



THE CHURCH
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Serving Crawley in Worth, Pound Hill, Maidenbower and Forge Wood

**31 March
2019**

**Lent 4
Mothering
Sunday**



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

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.

There are soft toys and books available for children. Note that we do not normally sing the starred (*) verses in hymns.

SERVICES TODAY

08.00 Holy Communion St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Michael Boag

10.00 Mothering Sunday Eucharist St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Michael Boag

10.00 Mothering Sunday Eucharist St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Sarah Upchurch

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The joy and pain of love is present in the little scene described in today's Gospel reading. Simeon sees who it is who has been brought to the Temple, the very one promised of old, Messiah. And the implications of what that might mean slowly dawn on him, 'destined for the falling and the rising of many' he says to Mary. He also sees what it all will cost her.

Scripture describes Jesus as being the visible image of the invisible God. We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. He is the image of the invisible God, but he has his Mother's eyes. The winter and spring months in the Church's calendar focus on the coming of Jesus, his birth, the revelation to the world of God with us, then as the story progresses we hear more and more of his ministry and mission and now, in this season of Lent, we sense the rising tension, the harder times, the conflicts with authority, the frustrations and disappointments. Through it all, his Mother stands by him.

Every year on Mothering Sunday we celebrate the mothering qualities of nurture and encouragement, of loyalty and patient care we have experienced and known. We give thanks to God for those whose compassion and kindness have enriched and continue to enrich our lives, often at considerable cost to themselves, for whom the joy and pain of love comes as a precious gift from God.

Fr Michael

Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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**

Reading *Exodus 2.1-10*

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.



The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the

basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, because, she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Psalm *Psalm 34.11-20*

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good? Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry. The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. The Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all. He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.

Reading *2 Corinthians 1.3-7*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Gospel *Luke 2.33-35*

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many



will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

Post Communion

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Join us at Messy Church!

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

Wed 3 Apr 15.15 at Maidenbower Infant School



SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 2 Apr	10.30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Barnabas'
Thur 4 Apr	10.30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Nicholas'
Sun 7 Apr	08.00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00 Eucharist 10.00 Child Friendly Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'

Sunday 7 Apr 2019

Lent 5

Isaiah 43.16-21 Psalm 126
Philippians 3.4b-14 John 12.1-8

Festivals this week

Mon 1 Apr	Frederick Denison Maurice 1872 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

Easter Cards

with a Christian message, will be on sale in the Pastoral Centre on:

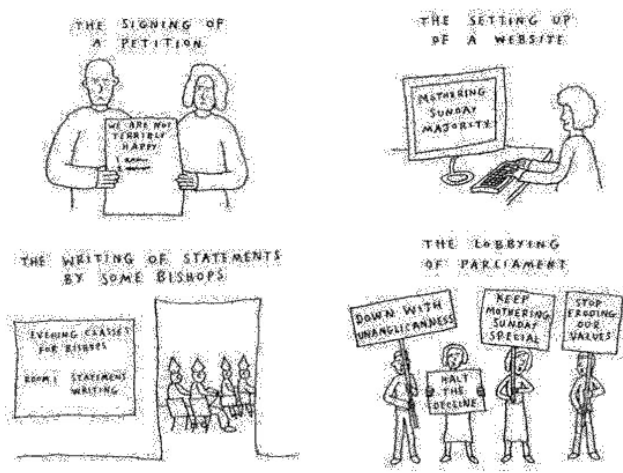
Sat 30 Mar, 6 & 13 Apr.

Cost: 70p per card; £2.80 pack of 4.

Proceeds to Pastoral Centre Refurbishment.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

THERE HAS BEEN CONCERN IN CERTAIN CIRCLES THAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN STARTING TO CALL THIS ANCIENT FESTIVAL 'MOTHERS DAY' INSTEAD OF 'MOTHERING SUNDAY'. I THEREFORE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:



We regret to announce that **Bob Sulley** died on the morning of Wednesday 27 March. Date of funeral to follow.
Rest in Peace; Rise in Glory

FOUND: near St Barnabas'/Pastoral Centre, a ladies' ring. If you think you may be the owner, please contact the Parish Office, or the Rector.

Pastoral Centre Refurbishment

As one of the Co-op's three local charities, we can receive 1% of our spend on selected products. Register your Co-Op card for our charity online or by ringing 0800 023 4708. Every little helps (£1,100.82 already raised by 27 March).
Let Phyl know of any problems (883362).

Sat 9 Mar to 6 Apr 14.00-16.00.

Pastoral Centre. **Lent Course:**

Fr Michael will lead the Diocesan Course **"Living Christ"**. Open to everyone so please come and join us; you will be made very welcome.

Jumble Sale Thanks to all our supporters. £243.67 was raised

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Worth Church logo products: please order by **31 Mar** for the next batch of orders. After that, the next date for ordering is 30 June

Mon 14.00-16.30 & Tues 12.30-15.00
JayDee's Café at the Pastoral Centre

Tues 2 Apr and Thur 4 Apr 9.15-11.00
Toddlers Group St Barnabas' Hall

Thur 4 Apr from 11.00 St Nicholas' Spring Clean Come and help us! No experience needed but please bring cleaning equipment for brushing and dusting, wood and brass polishing. It is planned to provide a BBQ and bacon sarnies.

Thur 4 Apr 14.00 Knit & Natter
Pastoral Centre.

Thur 4 Apr 19.45 (note earlier time)
St Nicholas' Circle Pastoral Centre. Our speaker, Bill Gage, will present "Steaming through Sussex" which will be enjoyed by both those interest in Rail, Sussex and History, as well as the rail enthusiast. Earlier start as, ironically, the speaker needs to catch the 21.28 return train from Three Bridges to Bognor Regis.

Friday Lunch 5 Apr 12.30 in the Pastoral Centre; two courses and tea/coffee for £6.50. All welcome. To help with catering, please order tickets by **3 Apr** at the Pastoral Centre or by calling 0300 111 8150.

Sat 6 Apr 10.00-11.45 Saturday Market.
Pastoral Centre

Tues 9 Apr 10.00-15.00 (last entry 14.30)
Birds & Bugs: another Fun Day at Chichester Cathedral. 3-11 year-olds accompanied by an adult. No need to book. £2.50 per child. See posters for further details.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) planned for 10 Apr will now take place on **Wed 24 Apr 19.00** at St Barnabas'.

Sat 13 Apr 10.00-12.00 Mothers' Union Coffee Morning at the Pastoral Centre. Books and home-made cakes on sale, and raffle tickets! If anyone wishes to donate a home-made cake for the sale it would be gratefully appreciated, and we would love to have your company on the morning too. Thank you.

Sat 20 Apr 10.00 Build the Easter Garden at St Barnabas' Please bring a small plant or two to help create our garden, and stay for light refreshments.

Sat 20 Apr 15.30 Build the Easter Garden at St Nicholas' Please bring a small plant or two to help create our garden, and stay for light refreshments.

The April-May edition of the **Magazine** will be appearing in both churches this weekend. Easter will be a great opportunity to write articles for the next issue and submit them, early, to Sue.

Easter Flowers Appeal

Both our churches always have beautiful floral displays at Eastertide.

Donations for these flowers are invited by Palm Sunday, **14 Apr**. Your donation may be made in memory of a loved one; a list of those remembered will be displayed in both churches over Easter. Details at the back of both churches or in the Magazine.

Chichester Cathedral seeks to expand the team of **Learning and Engagement Volunteers** visiting schools, colleges, adults and families. To find out more, and for a copy of the Volunteer Role Profile, contact Sue Poil, Schools and Adults Officer, on 01243 812497 or sue.poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk

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