



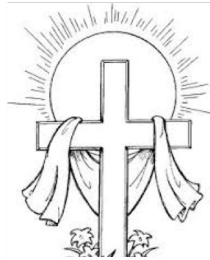
THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

WORTH PARISH

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

**12 May
2019**

Easter 4



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:	Revd Gordon Parry
10.00	Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	Celebrant & Preacher:	Fr Michael Boag
10.00	Eucharist & Sunday School	St Barnabas'
	Celebrant & Preacher:	Revd Sarah Upchurch
11.45	Baptism	St Nicholas'

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Jesus was rooted in the Jewish faith and its
festivals. Our Gospel reading refers to
Hanukkah or the feast of the re-dedication
of the Jerusalem Temple after a group called
the Maccabees reclaimed it from Graeco-
Syrian control in 165 BC. This also required
the re-lighting of its eternal flame which
miraculously continued to burn throughout
the first week after re-dedication, despite
insufficient sacred oil being available.

There are two powerful symbols at work in
this reading. The first is the faithfulness and
persistence of the Maccabees which were
qualities that Jesus inculcated in his disciples.
The second is the significance of light and
flame which we now associate with Christ's
presence as the Light of the World and with
the Holy Spirit respectively.

By extension, these are symbols and
qualities that are embedded in all Christian
witness. Through our own active witness to
the risen Christ and his overcoming of death
and darkness we are able to bring light to
areas of darkness within human life,
individually and collectively. We are also
able to testify to a faith that persists through
the worst that life can throw at us and at
those we know and love.

Our Parish has suffered significant loss over
the past year as steadfast members of both
congregations have died or have been
battling with debilitating illness. Yet there
remains a spirit of optimism that reveals
itself during times of worship, through
individual conversations, through community
events and chance encounters. It seems that
increasing numbers turn to our church
communities and the spiritual nourishment
that they offer.

May we all take care to ensure that the light
of Christ that they radiate is never
extinguished.

Gordon

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**

Reading Acts 9.36-43



Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Psalm Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head

with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Reading Revelation 7.9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'



Gospel John 10.22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered

around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

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 14 May	10.30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Barnabas'
Thur 16 May	10.30 Healing Eucharist and refreshments after	St Nicholas'
Sun 19 May	08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	10.00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	11.45 Baptism	St Nicholas'
Sunday 19 May 2019 Easter 5 Acts 11.1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21.1-6 John 13.31-35		

OPEN MEETING

Wed 15 May 19.00 in St Nicholas' to present the plans for our current projects to the congregation and the general public. All very welcome.

Festivals this week	
Tues 14 May	Matthias, Apostle (F)
Thur 16 May	Caroline Chisholm Social Reformer 1877 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

Join us at Messy Church!

Just turn up for crafts, activities, refreshments, a song and a story:
Wed 22 May 15.00 at **St Barnabas'**



Hand Made Opera presents

a programme of love and betrayal
Dido and Aeneas (Purcell) and Trouble in Tahiti (Bernstein)
St Nicholas' Saturday 18 May 19.30

Free entry: Retiring Collection

I STILL WISH THAT I UNDERSTOOD JESUS **BETTER**.

WELL, SURE.

BUT JESUS IS COMMITTED TO YOU REGARDLESS.

THAT'S WHAT I DON'T **UNDERSTAND!**



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JOHN 10:22-30

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DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Pastoral Centre Refurbishment

As one of the Co-op's three local charities, we can receive 1% of our selected spend on products. Register your Co-Op card for our charity online or by ringing 0800 023 4708. Every little helps (£1,530.31 already raised). Let Phyl know of any problems (883362).

There will be a meeting in the Pastoral Centre **TODAY** at 11.45 to present the plans proposed by the Architect. Comments and questions will be welcome. All welcome

Mon 13 May 11.00 Julian Group
St Barnabas'

Mon 14.00-16.30 JayDee's Café at the Pastoral Centre

Toddlers Group Tues 14 May and Thur 16 May 9.15-11.00 St Barnabas' Hall

Thur 16 May 14.00 Knit & Natter
Pastoral Centre.

Friday Lunch 17 May 12.30 in the Pastoral Centre; two courses and tea/coffee for £6.50. All welcome. To help with catering, please order tickets by **15 May** at the Pastoral Centre or by calling 0300 111 8150.

The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas' on
Fri 17 May 19.00-20.30 Ages 12-16.
Entry free. Weekly during term time.

Sat 18 May 11.00 Wedding Preparation Day

Thur 23 May Mothers' Union Branch Meeting preceded by a Eucharist service at **19.30** at St Barnabas', then a Quiz and Bring & Buy in the Pastoral Centre. All are welcome.

Sat 1 Jun 14.00-17.00 Quiet Afternoon at St Barnabas' You are invited to the Pastoral Centre where Revd Gordon Parry will lead quiet reflection on Word, image and music. Please come and join us. **ALL VERY WELCOME.**

Sat 8 Jun 19.30. Music for a Summer Evening at Holy Trinity, Forest Row in aid of Parkinson's UK and Holy Trinity Church. Adults £5, Children £2.50. Tickets from Simon Morris 01342 823940.

Are you organizing a parish event? Would you like a poster for it? Complete a simple form online and we will make your poster. Go to: worthparish.org/posters

Next Magazine:

Copy deadline **19 May**.

It is not too late to send contributions to Sue at the Parish Office.

We are also still hoping for more **Six Word Stories** about yourself (see Fr Michael in the Easter Day pewsheets). Send to Sue but add your name only if you are happy that your name is published.

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