

**11 April
2021**

**Easter 2
Low 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

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 Gordon Parry
(broadcast)

10:00 Said Eucharist St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher Fr Michael Boag



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The apprehensive disciples, without Thomas, met together behind a locked door, uncertain what to expect following the rumours of the Resurrection. Jesus appeared amongst them – the locked door was no barrier to him – gave them his peace, revealed his pierced hands and side and was received with great joy by the disciples. With peace Jesus then 'sent' them into the world, with the gift of God's Holy Spirit. At the disciples' next gathering together, Jesus again appeared, gave them his peace and invited Thomas to touch and see the marks of his crucifixion. In exclaiming 'My Lord and My God', Thomas was utterly convinced, although Jesus made it clear that belief without corroboration through physical evidence would evoke the blessings of God.

Nowadays, why and what we believe is seen by many as subjective. In the dialogue between Pontius Pilate and Jesus, revisited in our Good Friday liturgy, Pilate asks Jesus 'What is truth?' That question is debated to this day. There are those who hold that whatever they may themselves believe is necessarily 'the truth' and that the different 'truths' held by individuals are equally valid. This view often corrodes the use of social media. Then there are those who assert that information derived from scientific enquiry is the only 'truth'.

Religious believers argue that the kernel of their faith is 'truth'. Historians often claim that their efforts to explore the 'facts' of a past event will lead them to the 'truth' about it. Do our memories always hold truthful evidence of what we have previously experienced?

How do faith, belief and their embodiment in the Church deal with our understanding of the world, of truth – and of God?

Gordon

Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

Amen

Reading Acts 4.32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one



claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection

of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Psalm Psalm 133

How very good and

pleasant it is when

kindred live together in

unity! It is like the

precious oil on the

head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life for evermore.

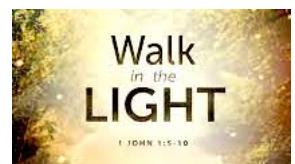


Reading I John 1.1-2.2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us - we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly

our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with



one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Gospel John 20.19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the

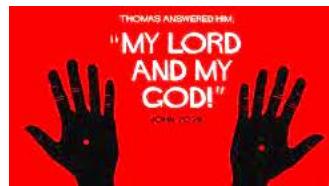
nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Post Communion

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**



SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 13 Apr	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 15 Apr	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 18 Apr	8:00 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Said Eucharist 10:00 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Nicholas' St Barnabas'

Sunday 18 April 2021
Easter 3

Acts 3.12-19 Psalm 4
1 John 3.1-7 Luke 24.36b-48

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Pastoral Centre

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

Easter Flowers

The Flowers and Lilies in Church this Eastertide are in Memory of all who have died. May they rest in peace. Unfortunately, we are not placing lists of individual names, this year, but donations, for St Nicholas' or St Barnabas', to Parish funds would be appreciated. This may be in remembrance of a loved one or in celebration of a happy event.
(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.



Festivals this week

Fri 16 Apr	Isabella Gilmore, Deaconess 1923 (C)
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(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration

The Julian Group at St Barnabas'

will continue to meet in our homes on **Monday 12 April at 11:00** due to the continuing building work in the Pastoral Centre.
Old and new friends very welcome, contact details from the Parish Office.

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 of 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.

If you use **Amazon** please shop via smile.amazon.co.uk where you can choose to support The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of Worth, Pound Hill & Maidenbower. We will benefit from a percentage of your spend, at no cost to you. If you need help with this, please email hello@worthparish.org

The Hangout Youth Club

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

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THE BREATH OF GOD!



JOHN 20:19-31

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