000. This is really good news for us!

I have also been amazed at the generosity of the parishioners in response to my letter - over £5000 has been donated, most of it gift-aided. A huge thank you goes out to all our supporters.

Hopefully our application to the Big Lottery Fund will also meet with success. This would really be the icing on the cake! There should be some news by mid-May.

Phyl Pennell

ST NICHOLAS' INSPECTION

St Nicholas' is to be inspected by Roger Neugent on 11 May. Roger was very much involved 25 years ago when fire engulfed the church and he oversaw the restoration, so he has a good history with us and a love of St Nicholas'. This quinquennial inspection will certainly have financial implications to a greater or lesser degree. The

bell tower will be high on the agenda regarding the ingress of water which must be addressed. So watch this space. And I suspect we will need to consider some serious tree works along the path from the lych gate to church. More money! So lots to do and look forward to in 2017.

Colin Smith

FUNNIES

A pastor got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building programme. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

Sunday after church, a Mum asked her very young daughter what she learnt from Sunday school. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt."

Needless to say, the Mum was perplexed and later in the day asked the vicar what the lesson had been about.

He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

There are only two kinds of people in the world. Those who wake up and say, "Good morning, Lord," and those who wake up and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

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ON SPIRITUAL ORIENTATION

From a sermon preached on the Third Sunday of Lent, where the texts for the day were: Exodus 17: 1-7, Psalm 95, Roman 5:1-11, John 4: 5-42

The location is an old Sussex barn tucked away near the Chichester bypass. Inside it is dark. We sit down on reclining seats reclaimed from an old Boeing 747. The eyesight of anyone over forty, we are told, will probably take up to 30 seconds to adjust to the dark. It certainly does in my case and I feel suitably geriatric. Then pinpoints of light appear, a few at first, then more and more. We are sitting in the planetarium of the South Downs Astronomical Society. Our first stellar excursion takes us towards the equator and down into the southern hemisphere. I'm probably the least travelled geographer of all time and the night sky looks totally and bafflingly unfamiliar. There are no reference points because I have no experience of such a scene and I am astronomically lost. There are maps of such a night sky but I have no experience of using them. I feel extremely inadequate.

Our guide asks for our memories of particular night skies, patterns of stars that really do have meaning and significance for individuals. One of our party recalls the balcony of his honeymoon hotel, overlooking the Indian Ocean. He's asked for the date and, after a few deft keystrokes on the keyboard of the planetarium's computer console, the drama of the sky that he and his new bride witnessed with such rapture and love, is revealed to us all. Then someone mentions the sinking of the Titanic. One of our number talks about the moonlight that eerily illuminates the sinking scene in the most recent film dramatization of this tragedy, starring Leonardo de Caprio and Kate Winslet. After a few further keystrokes, the sky on that terrible night, 14-15 April 1912, is revealed. There was no moonlight at all! The death through drowning and hypothermia of some 1500 souls was obscured by darkness.

To an extent, a part of us is derived from our surroundings - places familiar to us, the places where we were born, grew up and had key experiences in our lives. We readily talk about Yorkshire people, the Scots (particularly at the moment), how Sussex people 'can't be druv' as St Wilfred found out during his first attempt to

Christianise the South Saxons. At a funeral last year we played the sound of the chimes of Big Ben to mark our final farewells to a proud lady whose



pride was largely derived from her London roots. Orientation and identity within a sense of place is of profound significance to human life. That political and social assumptions of many of our centrist, liberal politicians have downplayed this may partly explain the extreme reactions of some portions of the electorate in a number of countries recently.

Why am I mentioning all this? Because Lent is about our spiritual re-orientation and the identification of genuine spiritual reference points to help locate us. On our lives' journeys, things sometimes don't go according to plan and we lose faith in the purpose of our actions and in the wisdom of those who lead and guide us. When this happens, we often lose confidence in ourselves and our capacity to navigate spiritually. We try to obliterate the loss through pleasure of all kinds, alcohol, material acquisitions, aimless travel and other displacement activities. The other thing that those of faith often do is to blame God or his representatives.

The Israelites were short of water, which was key to their survival in the wilderness. They grumbled

at God's representative, Moses. Moses thought that he was going to be stoned to death and turned to God in desperation. Christ in the wilderness was tempted to make bread out of stones. He was fasting and was famished. However he recalled and drew strength from, what he knew of the teachings of the Torah.

One does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Deuteronomy 8:3

Many, many books have been written on the subject of humanity's freedom under God. When, if at all, does God intervene in our affairs? Is his seeming absence our fault? Should we have confidence derived from an assumption that God is always on our side? Christ was tempted to assume he could be utterly careless with his own physical welfare but then again he remembered and was strengthened in his resolve by further teachings from the Torah echoed in Psalm 95 which recalls the events in the wilderness between the Israelites, Moses and God.

You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test. Deuteronomy 6:16

A first principle of spiritual orientation is an understanding of our intentions towards God and God's intentions towards us. St Paul gives us a checklist, a sequence, of attitudes and dispositions. The sequence he describes does not always fit well against the assumed norms of a contemporary hedonistic lifestyle - suffering, endurance, character, but, crucially, hope and a tenacious expectation of God's love through the grace given to all who believe in him, despite their shortcomings.

St Paul's sequence, his *boast in our sufferings* can be frightening in contemporary daily life, particularly when poverty and deprivation - both physical and psychological - prevent individuals living to their potential. Through Christ, God does indicate to us that he is to be found in the life contexts of those in poverty, those suffering from physical and mental illness, those who are persecuted (social media bullying is a very powerful example of contemporary persecution), those who are different and those who suffer loss. This raises the question of how then do those of us, relatively unaffected by these particular burdens of life become motivated to find Christ and build him into our lives' journeys?

Much of this is recounted and explained in our Gospel reading of *John 4: 5-42*. Christ reaches out to a stranger, a Samaritan, a woman, someone who had distinctive spiritual insight. Christ's dialogue with her included his promise of the living water, the spiritual spring that would lead to eternal life. It led to a wider acknowledgment amongst Samaritans of Christ's power and promise. It contained elements of what we would now include in Lenten contemplation. What are our spiritual food and drink for our lives journeys? How do we access them? How do we best spread the news of God's promise to humanity to those around us, near and far?

We started with orientation, with acquiring the understanding and the information to identify where we are in relation to the characteristics within us that give us a sensitivity towards God's influence on his creation and an awareness of where within us he seeks us out. We can do this through allowing the power of Biblical texts, the, at times baffling, pleadings and conversations of prayer, the transporting power of music and a healthy dose of silence to refine our sense of our spiritual direction in relation to the material and spiritual firmament that is God's creation of earth and of heaven.

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SALTMINE

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A PARISH ADMINISTRATOR AND VOLUNTEER

(Leaving the reader to decide where one job stops and the other begins)

The day starts at 9.20am when I answer the home phone to be asked to log someone's apologies for absence at the APCM. I then quickly glance at the parish emails to see if there is anything which requires immediate attention and delete the junk mail. Then it's over to the church. I pass the time of day with a grave digger who is awaiting a colleague, open the front door, turn on the lights and music, tidy and replace the candles at the icons and put away the baptism register. *Note to self: why didn't I bring it home to prepare for the next baptism?)*

I then put out the intended entry and the verger forms ready for the rehearsal and wedding later this week. I empty the collecting box, check everything is tidy and leave, thanking the volunteer gardener for his stalwart efforts in keeping our churchyard so beautiful.

As every day, I go to check the bins by the gate. The black top rubbish bin has not been returned to its place and, in fact, it has not been emptied on Friday! I check the green bin, remove the ribbon, wire, paper and elastic band that have been thrown in there with the greenery as these things are clearly not compostable. Checking the red top (recycling) bin, I then remove the greenery that has been thrown in there along with cellophane wrapping, a coffee beaker which has had a lot of media coverage as to its non-recyclability, and a random dishwashing sponge! I put all items into the correct bins.

I come back to the parish's 'virtual' office and ring the council about the non-collection of rubbish. Then it is time to deal with emails properly - a query about parking for this week's wedding, an appointment to be made to start the ball rolling for a wedding next spring, information for a baptism that needs to be logged on the spreadsheet and deleting yet more junk emails.

My home office phone goes and I deal with non-parish work for an hour then I spend a few minutes on this article before my stomach rumbles and it's time for lunch.



After a pleasant break, the parish phone calls me back to my desk. It's two o'clock. This time it is a funeral director ringing to discuss the plans for a Memorial Service in three weeks' time, as there have been some changes since we started the process last week. After the call, the clergy, organist and bell ringers all need to be updated too and finally a new invoice issued.

Now I have a choice - I can write something to introduce the new magazine, start next Sunday's pewsheets or tidy the office? So, I go and make a banana loaf to use up some over-ripe bananas! Perhaps Max might like to take it to Book Club at St Barnabas' tonight?

Half an hour later, the loaf is in the oven and the original question returns and the winner is the pewsheets. It takes about an hour to get to the picture stage as the Gospel reading is sooooo long and it is difficult to fit everything in and one has to be skilled in the art of précis as well as a dab hand with Microsoft Word. I just have time to add the pictures and send it to various people for

proofreading and checking of the notices before I cook the family's dinner.

After an evening of home stuff (which did include a move round of furniture, if not a tidy in the virtual office), it is 22.30 and time to check the emails for the last time today. Three are about the pewsheets, two are about weddings and one is about the funeral, but only two need replies, so

that is all sorted in less than 10 minutes. But there is still that introduction that Elizabeth wanted - better get it out of the way. 23.15 and all is done, just time for a few minutes with my online Portuguese lesson before I go to bed.

I wonder what tomorrow will bring?

Sue Perry

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Families are very important and there's music for budding dancers, face-painting for big imaginations and much more dotted all around the site. Be sure to make your way to the Big Church Kids Tent, exploding with worship, dancing, fun and games. Come and learn a mishmash of circus tricks and skills with Jimmy the Juggling Jester. One Way UK will again be showing us all that is needed to be the perfect puppeteer! The Soft Play Tent is a massive marquee full of fun and games for the smallest members of the Big Church Day Out. And if you have ever wondered what it feels like to land a plane, there is a spectacular simulator.

There's not space to detail all the other attractions you can find on the day so please come along and see for yourself.

For the last two years, Revd Steve Burston has arranged groups attending the Big Church Day Out event and everyone agrees that these were great and very different days out.

In addition to the Main Stage, which provides a jam packed programme from noon (gates open 10am) until late, there are many other attractions. Walk down the buzzing Avenue to enter the Main

Prices are £44 (day)/£49 (weekend) for an Adult (17+), £35/£40 for 5-16 years and £135/£155 for a family of 2 adults and 2 children. These prices are based on booking before 30 April.

Contact Stuart Sharpe for more details about booking as a group, on jstuartsharpe@aol.com or 01293 873073.

Stuart Sharpe

BACK PAIN AND GARDENING

Now the first signs of spring are in the air, spring bulbs are flourishing and the grass is beginning to grow, the temptation to start getting out into the garden is upon us all.

There are a lot of myths regarding back pain and whether gardening is good or bad for us. The truth is that if we are sensible, gardening is a great form of exercise both physically and psychologically. The most important things to remember when we first start those jobs in the garden are to:

- Plan jobs correctly
- Vary the jobs you are doing – do not constantly repeat the same movements
- Know your limits – do 2 lighter wheelbarrow runs instead of one heavy one. Don't overfill refuse bags. It always seems like a good idea, but they become too heavy to lift sensibly and very often split anyway!
- Take regular breaks and do some gentle stretches before and after starting
- Do some gentle warm exercises and stretches before you start

It is normal to feel a bit stiff and achy, having been in the garden working hard for the first time in months. If however, you develop pain or sciatic type symptoms that persist for more than a few



days, then you should seek advice from a physio or your GP.

Please follow this link to access some useful guidance and stretches to help reduce any soreness to your lower back:

head2toephysio.co.uk/back-pain-and-gardening/

Have a great spring and most importantly a pain-free and productive time in the garden.

If you or anyone you know is suffering from back pain and would like a physiotherapy assessment for suitability of physiotherapy treatment, please visit our website www.head2toephysio.co.uk or call us on 01293 535884.

Gareth Florida-James, Senior Physiotherapist

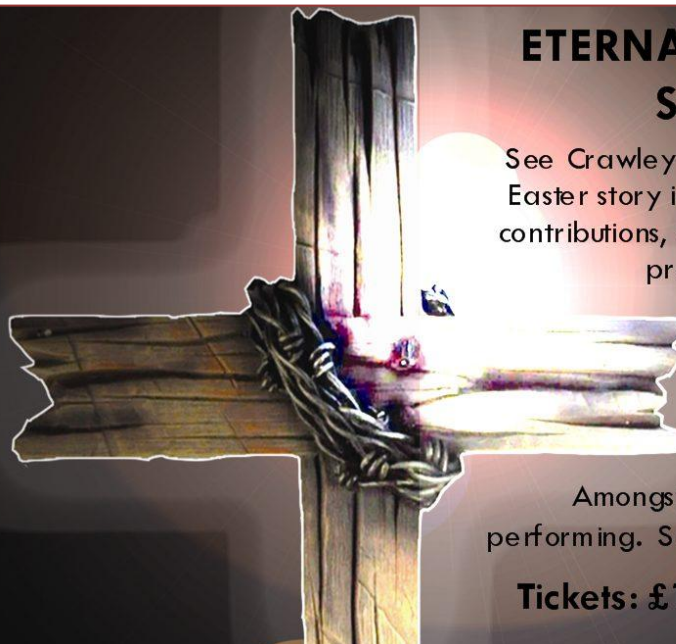
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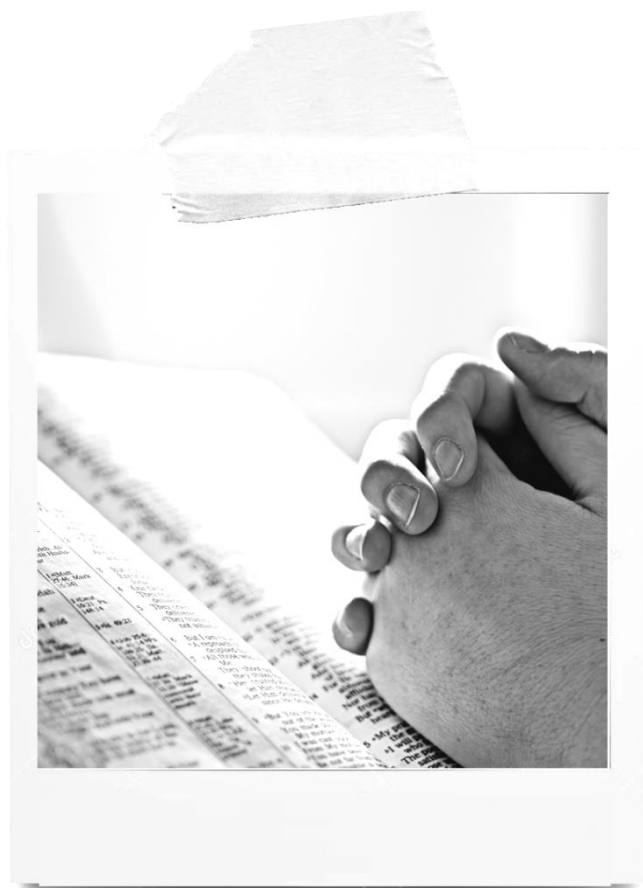
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A 'HOW TO' GUIDE TO INTERCESSIONS

Things have changed in the Church of England during my lifetime. 'In the old days, Mummy, when you were young' as my children say, prayers were said only by the clergy and there were no lay people involved at all. We didn't have intercessions during the communion service, but we did have the formidable-sounding Prayer for the Church Militant. This encouraged Christian life and virtues in a set form of words, and it could



be adjusted if need arose. Very rarely was anyone mentioned by name, and when this happened, it indicated the gravity of the situation, as Laurie Lee discovered in *Cider with Rosie*, when he was desperately ill and prayed for on several Sundays.

So when, later on, the laity were encouraged to lead prayers under the heading of *Let us pray for the Church and the world* they were faced with a considerable challenge, that of interceding on behalf of their fellow-Christians and bringing before God some of the issues that concerned them. I say 'some of' because in churches I have attended throughout my life, it has been known for those interceding to equate length with worth, and to present the Almighty with a long shopping list. I'm not sure He needs this and it can cause

the congregation's minds to wander or even, make them feel rather like nodding off! I have also heard on occasion, intercessions used for special pleading, which can be equally off-putting.

Having said that, one of the great strengths of the Church of England is its strong tradition of insightful, politically, globally and socially aware intercessions. The most important point to bear in mind is that if you are leading the intercessions, your role is not to do the praying but to enable the whole congregation to pray.

Those leading prayers at my own church have been asked to pray for no more than five minutes (less if possible says our vicar) and my own yardstick is no more than one well-spaced side of A4. You cannot expect the congregation to concentrate in prayer if what you are saying is general, repetitive and unconnected with the service as a whole. Think about adding creativity to the predictable and drawing people into the experience of true prayer in fresh ways.

It is helpful to find an idea or thought on which to hang your intercessions, whether this is a quote from the day's readings or from the saint whose day it might be, or a theme connected with the liturgical season. I have found it sometimes useful to have a refrain (like the Litany) during the prayers to give them form and focus. You can also vary the responses instead of sticking to *Lord, hear our prayer* every time.

Practical considerations include getting to the lectern or prayer desk in plenty of time, and, once there, not hurrying your words but speaking slowly and deliberately. If you wear glasses or have sight problems, make sure your prayers are in large type or legible handwriting! Don't be afraid to use pauses, either. If a microphone is used you could test it beforehand.

There are a number of websites you can use for inspiration for intercessions, or at least for a starting point - it's amazing what you can Google these days! The resource I personally find most helpful is *The Intercessions Handbook* by John Pritchard, published by SPCK. The subtitle is *Creative ideas for public and private prayer* and I recommend it as a great way to start your journey in prayer.

Ann Dent

WORTH PARK - MILTON MOUNT GARDENS

REVISITED

One of the pleasures of living in Crawley is that you're never far from a public green space. One of the nearest ones to me is Milton Mount Gardens, renamed Worth Park after its millennium makeover. For those who don't know it, the park covers eight hectares and includes formal gardens, and a lake area.

The area around the lake obtained status as a Site of Nature Conservation Importance in 1992 and is habitat to a large variety of fauna and several rare plants. And the path round its perimeter is buggy-friendly since its make-over. Ridley's Court, once the stable block of the mansion Milton Mount, which dates back to 1882, has been Grade II listed along with the Pulhamite rock structures, fountain and pond basin of the original gardens to the house. There is a new wood carving outside Ridley's Court, like a giant totem pole, with a wonderful matrix of flora and fauna.

Back before the park's restoration, I used to visit it for the serene atmosphere of the formal gardens of camellias and spring plants and one Good Friday wrote a poem there that I thought I would share with you. I was somewhat horrified on digging it out that I wrote it 20 years ago! Though the poem hasn't dated, it was clearly a cold, bleak day when I visited it - hence my Good Friday thoughts - though the sun suddenly broke through in a very telling way. May you visit the gardens and lake in sunny times!!

Linda Eells

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Milton Mount Gardens Good Friday 1997

The sun, cloud-darkened,
throws the garden into bleak relief;
it calls to mind
a garden and a darkness
from another time.

Alone, in this most public space,
I face the chill wind,
beat the bounds of lawns
deserted by the crowds.

Luminous-edged clouds
fail to camouflage
a fir boss at my feet,
a rose amongst discarded scales,
redeemed from parent shadow.

The sun spills out
as blood-red blooms cascade across my
path:
chaenomeles;
and, pinned against the wall,
a white camellia wears its scarlet stripes
with pride;
it calls to mind
an innocence and scarlet stripes
from another time.

The sun, now stronger,
dazzles,
thawing my tensed frame.
I turn my back,
less to shun its glory
than to taste reflected colour
and released fragrance:
hyacinths;
they call to mind
the triumph and the perfume
from another time.

And, high above,
the buds of silver birch,
launched against the cobalt heavens,
herald rebirth.

Linda Eells

EASTER ELIMINATION QUIZ

Below are two lists - one showing 16 clues and another containing 33 words. Each clue requires two words from the list of 33 words to form the answer. Each word may only be used once so when you have correctly answered all 16 clues all the words will be eliminated except one. What is that word? Beware! Some words fit more than one clue so don't be too hasty! You have been warned!

CLUES

- a. Two words which are anagrams of each other
- b. Two words that together make a clean-handed governor
- c. Two words that together make the feast being celebrated in Jerusalem at the time of Jesus' death
- d. Two words that are books of the Bible
- e. Two words associated with the name Simon
- f. Two more words that are anagrams of each other
- g. Two words that together make the meal Jesus celebrated with his disciples, famously depicted by Leonardo da Vinci
- h. The names of two disciples
- i. Two words that are synonyms of each other
- j. Two words associated with the word 'good'
- k. Two words that are gardens mentioned in the Bible
- l. Two words that together make the setting for the meal in (g)
- m. Two words that describe what the soldiers did to decide who should have Jesus' clothing
- n. Two words that together make the role of Caiaphas
- o. The names of the two sons of Zebedee who watched with Peter as Jesus prayed before his arrest
- p. Two words that together describe what was found when the stone was rolled away on the third day after the crucifixion

WORDS

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| 1. Acts | 27. Thomas |
| 2. Lots | 28. Nation |
| 3. John | 29. Pontius |
| 4. High | 30. Shepherd |
| 5. Over | 31. Golgotha |
| 6. Live | 32. Resurrection |
| 7. Eden | 33. Gethsemane |
| 8. Last | |
| 9. Tomb | |
| 10. Room | |
| 11. Pass | |
| 12. Cast | |
| 13. Veil | |
| 14. Judas | |
| 15. Pilate | |
| 16. Peter | |
| 17. James | |
| 18. Upper | |
| 19. Priest | |
| 20. Empty | |
| 21. Friday | |
| 22. Anoint | |
| 23. Cyrene | |
| 24. Romans | |
| 25. Supper | |
| 26. Calvary | |

VIEW FROM A PEW

For the last two weeks, I have been enjoying the Lent course being run by our Rural Dean, Rev'd Canon Julia Peaty. I am always first to admit that despite regular attendances at Church across five years, less frequent before that, two Alpha Courses and now a second Lent Course, I still feel a bit of a novice on the subject of God, religion and 'all that stuff'.

This latest Lent course has inspired me to put a little bit of time aside and at least read the book of Luke before Easter. After that no promises - but I am enjoying the reading so far.

One of the first comments I made at the Lent Course was that I am often put off reading the Old Testament by some of the 'fire, brimstone, plague and damnation' stories that seem to proliferate and how they don't always seem relevant to the modern age. In fact I have told Colin, our Deputy Church Warden, that I would prefer it if I was just on the reading rota for the New Testament lesson.

In line with the Year of the Bible, Julia has based this course around the Holy Book, taking pieces from it, in bite size paragraphs read around the group. Having had two weeks of reading and sharing some of the Bible stories, I am not so put off by the Old Testament. Anyway, plenty of time to consider reading more after I have completed the reading of Luke.

We had some discussion between Bible stories and the difference between allegory and accuracy. Whatever one believes, the most important thing is that we can respect each other's beliefs and ideas and live together with them.

In the American sitcom *The Big Bang Theory*, the atheist Sheldon speaks to his Texan Creationist mother about Noah, saying 'For goodness sake Mother - it is beyond reason that two lions could possibly have spent all that time on a boat without eating all the other animals!'. 'Well, my dear', she replies 'it's simple - they ate the flesh of the poor drowning sinners'.

Max Perry

DISCOVERING CHURCHES

The Horsham U3A Discovering Churches group visited St Nicholas' Church on Monday 13 March and were very pleasantly surprised by the edifice that confronted them.

Joan Pallett and I met them upon arrival and after Joan had tempted them to some of the 'goodies' that are available from the souvenirs shelf, I gave them a brief outline of the history of the church and pointed out some of the special features which identify it as a Saxon building. The fact that the footprint of the building matches that of the eighth century Winchester Cathedral created interest, as did the majestic pre-Norman arch, believed to be the largest complete one of its kind. The three Saxon windows, high up in the nave walls are believed to be unique, although windows of a similar nature have been discovered relatively recently in the oldest part of Dover Castle.

I then indicated the later additions to the church dating from the 1869 Victorian restoration which

included reconstruction of the ancient Apse, the construction of the Tower and the addition of the porch, finally mentioning the new roof.

It was then time to take a look in some detail at the outside of the building. The ancient stepped foundations were soon recognised. The now incomplete string course high up on the walls and the supporting vertical pilasters formed a framework for the in-filled stonework. This construction was based upon the original timber structures used for church buildings in early Saxon times. The outline of the 'bricked up' Devils doorway was highlighted. Finally it was noted that the ground level was in the original position, indicating the lack of development around the church through the centuries.

Lunch time had arrived and after a warm vote of thanks the group of fourteen very satisfied customers went on their way to reflect on Saxon times.

Gerald Sandwell

St Barnabas' Church, Worth Road, RH10 7EB

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MOTHERS' UNION

Have you noticed? Have you looked at them yet? No? Why not? There are Mothers' Union noticeboards in both churches to celebrate our **30 years** as a branch in this Parish – yes, including some 'old' photographs!

The current Boards reference our prayer life and how the Mothers' Union Prayer has changed over the last 30 years. We get more up to date with every decade and do not stand still!

I know you are chomping at the bit to know what we have done since the beginning of the year, well... In January, we held our annual supper, returning to Crawley College for a very enjoyable Burns' Night Supper, with the haggis being 'piped



in' in true Scottish fashion and a wee dram all round! Obviously not the usual thing that Mothers' Union folk are used to but very enjoyable anyway.

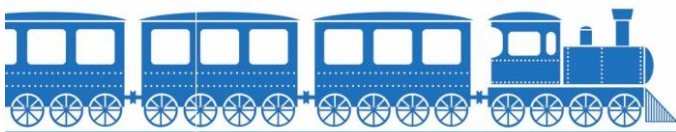
February brought our AGM and both this and the preceding Eucharist were led by Canon Julia Peaty. The AGM saw Mary Fry remain as Branch Leader and the Committee stay unchanged for another year with Simon Morris as treasurer, Pam Newley as secretary and other committee members being Jacky Hemsley, Joan Tick and Sue Wood. Contact details are in both churches if you wish to ask any of us about what we do or how to become a member. This is also a good opportunity to tell you that we enrolled a new Member at the service on our AGM night - we welcome Margaret Spurgeon to our number (as shown). Some of us attended a Shrivng Service on Shrove Tuesday, held in Horsham for Crawley District and a Wave of Prayer followed this for our linked branches around the world.

In March we will be welcoming Diocesan President, Kathryn Anderson, who will be speaking about the Eastbourne Contact Centre, one of the many Mothers' Union projects for which we raise money. April will see us view a video on how wood played an important part in the life of Jesus. Everyone is welcome to join us at our evenings on the fourth Thursday of the month - see the pewsheets for reminders and more information.

Joan Tick

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DINNER WITH A PERFECT STRANGER

I was very brave this year and decided to have a week's holiday during Lent! I know I should be doing penance but perhaps this will do instead.

I took some books with me and *Dinner with a Perfect Stranger* written by David Gregory was one of them; it was part of my Lenten reading list. I am not going to write a review but wanted to share with you one or two sentences that gave me food for thought and hopefully will do the same for you.

Basically, a man named Nick was sent an invitation to dinner on a specific date, time and restaurant, with no RSVP and it was with... 'Jesus of Nazareth'.

Yes, I know you are going to be sceptical but it proved an interesting and thought-provoking read with some humorous lines.

We all know how difficult it was for Mary when she found she was pregnant and unmarried, it just was not done but have we ever stopped to think how Mary may have felt later when Jesus began His work on earth? One minute he was

worshipped and the next demonised. It must have been hard, and I wondered how I would have felt? How would you have felt?

Would we want to defend our children in such cases or would we be unable to because we didn't understand? How many parents turn their backs on their children because they cannot rationalise what they are doing or saying? Some of us may even have been rejected by our families - but hold this thought ... God has never rejected us - we may have rejected Him, by our deeds or thoughts but He still loves us. He still waits at the door for us to return and welcomes us with open arms when we do.

I am with you
DECLARES THE LORD



It seems we do not hear much about Mary in the Bible, unless it is in troubled times, (except at the wedding at Cana) she is troubled when Jesus is lost, when He asks 'Who is my mother, who are my brothers?' (Matthew 12.48.) How must she have felt then?

Then again at the foot of the cross, distraught, confused that God had given her the gift of His Son only to take Him away, would she have remembered Simeon's words? Would we have? Or would we be too broken to think of anything except sadness, bitterness and wonder what had been God's plan? Would we then wander off, feeling empty and search for another way?

Linked to the above is another passage in the book when 'Jesus' says that not having God within us is like having a new motorcar without an engine, - it looks great but it is going nowhere! We need to have our engine (the Holy Spirit) within us and the tank topped up with fuel - the Word and Bread of Life - then find the way to God again. As Christians what we should do is be like Mary, have faith and trust that God knows best and eventually we will see just that.

Joan Tick



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ST NICHOLAS CIRCLE



What is the link between the Oxford Student Dictionary of English and a vegetable and fruit smoothie? Well, it is certainly not that the word *smoothie* (drink) appears in my son's 2001 edition, because it does not. A smoothie is a fairly recent word dating back to the 1970s when it was promoted by a lactose-intolerant American keen to enjoy a similar drink to his peers, although its other meaning, a man who is suave or slick, particularly in speech, dress or manner, has its origins in the 1920s (probably American). No, the link is, of course, that both have been subjects of talks for the St Nicholas Circle.



On February 2 our talk, by Al Cooke, was on 'Are you getting your 5-a-day?'. The talk was split into two - the first half on the well-known and more obscure benefits of vegetables and fruit and why it is important to get a mix of different colours. The second half was much more hands on as we gathered round Al's blender to watch him blend both fruit and vegetables into a mixture of drinks. We then taste tested them and agreed that the fruit kept the drinks sweet and the vegetables ensured they were not too sickly.

Our talk on March 2 by Susan Purcell, was entitled "The History of Dictionaries: A talk from Attitude to Zest with mirth in the middle". We learned that dictionaries are a relatively recent addition and at the time of Shakespeare's writing there were none; the first such books had no words at all beginning with W, X or Y.

Johnson wrote one of the first really comprehensive dictionaries with over 42,000 entries written by hand; Johnson became somewhat bored with the task and his definition of *dull* was *not exhilarating, not delightful, to make dictionaries is dull work*. We learned that set takes up 18 pages in the full edition of the Oxford

English Dictionary, that the Oxford English Dictionary was last published in 1989 in 20 volumes and that it is now available online (by subscription or free by using the library subscription). It was really interesting to hear how meanings had changed over time and this led to some lively discussion.

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MONUMENTAL MASONS

On April 6, we are looking forward to a visit from Pat Hewitt and her dog from the Canine Partners. Canine Partners are a Charity that provide trained dogs to those in need. On May 4 Brenda Matthews will present 'Not To Be Sneezed At' - a talk on collecting hankies (clean ones!). Finally, as the summer Bring and Share evening will be just before the next magazine, it is worth mentioning that everyone is welcome to this on June 1 and, indeed, to any of our meetings.

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APRIL-MAY CALENDAR

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| Tuesday 4 April | 11.00am 12.15pm | Home Communion, <i>Lanehurst Gardens</i> Lenten Soup Lunch, <i>St Barnabas'</i> |
| Wednesday 5 April | 3.15 - 4.30pm | Messy Church, <i>Maidenbower Infants School</i> |
| Thursday 6 April | 8.00pm | St Nicholas Circle – Canine Partners, <i>St Barnabas'</i> |
| Friday 7 April | 7.30pm | Eternally Yours, The Story of Easter, <i>The Hawth</i> |
| Sunday 9 April | | Regular services 8.00am, and 9.45am at <i>St Nicholas'</i> to include Procession of Palms and 10.00am at <i>St Barnabas'</i> |
| Monday 10 April | 11.00am | Julian Group, <i>St Barnabas'</i> |
| Tuesday 11 April | 12.15pm | Lenten Soup Lunch, <i>St Barnabas'</i> |
| Wednesday 12 April | 2.30pm | Pastoral Assistants Tea, <i>St Barnabas'</i> |
| Thursday 13 April | 2.30pm 7.00pm 8.00pm | Julian Group. <i>St Nicholas'</i> Maundy Supper, <i>St Barnabas'</i> Eucharist of the Last Supper with Foot Washing, <i>St Nicholas'</i> |
| Friday 14 April | 9.45am 10.30am 2.00pm | Service, <i>Crawley United Reformed Church</i> Walk of Witness, <i>Crawley United Reformed Church</i> Good Friday Liturgy, <i>St Nicholas'</i> |
| Saturday 15 April | 10.30am 3:30pm | Building the Easter Garden, <i>St Barnabas'</i> Building the Easter Garden, <i>St Nicholas'</i> |
| Sunday 16 April | 5.30am 9.45am 10.00am | Sunrise Eucharist, <i>Worth Park Lake</i> Sung Eucharist and Easter Egg Hunt, <i>St Nicholas'</i> Easter Eucharist and Easter Egg Hunt, <i>St Barnabas'</i> |
| Wednesday 26 April | 3.00 - 4.30pm 7.30pm | Messy Church, <i>St Barnabas'</i> Baptism Preparation Course, <i>St Barnabas' TBC</i> |
| Thursday 27 April | 7.30pm | Mothers' Union Meeting, <i>St Barnabas'</i> |
| Friday 28 April | 8.00pm | Church in the Pub, <i>Coaching Halt</i> |
| Sunday 30 April | 8.00am 10.00am | Holy Communion (BCP), <i>St Nicholas'</i> Parish Eucharist, <i>St Barnabas'</i> (No 9.45 at <i>St Nicholas'</i>) |
| Tuesday 2 May | 11.00am | Home Communion, <i>Lanehurst Gardens</i> |
| Thursday 4 May | 8.00pm | St Nicholas Circle - A Talk on Collecting Hankies, <i>St Barnabas'</i> |
| Saturday 6 May | 10.00am | Saturday Market, <i>St Barnabas'</i> |
| Sunday 7 May | 11.30am | Regular services and Messy Church at <i>St Nicholas</i> , <i>St Nicholas'</i> |
| Monday 8 May | 11.00am | Julian Group, <i>St Barnabas'</i> |
| Wednesday 10 May | 2.30pm 3.15 - 4.30pm | Pastoral Assistants Tea, <i>St Barnabas'</i> Messy Church, <i>Maidenbower Infants School</i> |
| Saturday 13 May | 10 - 11.45am | Plant Fair, <i>St Barnabas'</i> |
| Thursday 11 May | 2.30pm | Julian Group. <i>St Nicholas'</i> |
| Saturday 20 May | 2.30pm | Baptism Preparation Course, <i>St Barnabas' TBC</i> |
| Sunday 21 May | 11.30 - 12pm | Regular services and Messy Church at <i>St Nicholas'</i> , <i>St Nicholas'</i> |
| Wednesday 24 May | 3.00 - 4.30pm | Messy Church, <i>St Barnabas'</i> |
| Thursday 25 May | 7.30pm | Mothers' Union Meeting, <i>Holy Trinity, Forest Row</i> |
| Friday 26 May | 8.00pm | Church in the Pub, <i>Coaching Halt</i> |
| Weekend 27 May/28 May | | Big Church Day Out, <i>Wiston House, Steyning</i> |
| Thursday 1 June | 8.00pm | St Nicholas Circle, Bring and Share Supper |
| Saturday 3 June | 10.00am | Saturday Market, <i>St Barnabas'</i> |

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