



**23 May
2021**

Day of Pentecost



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 Child-Friendly Eucharist St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher Revd Sarah Upchurch

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



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0300 111 8150

The Day of Pentecost

Jesus said wait for the Holy Spirit to come and
strengthen you with power. This happened fifty
days after Easter day.

My! When the Holy Spirit came with tongues of
fire and a mighty wind, enabled unknown
languages to be spoken, what an amazing
experience it must have been.

Here is a poem by Andrea Skevington which
encapsulates those feelings encountered by
those apostles.

Spirit

How would it feel, then, to live in that God-
shaken house?

To feel the wind, like the very breath of life,
like the stirring of the deep before time,
gusting through these small daily rooms,
clattering and pressing against doors and
shutters, not to be contained?

How would it feel to look up, eyes dried by
wind-force, and see fire falling, flames bright and
crackling, and resting with heat that does not
burn on each wondrous head?

To be blown open lock-sprung lifted with wild
reckless joy as words tumble out into the clear
singing light? It would feel like this,
it feels like this, and it is still only morning.

We do not have to wait for the Holy Spirit to
strengthen us! Pray now in the words of
Andrea's second poem from Paul's letter to the
Galatians 5:22-23.

Pentecost

Spirit of God put love in my life.
Spirit of God put joy in my life.
Spirit of God put peace in my life.
Spirit of God make me patient.
Spirit of God make me kind.
Spirit of God make me good.
Spirit of God give me faithfulness.
Spirit of God give me humility.
Spirit of God give me self-control.

Be blessed this day of Pentecost!
Peace be with you.

Revd Sarah

Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading Acts 2.1-21



When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled

the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your

sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

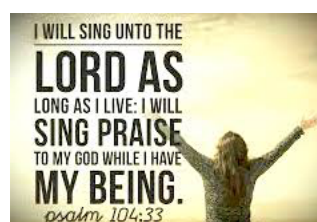
Psalm Psalm 104.26-36,37b

Here go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works - who looks on the earth and it trembles, who

touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my



meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord. Praise the Lord!

Reading Romans 8.22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.



Gospel John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth.

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his

own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said

that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.’

Post Communion

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 25 May	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 27 May	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sat 29 May	14:00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Sun 30 May	8:00 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Said Eucharist 10:00 Said Eucharist 11:45 Baptism	St Nicholas' St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'

Sunday 30 May 2021

Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6.1-8 Psalm 29
Romans 8.12-17 John 3.1-17

Magazine Deadline

The next copy deadline is
Monday 24 May
Contributions to Sue in the Office, or to
Viv Tillyer: vivft1948@outlook.com

The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas' is back on
Fridays 19:00-20:30 Years 7-11.
Entry free. Weekly during term time.

Mothers' Union

Thursday May 27 15.30 for 15.45: a Eucharist service at St Barnabas', led by Revd Sarah. Open to non-members as well, please do join us as we come together for the first time this year.

Festivals this week	
Mon 24 May	John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers 1791 and 1788 (LF)
Tues 25 May	The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian 735 (LF) Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne 709 (C)
Wed 26 May	Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury 605 (LF) John Calvin, Reformer 1564 (C) Philip Neri, Founder of the Oratorians, Spiritual Guide 1595 (C)
Fri 28 May	Lanfranc, Prior of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Scholar 1089 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Pastoral Centre

The major refurbishment work in the Café has been completed and it is now back in use.

Noreen's 100 Songs in May

Noreen Oxlade is intending to sing 100 different songs in May for Open House and the Homeless. She would be very grateful for donations from sponsors. Just go to her 'Just Giving' page at: justgiving.com/fundraising/noreenoxlade

St Nicholas' Circle

Wednesday 2 June 20:00

Paul Adey will talk on "Engineering Oddities".

All by Zoom. Everyone welcome.

Contact Max Perry at max.perry@datamax.co.uk or phone Sue at the Parish Office 0300 111 8150.

100 Club May Draw

- £100 Ann Lane (36)
- £50 Gerald Sandwell (29)
- £25 Rosemary Cordan (15)
- £25 Chris Butcher (18)

Jumble Sale Sat 5 June

There will be a Jumble Sale in the Hall at St. Barnabas' from 10:00 on Saturday 5 June in aid of St. Barnabas' Refurbishment. Please save us items for sale but do not bring them before 4 June as we have no storage space for them. Thank you.

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

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