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## 25 Mar 18 Palm Sunday



Welcome to our services at  
St Barnabas in Pound Hill &  
St Nicholas in Worth

This sheet details the readings in today's services as well as notices for everyone.

**Please do take it home and share it.**

There are soft toys and books available at the back of the church for children.

At Communion, everyone is welcome to come up and receive a blessing or, if baptised, share the bread and wine. If you are here for the first time, please introduce yourselves. After the 10.00 service on Sunday please join us for refreshments.

### SERVICES TODAY

08.00 Holy Communion St Nicholas'

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Gordon Parry

10.00 Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Michael Boag

10.00 Eucharist St Barnabas'

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Sarah Upchurch

12.00 Baptism St Nicholas'

Revd Gordon Parry

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The immensity of the Crucifixion, the power of the Cross, comes not so much from the act as the deed. What I mean is how we respond to someone's death is basically according either to our relationship with them or our judgement of them; more than the degree of violence or level of peacefulness involved. The violent death of a stranger on the other side of the world won't affect us as much as the tranquil passing of a much loved family member.

Jesus' death is different. Here it is the deed itself. How do we face love, which loves without discrimination even in the face of hatred and fear? In Jesus' case, he is put to death not for a crime, not even for politics, but because there are only two responses to Love; love or hate. You might say indifference is a response but indifference is simply a watered down version of either love or hate. God is love, as those who wrote the scriptures discovered and described, and only one of two responses to him is possible. Jesus died because he drew a line in the sand and said, 'here I am.'

Holy Week begins - do come to as many services as you can - and we see the shadow of the Cross growing in intensity but remember that intensity is because of the brightness of Resurrection light, the light that dispels all darkness and despair.

Fr Michael

## Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human  
race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his  
patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his  
resurrection;  
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.**

## Liturgy of the Palms:

*Mark 11.1-11*



When they  
were  
approaching  
Jerusalem, at  
Bethphage  
and Bethany,  
near the  
Mount of

Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said  
to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you,  
and immediately as you enter it, you will find  
tied there a colt that has never been ridden;  
untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you,  
"Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The  
Lord needs it and will send it back here  
immediately."' They went away and found a  
colt tied near a door, outside in the street.  
As they were untying it, some of the  
bystanders said to them, 'What are you  
doing, Jesus had said; and they allowed them  
to take it. Then they brought the colt to  
Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat  
on it. Many people spread their cloaks on  
the road, and others spread leafy branches  
that they had cut in the fields. Then those  
who went ahead and those who followed  
were shouting,  
'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name

of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our  
ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into  
the temple; and when he had looked around  
at everything, as it was already late, he went  
out to Bethany with the twelve.

## Liturgy of the Passion:

### Old Testament

*Isaiah 50. 4-9a*

The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—



wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backwards.  
I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out  
the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to  
shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

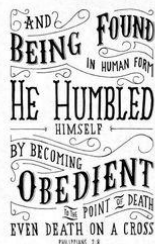
All of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up.

## New Testament

*Philippians 2. 5-11*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on  
a cross.

Therefore God  
also highly  
exalted him  
and gave him  
the name  
that is above  
every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the  
earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.



## Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

Mon 26 March	10.30 Holy Week Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Tues 27 March	10.30 Eucharist with healing	St Barnabas'
Wed 28 March	10.30 Holy Week Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	15.30 Funeral	St Nicholas'
Thurs 29 March	10.30 Maundy Thurs. Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	7pm Passover meal with Eucharist + foot washing 8pm Eucharist + foot washing	St Barnabas' St Nicholas'
Good Friday	10.30 Walk of Witness	Starting at Crawley URC
	14.00 Good Friday liturgy	St Nicholas'
Sat 31 Mar	15.30 Building Easter Garden	St Nicholas'
	20.00 Easter Vigil	St Nicholas'
Sun 1 April	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	10.00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 Easter Sunday

Isaiah 25.6-9

Acts 10.34-43

Mark 16.1-8

Thanks to The Longley Trust who have donated £1000 towards the cost of new floor covering for the Hall.  
Good news indeed!

**Forget-me-Not Café** every Tuesday in the Pastoral Centre – Dementia-friendly café serving lunches & refreshments from 12.00 to 3.00pm

## DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

**Friday Lunch** in the Pastoral Centre, 2 courses and tea/coffee for £6.50. All welcome. To help with catering, please order tickets by 4 Apr for 6 Apr at the Pastoral C. or by calling 0300 111 8150 (**Pastoral Centre is closed on Good Friday**)

**Mondays New Cake Shop and Café** at the Pastoral Centre on Monday afternoons between 12.00 and 5.00pm. (**Open Easter Monday**) Fabulous cakes which just have to be seen! A PC volunteer will also be there to complete the games between 2 and 4pm.

### PRAYER GROUP (new time)

The next Parish Prayer Group is at St Nicholas **2.00pm**

**Wed 28 March.**

All welcome, especially new friends



**Maundy Thursday Passover Meal 7pm 29 March** at St. Barnabas. If you wish to attend please sign the list at St. Barnabas or ring the Parish Office by 12 noon on Tuesday 27 March (for catering).

**Easter Dawn service 1 April, 6.00am** at Grattons Lake followed by breakfast at the Pastoral Centre. Please sign up on the sheets in both churches only if you wish to attend the breakfast, for catering purposes. **Sign TODAY please.**

### Thurs 5 April St Nicholas Circle:

‘Rescuing the Past’: Linda Eells will talk about her work conserving documents at the National Archives and (very) assorted works of art, at Pastoral Centre.

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> April** Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 7.30 pm, St Barnabas Church

**Fri 27 April Parish Quiz** at St Barnabas Church Hall

## Opera

We're delighted that singers from City Lit Opera are able to come and sing in our lovely Saxon church of St Nicholas on Saturday 28 April at 7pm. The programme 'Tangled Webs' includes extracts from Giulio Cesare, Così fan tutte, Clemenza di Tito and The Gondoliers. Refreshments will be available at the end of the programme and a retiring collection received to offset expenses (minimum suggested donation £5).

**Easter Closure** - The Pastoral Centre Cafe will close on Tuesday 27 March at 12 noon until 10.30 on Tuesday 3 April. (this does not affect other bookings)

## Join us at Messy Church!

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



Wed 18 Apr 2018 Maidenbower Infant School Studio 15.15 – 16.30

Wed 25 Apr 2018 St Barnabas Hall, 15.00-16.45 including a light tea

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