



**14 March
2021**

**Mothering
Sunday**



Welcome to
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.

SERVICES TODAY

**Both our churches are now
CLOSED until further notice.**

Certain services will be available online
(live or recorded):

10:00 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Celebrant	Fr Michael Boag
Preacher	Revd Sarah Upchurch



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Luke tells us in today's gospel reading that it was Christ's mother, Mary, who was informed in the Temple by Simeon of Christ's future impact on Israel and also on her at Christ's crucifixion. We know from this account that both of Christ's parents were present but it seems to have been his mother, Mary, whom Simeon addressed.

Today is Mothering Sunday on which mothers are honoured and on which, historically, individuals visited their 'mother church', the church in which they were baptised. It is also sub-titled as 'Refreshment (Laetare) Sunday', a day of respite from the fasting of the Lenten period.

One of the last acts of Christ on the Cross was to ensure the safekeeping of his mother and so he asked John, as described in St John's gospel, to assume responsibility for her. Mary had thought very deeply about her particular responsibilities as the mother of Christ and her role as the 'Mother of God' is widely revered within the Church, especially within particular denominations of it. Motherhood is fundamental to the continuation and wellbeing of human society although we must on this day also remember all those for whom - and for various reasons - the opportunities of motherhood are denied.

One of the very great significances of the references to Mary in the gospels is an underpinning of the importance of women in the life of Christ, his encounters with them, their care and concern for him and their receipt, before any man, of the glorious news of Christ's resurrection.

Globally, we have just honoured all women in International Women's Day. To what extent should we consider today that this honouring is still a work in progress?

Gordon

Collect

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading 1 Samuel 1.20-28

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only - may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then



they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has

granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.' She left him there for the Lord.

Psalms Psalm 127

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.

Sons are indeed a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them. He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.



Reading Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,



clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility,

meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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 falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to 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

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Our churches are **CLOSED** until further notice.

The following services will be available online, or recorded.

Tues 16 Mar	10:30 Lent talk on Facebook	St Barnabas'
Thur 18 Mar	10:30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 21 Mar	10:00 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'

Sunday 21 Mar 2021 Lent 5

Jeremiah 31.31-34 Psalm 51.1-13
Hebrews 5.5-10 John 12.20-33

Festivals this week

Wed 17 Mar	Patrick , Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland c.460 (F)
Thur 18 Mar	Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher 386 (C)
Fri 19 Mar	Joseph of Nazareth (F)
Sat 20 Mar	Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary 687 (C)

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

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Pastoral Centre

The Refurbishment in the Pastoral Centre has now started! Please note there is strictly no admittance to the Pastoral Centre for the next few weeks.

The Hangout Youth Club

Due to current guidelines the Hangout Youth Club is suspended until further notice.

Magazine Deadline

As the current magazine, now available, was a little late being published, we hope that the next issue will be on time, by Easter.

So, the next deadline will be **22 March**. Time to start writing! Contributions to Sue in the Office, or to Viv Tillyer vivft1948@outlook.com

Twin my Vaccine

In the UK, 63% of people believe the vaccine should be rolled out equally around the world. Had your vaccine?

Had it free? Then donate a vaccine to someone in one in the world's poorest communities. Go to **Just Giving** and look for **Twin my vaccine**. The money will go to the UNICEF Covid-19 appeal.



Saturdays 10:30 via Zoom

Please join us via Zoom for our Rise and Shine 'coffee' mornings. A chance to chat to friends old and new! Contact Fr Michael or Revd Sarah for further information and/or the Zoom link for the sessions at: rector@worthparish.org or vicarstb@worthparish.org

Crawley Community Action

Information about local funding, jobs and learning can be found at: crawleycommunityaction.org

Lamenting the Past, Embracing the Future

A new event from Praxis South to be held on
12 May 11:00-15:00 via Zoom.

A topical event to explore how our Christian liturgy can help people through and out of the Covid-19 pandemic, renewed in faith and hope.

Booking essential: visit
praxisworship.org.uk/praxis_south.html
£7 for non-members



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