

**6th
May
2018
Easter
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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: Fr Michael Boag

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

18.30 Choral Evensong St Nicholas'

Please send pew sheet notices to
pewsheet@worthparish.org.uk or
phone 0300 111 8150

Jesus taught that God wants us to pray and we are to ask God for what we most need and desire. He illustrated this with a story of the friend banging on the door at an unsociable hour demanding provisions to keep the party going: 'because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.' The word for persistent can also, perhaps even better, be translated as shameless. Our petitions to God, Jesus says, should be bold, audacious, shameless.

Jesus is saying we can and should ask for anything we need and count on God saying yes and granting our requests. But what about when he doesn't, or his answer is not what we were hoping for? This can put honest believers into a bind between wondering whether God failed or we did. Most of us, believing it unfaithful to fault God, blame ourselves instead. We can't have had enough faith, or just didn't pray the right way.

The only answer is our belief in the God who meets us in the darkest, hardest, most painful moments of our lives, who in Jesus took on our life and our lot and died so that we might know there is nowhere we can go that Christ has not already gone, and that there is nothing we can do - or have done to us - that God cannot love and forgive, redeem and save.

Jesus teaches that God listens to our prayer, that there is nothing more important to God than being in relationship with us; we can count on God's attention, for he is the one who loves us with abandonment, loves us deeply, loves us boldly, audaciously, shamelessly.

Fr Michael

Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of
darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your
Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled
us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may
raise us
to eternal joy;
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 10.44-48

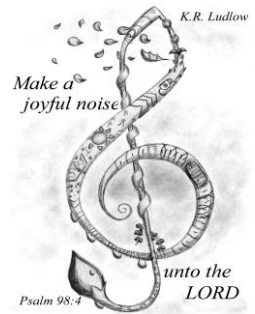
While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God.



Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered

them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Psalm 98



Second Reading

1 John 5.1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

A Faith
that overcomes

Lesson 1:
Faith that overcomes

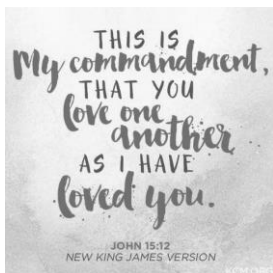


Gospel

John 15.9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command



you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Post Communion

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 8 May	10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thurs 10 May	10.30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	11.30 Burial of Ashes	St Nicholas'
	14.30 Julian Group	St Nicholas'
Sat 12 May	11.00 Memorial Service	St Nicholas'
Sun 13 May	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	10.00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	11.45 Baptisms	St Nicholas'

Sunday 13 May 2018 Easter 7

Acts 1.15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1
1 John 5.9-13, John 17.6-19

100 Club Winners

£100	Joan Tick	No 41
£50	Mary Harrison	No 5
£25	Alastair Wells	No 3
£25	Judy Stokes	No 39



Saturday 23rd June
Parish Summer Fair at St. Barnabas,
12 noon - 3.00pm.

We need your help - please sign the list displayed in both churches. The more volunteers the less work for everyone. We also need your donations of items to use as prizes and to sell - new or as new only please. Your donations might include books, bottles (full ones!) - alcohol, fruit juices, toiletries, condiments, etc, cuddly toys, gift items, jewellery, toys, etc. We will ask for perishable items nearer the time- cakes, plants, etc. Thank you'.

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 **9 May for 11 May** at the Pastoral Centre or by calling 0300 111 8150

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

CHORAL EVENSONG at St. Nicholas **TODAY at 6.30 pm**. 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. If anyone is available to help please sign the list at St. Barnabas or give Phyl a ring on (01293) 883362. Thank you.

Mon 14 May 12 pm Julian Group, St Barnabas. Please join us.

Andrea Elcombe's Funeral

At St Barnabas Church on Thurs 17 May at 14.30 and afterwards in the Pastoral Centre.

The next Parish Prayer Group will be at St Nicholas 2.30pm on Friday 18th May (note: change of date). Do come, if you can, and join your prayers with ours.

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

'Thy Kingdom Come Celebration' Chichester Cathedral, May 20th at 7 pm, content by Martin Poole from Beyond Church (of the Advent Beach huts and Vicar of St. Luke's Prestonville) and Archdeacon Fiona will be preaching.

Project - Hall flooring May and June Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme

Make sure you vote in 6 local Tesco stores **NOW!** 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! #getintothehabit



Join us at Messy Church!

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



Wed 9 May 2018 Maidenbower Infant School Studio 15.15 – 16.30

Wed 23 May 2018 St Barnabas Hall, 15.00-16.45 including a light tea

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

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