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**19 May
2019**

Easter 5



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

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WEAKNESS AND STRENGTH

Why do we keep God at a distance most
of the time?

We are conditioned by a secular ethic of
success and a religious ideal of moral
perfection. This is not what the Gospel is
about.

God calls us and implants his life in the
deepest centre of our being at Baptism.
He doesn't require some high minded
ideal which we must achieve by our own
efforts. We need to own up to our
sinfulness and be vulnerable in order for
the Grace of God to work in us.

We are more sinful than we know, deeply
flawed and yet it is here that the loving
Grace of God can change us if we let go
and let God work His Love in us. As St
Paul said: 'When I am weak, then I am
strong'.

We need to stand before God and face
the truth of our bankruptcy. But so often
we slip back into the false idea that we
have to reach a certain degree of
perfection before we can expect the Love
of God to envelop us.

It is only in the darkness of despair when
all our defences are down and we are
utterly helpless that the healing Grace of
the Spirit is given and new life is released.
There has to be a death at the very heart
of each one of us before Resurrection is
possible.

That is the glorious Good News of Easter.

Roger

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Reading Acts 11.1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I

remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Psalm Psalm 148



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! Praise him, sun and moon;

praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. He established them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

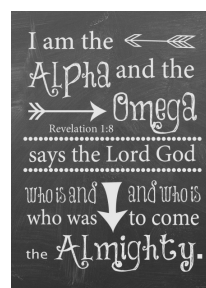
Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

Reading Revelation 21.1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,



prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

Gospel John 13.31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 21 May	10.30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Barnabas'
Thur 23 May	10.30 Eucharist and refreshments after	St Nicholas'
Sat 25 May	13.00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Sun 26 May	08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Child Friendly Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	10.00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	11.45 Baptism	St Nicholas'
	14.00 Wedding	St Nicholas'

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Acts 16.9-15 Psalm 67
Revelation 21.10,22-22.5 John 14.23-29

Festivals this week

Mon 20 May	Alcuin of York, Abbot of Tours 804 (LF)
Tues 21 May	Helena, Protector of the Holy Places 330 (C)
Fri 24 May	John & Charles Wesley, Evangelists 1791 & 1788 (LF)
Sat 25 May	Venerable Bede, Monk, Scholar, Historian 735 (LF) Aldhelm, Bishop 709 (C)

(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration

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DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Mon 12.00-17.00 JayDee's Café at the Pastoral Centre

Toddlers Group Tues 21 May and Thur 23 May 9.15-11.00 St Barnabas' Hall

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'**



Thur 23 May 14.00 Knit & Natter Pastoral Centre.

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.

Friday Lunch 24 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 **22 May** at the Pastoral Centre or by calling 0300 111 8150.

The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas' on
Fri 24 May 19.00-20.30 Ages 12-16.
Entry free. Weekly during term time.

Sat 1 Jun 10.00-11.45 Saturday Market Pastoral Centre in aid of St Barnabas' Fabric Fund. Clothing, books, toys, produce and refreshments. Admission free; All welcome

Sat 1 Jun 10.00-15.00 Bible Readathon at the URC in aid of the Bible Society. Read, or just sit and listen. Ploughman's Lunch at 12 noon for a donation. All very welcome.

Sat 1 Jun Quiet Afternoon at St Barnabas'. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances Revd Gordon Parry can no longer lead our quiet afternoon on 1 June so it has been **postponed** until 19 Oct.

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.

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 (£1,600 already raised). Let Phyl know of any problems (883362).

The funeral of **Bob Newton** will be held at the Surrey & Sussex Crematorium at 14.30 on Friday 24 May.

Next Magazine:

Copy deadline **TODAY**.

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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