



22th April 2018 Easter 4

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 Michael Boag

10.00 Eucharist St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Michael Boag

10.00 Child-friendly Eucharist St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Sarah Upchurch

11.45 Baptism: Revd Michael Boag

13.30 Burial of Ashes Revd Gordon Parry

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phone 0300 111 8150

Jesus is the Good Shepherd

As a 'biblical sheep', I would want a good shepherd to take care of me, to be led to succulent pastures and cool streams, to be together with other sheep and most importantly to be protected from wild animals who would prey on my young.

Jesse's son David would have been an excellent choice as my shepherd! When he convinced Saul to let him fight Goliath he told of how he had fought off lions and bears with clubs and stones.

As followers of Jesus, perhaps we tend to view ourselves within a protected environment, as in a sheepfold. We know of the miracles of Jesus, we have faith in his power and love for us. Why then are we not protected from that which would harm and cause us pain?

Many of us are going through some very tough times indeed.

Take courage, be strong and courageous, together our faith is strong enough to trust in the promises of Jesus. If you are feeling weak, together we will pray for you to be strengthened. When you are anxious or afraid, together we will pray for peace. When you are grieving, together we will pray for comfort.

No-one is immune to the trials of life, but we have the promise of life beyond this one, which is why Jesus willingly lay down his life for us. Together let us support each other carefully in this life, keeping our sights on the future in eternity where every tear is wiped away.

Peace be with you,
Sarah

Collect

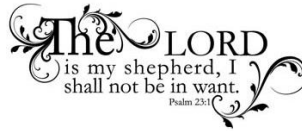
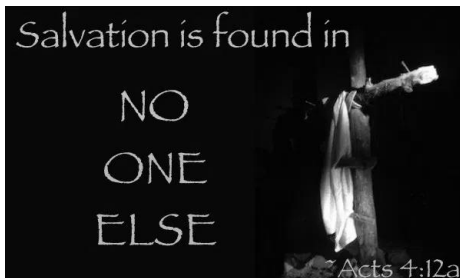
Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection
and the life: raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of
righteousness, that we may seek those
things which are above, where he reigns
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First Reading

Acts 4.5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'



Psalm 23

Second Reading

1 John 3.16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.



Forget-me-Not Café Tuesdays in the
Pastoral Centre – Dementia-friendly café
- lunches & refreshments 12.00 to 15.00

Gospel

John 10.11-18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Post Communion

Merciful Father,

you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 24 th	10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Wed 25 th	15.00 Messy Church	St Barnabas'
Thurs 26 th	10.30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 29 th April	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	10.00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'

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Acts 8.26-40

Psalms 22.25-31

I John 4.7-21

John 15.1-8

Project - Hall flooring.

We are fortunate indeed that our application to the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme has been successful and our project will be put forward to a customer vote in 6 local Tesco stores during **May and June 2018**. *Make sure you are given a token at the checkout (ask for one) and vote for us!* We will be granted a minimum of £1000, but more if we receive the highest number of votes! Practise asking for tokens & voting for the current projects now! #getintothehabit



Saturday 23 June

Please put the date in your

diary and arrange to bring along family and friends to enjoy what's on offer. If you can help please contact the Office

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ABOUT HAVING A
GOOD SHEPHERD?

I CAN'T IMAGINE...

BEING A SHEEP!



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JOHN 10

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DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Friday Lunch in the Pastoral Centre, 2 courses and tea/coffee for £6.50. All welcome. On April 27th we have 2 Coop employees helping with the lunch. They are keen to form links with the local community. (this is also connected with the re-opening of the local Coop on this day). Why not join us for lunch? All welcome. Alternatively or as well - why not join us for coffee etc on this occasion? - 10.30am-12 noon. To help with catering, **please order tickets by 25 Apr for 27 Apr** at the Pastoral Centre or by calling 0300 111 8150

Mondays New Cake Shop and Café at the Pastoral Centre on Monday afternoons, 12.00 to 5.00pm. Fabulous cakes!

Mon 23 April, 19.30 Parish Prayer Group, St Barnabas'. *All welcome*

The MOTHERS' UNION meeting on 26 April will be a talk by the Revd. David Knight about his work as a hospice chaplain. Tea and coffee followed by Compline led by David Knight. Everyone (male or female) are very welcome to join us.

Fri 27 April Quiz at St Barnabas Church Hall. Teams of 6, people from outside the parish encouraged! Doors open at 19.15, food, jacket potatoes + chilli / bolognese / baked beans / cheese at 19.30. Dessert during the interval. £10 per person BYO drinks. For catering please confirm numbers by Wed 25 Apr 0300 111 8150.

Concert by City Lit Opera who are singing in our lovely Saxon church of St Nicholas on **Saturday 28 April at 7pm**. The programme '**Tangled Webs**' includes extracts from Giulio Cesare, Cossi 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).

Join us at Messy Church!

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



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

Wed 9 May 2018 Maidenbower Infant
School Studio 15.15 – 16.30

Thurs 3 May – St Nicholas Circle Our very own Fr Michael is very kindly stepping into the breach and giving us a surprise talk.

CHORAL EVENSONG at St. Nicholas on Sunday 6 May. The setting of the Canticles is Walmisley in D minor and the anthem is *Though I speak with the tongues of men* by Bairstow. Do come along to enjoy some beautiful music!

Plant Sale at St. Barnabas Saturday 12 May 10.00 am - 12 noon. Donations of plants etc to sell will be welcomed.

Bring 'n' Share Lunch in the Pastoral Centre (and on the patio ~ weather permitting) 12 noon 20 May (to celebrate the Royal Wedding). Everyone welcome.

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