

4 April 2021

Easter Day



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

Our churches are now open again (With Covid precautions)

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

08:00 Said Eucharist (BCP) St Nicholas'

Celebrant & Preacher Revd Gordon Parry

10:00 Said Eucharist St Barnabas'

Celebrant & Preacher Revd Sarah Upchurch

10:00 Said Eucharist St Nicholas' (broadcast)

Celebrant & Preacher Fr Michael Boag

If you intend to worship at St Nicholas' in person on Easter Day, please contact Sue at the Parish Office (we need to know numbers)

Service booklets for Easter are now available on the website and on our Facebook page.

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Please send pew sheet notices to pewsheet@worthparish.org or phone 0300 111 8150 Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,

Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain:

Love lives again, that with the dead has been:

Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Words by John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872–1958), former Rector of Farnham and sung to the old French tune Nöel Nouvelet, it is one of the few Easter hymns in a minor key (F minor). The image of buried grain comes from John 12.24 'Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.'

Perhaps the last verse reminds us of Mary Magdalene weeping outside the tomb (John 20.11), grieving and in pain, but all this changes when Jesus says her name. Her heart full of joy, she goes to tell the disciples 'I have seen the Lord!' (John 20.18).

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,

Thy touch can call us back to life again, Fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been:

Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

It is such a joy for us to be back in church, keeping Holy Week and celebrating the Easter feast. This year the celebration comes tinged, like the hymn tune, with a touch of sadness; nevertheless Easter joy is Resurrection joy and God's unfailing promise of restoration and renewal.

Alleluia. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Fr Michael

Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Reading Isaiah 25.6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord



God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has

spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Psalm *Psalm* 118.1-2,14-24

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!

Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.' The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: 'The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.' I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

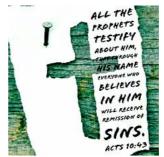
I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is

marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.



Reading Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed lesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God



as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel Mark 16.1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they



looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young

man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Post Communion

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 6 Apr	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 8 Apr	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun II Apr	8:00 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Said Eucharist 10:00 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Nicholas' St Barnabas'

Sunday 11 April 2021 Easter 2

Acts 4.32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1.1 – 2.2 John 20.19-31

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.

We are grateful to The Longley Trust for their grant of £500 towards our project.

Easter Flowers

The Flowers and Lilies in Church this Eastertide are in Memory of all who those have died. May they rest in peace. Unfortunately, we are not placing lists of individual names, this year, but donations to St. Nicholas' Church funds would be appreciated. (You can donate by bank transfer to Worth PCC, HSBC Bank Crawley, Sort code 40-18-22, Account number 61223372)

St Nicholas' Julian Group Wednesday 14 April 12:30

The St Nicholas' Julian Group has resumed meeting in the side chapel of the Church on the second **Wednesday** afternoon of each month at 12:30.

So please feel free to join us for half an hour of silent prayer on Wednesday 14 April at 12:30.

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

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.

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