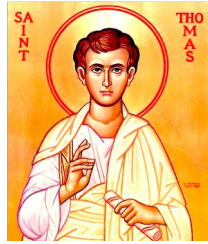




4 July 2021

**Thomas
The Apostle**



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'
Celebrant * Revd Greta
Preacher Revd Ann Alexander

* Greta's first as Celebrant;
First at St Barnabas': 18 July



The roller-coaster ride Thomas and the others had with Jesus in his ministry and death and the sheer intensity of the experience seems to have brought about in Thomas a passionate honesty. No pretence, no barrier to his feelings. We find this first, in his reaction to what his friends tell him about seeing Jesus, and then in that moment when Thomas puts his hand into the side of his crucified Master, now standing before him. It is a moment of tenderness and intimacy. The door of cold death which had been shut against him, had parted Thomas from his Lord, has now been shattered. And Thomas knows, for sure, without doubt or uncertainty. And once knowing, can never unknow.

The place our faith gives us, of intimate meeting, of touching the Risen Lord, is at his Altar. Here we receive gifts of healing and forgiveness. Given so, we may share the healing action of Christ in the world around us. In awe and wonder, we taste and see, the beauty of Divine Love; its light and warmth dispelling all clouds of doubt and fear, and where, as we receive Holy Communion, like Thomas, we are moved to say, 'My Lord and my God.'

Today we celebrate with Greta, now ordained Priest, the great gift of the Eucharist, the great gift of Jesus' living presence among his people, present in bread and wine; our richest blessing in this world and true pledge of our life in the world to come.

Fr Michael

Collect

Almighty and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed your holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son till word and sight convinced him: grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Reading Habakkuk 2.1-4

I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and

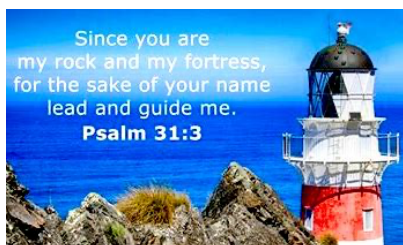
Write the vision,
and make it plain,
so that he
who reads it
may run.

does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Psalm Psalm 31.1-6

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, take



me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the Lord.

Reading Ephesians 2.19-22

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.



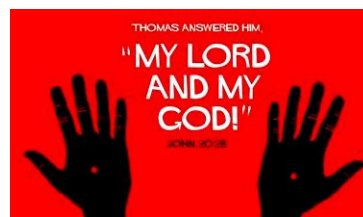
Gospel John 20.24-29

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.'



Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 6 July	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 8 July	10:30 Requiem Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sat 10 July	15:00 Burial of Ashes	St Nicholas'
Sun 11 July	8:00 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Said Eucharist 10:00 Said Eucharist 14:00 Baptism	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'

Sunday 11 July 2021 Trinity 6

Amos 7.7-15 Psalm 85.8-13
Ephesians 1.3-14 Mark 6.14-29

Festivals this week

Tues 6 July	Thomas More, Scholar and John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, Reformation Martyrs 1535 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

St Nicholas' Julian Group

The St Nicholas' Julian Group continues to meet 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 **Wed 14 July at 12:30**.

The Hangout

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

Pastoral Centre Café

The Café is open for Coffee and Cake on Wed from 10:00 and Sat from 9:00.

Friday Lunches

Lunch in the Pastoral Centre at 12:30 on **9 July**. Two courses and a drink £7. To help with catering please book your place at the Pastoral Centre (café open Wed and Sat) or via the Parish Office, by Wed **7 July**. All welcome.

The Queen's Six

There will be a concert by The Queen's Six in St Nicholas' at 19:30 on **Sat 10 July** in aid of Tariro.

If you would like to go on a reserve list for seats, contact Sue in the Parish Office.

Toddlers Group

The Toddlers Group has resumed on **Tuesdays 13:00-15:00** and **Thursdays 9:00-11:00** during term time in St Barnabas' Hall.

Numbers are limited to 20 adults. Call the Parish Office to book a place.

The **Saturday Market** on 26 June raised £292.38 for St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund. Thanks to all our supporters.

The next Market in aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment is on **Sat 17 July 10:00- 12:00** at St. Barnabas' Patio. Items for sale include books, bric-a-brac, cakes, jewellery, plants and toys.

Prostate Cancer

There is an initiative to increase awareness of cancer symptoms and screening in Crawley, currently focusing on prostate cancer. Leaflets are available in several languages.

See: www.crawley.gov.uk
or contact julie.kalsi@crawley.gov.uk

Milk Bottle Tops

We are planning to resume the recycling of milk bottle tops. Please save them at home, then bring them to the Pastoral Centre in the **last two weeks of July**. Thank you!

Lifecentre

Lifecentre is a Christian charity providing support and therapy for those who have had an unwanted sexual experience and their close supporters. They are seeking donations, fundraisers, volunteers – and your prayers. For more information contact Sue at the Parish Office.

Please send pew sheet notices to
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