



**30<sup>th</sup> April  
2017**

## **Third Sunday of Easter**

Welcome to our services at  
St Nicholas' in Worth and St.  
Barnabas' in Pound Hill.

This sheet details the readings in today's services and notices for everyone. **It is for you to take home and share.** If you are here for the first time, please do introduce yourselves. Please feel free to use the soft toys and books at the back of the church for your children. At Communion, everyone is welcome to come up and receive a blessing or, if baptised, share the bread and wine. We'd also love you to join us for refreshments after the service.

### **SERVICES TODAY**

08.00 Holy Communion                      St Nicholas'  
*Celebrant & Preacher:* Revd Gordon Parry

10.00 Parish Eucharist                      St Barnabas'  
*Celebrant & Preacher:* Revd Canon Julia Peaty

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**Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give a white stone, and on the white stone is written a new name that no one knows except the one who receives it.**

Revelation Chapter 2 verse 17

#### Hidden manna

At the beginning of the book of Revelation, instructed by Jesus, John writes letters to seven churches. Here, he is writing to the Christians of Pergamum, a city which was the centre for the worship of pagan gods. How important it was for those who were surrounded by idol worship to remain true to their faith! How easy must it have been to become discouraged from holding fast to their beliefs in the face of so much opposition! John reminds them that they must have courage to overcome their doubts and their weaknesses, and he refers to the manna that was given to the people of Israel to sustain them when they were wandering in the desert, homeless and far from the land that they had been promised. Some of the manna was kept in the Ark of the Covenant as a reminder of these times, and it never spoiled (Exodus 16: 31 -35). So, too will the Christians of Pergamum live for ever. The 'white stone' may be a reference to the precious jewel worn by the high priest in Old Testament times, which had God's name on it, or it may be a sign to the recipient that they have become a new person in Christ.

Today we are being given the gift of becoming signs of the Kingdom, laying ourselves down as living stones to be markers of God's grace in the world.

If we can keep our faith through times of darkness and doubting, our reward will be to become one of God's children. More wonderful still, that reward does not have to be earned, but has already been won for us by Christ. We simply have to look out for the signs of his coming, becoming in our turn the 'white stones' or land marks of his love. *Ann*

## Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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**

## First Reading

Acts 2.14a, 36-41

### Peter Addresses the Crowd

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Therefore, let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

## The First Converts

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be

baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our

God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So, those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

BECAUSE HE  
BENDS DOWN AND LISTENS,

*pray*  
I WILL

AS LONG AS I BREATHE!  
Psalm 116:2

## Psalm 116

1-3, 10-17\*

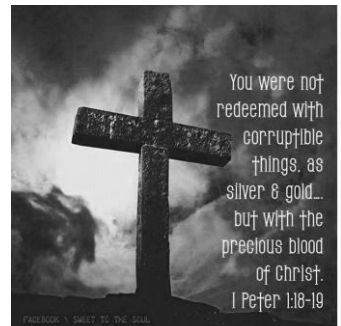


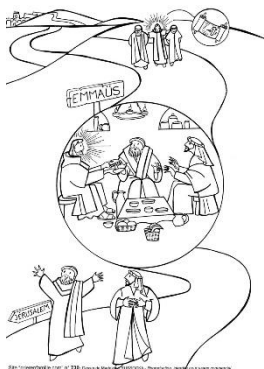
## Second Reading

1 Peter 1.17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.





## Gospel

Luke 24.13-35

## The Walk to Emmaus

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each

other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him. Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and

then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## Post Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 2nd	10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	13.00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> May	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	09.45 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	11.30 Nic's Mini Messy	St Nicholas'

## Readings for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May Easter

3Acts 2.42-47 Psalm 23

1 Peter 2.19-25 John 10.1-10

## Notices & Diary Notes

**Friday lunches** 12.30 in the PC 2 courses + tea / coffee - £5.50. All welcome. Please order tickets by 3<sup>rd</sup> (for catering) for 5<sup>th</sup> May at the PC or call 0300 111 8150

**Julian Groups - NO** meeting at St Barnabas' on 8th May. Next meeting 12th June.  
11 May at St Nicholas' is on.

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May**  
Maidenbower 15.15

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
St Barnabas 15.00

**Old and new friends welcome**



**Wednesday 3rd May at 16.00** Lighthouse termly prayer meeting, praying for the schools in Crawley, in the prayer room at the Charis Centre, Town Barn Road.

**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> May St Nicholas Circle 20.00**  
'Not to be sneezed at' An interesting talk by Brenda Matthews. Everyone welcome.

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> May Saturday Market** in the Pastoral Centre 10.00am-11.45am. Do join us for refreshments and chat - you might find a bargain too!

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May** Prayer Group meeting at 14.30, St Nicholas

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> May Plant Fair & Market at St Barnabas 10.00 – 12.00** Donations of plants welcomed. If anyone is available to help on the day, please sign the list in church. Come one and all to buy, buy, buy!

**Christian Aid Week ~ May 14th - 20th**

There will be special collections at both churches on Sunday May 14th and 21st. Anyone willing to do House collections please contact Brenda on 01293 883452. Many thanks for your support this year.

**May 27th & 28th Big Church Day Out** at Wiston House, Steyning. Fun & modern worship. Please contact Stuart 873073 for discounted tickets [jstuartsharpe@aol.com](mailto:jstuartsharpe@aol.com)

**June 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Open Air play of the Life of Christ** at Wintershall, Bramley, Nr Guildford – see posters in churches.

**Sat 8th July Parish Summer Fair** at St. Barnabas, 12.00-15.00. Please let Jane Stanford know if you are willing to help.

### Help Those In Need in Crawley

Easter Team are looking for more volunteers to help with the Saturday Meal Service between 12 noon – 2pm at St Barnabas Church, ideally once per month or as often as you can make it.

If you are able to help with Service and or cooking please get in touch. For info

Contact Sharon Golightly 07813 887140 or email [sharongolightly@aol.com](mailto:sharongolightly@aol.com)

Congratulations & thanks to Knit n Natter who raised £135 for Chestnut Tree House from the sale of Easter novelties and a raffle. Thanks to all who supported them.

If you read the bit in the Parish Mag about Sue's work in the Parish Office and want more – see the new (work in progress) blog on [www.wordsworth.me](http://www.wordsworth.me)

### CONTACTS

During the interregnum the Rural Dean, the Revd Canon Julia Peaty & Church Wardens, Phyl Pennell and Gerald Sandwell, are the Sequestrators (responsible for clergy cover).

Also Revd Gordon Parry has offered his number 07802 43 23 98 if anyone specifically needs to talk with a member of clergy

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