



**27 March
2022**

**Lent 4
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

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

08:00 Said Eucharist (BCP) St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher Revd Greta

10:00 Child Friendly Eucharist St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher Revd Sarah Upchurch

10:00 Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher Revd Greta



Please send pew sheet notices to
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0300 111 8150

Blessings for you this Mothering Sunday!

The Old Testament reading provides us with a startling story of ingenuity by a mother and daughter to secure the protection of a baby son who was in mortal danger. This was a carefully executed plan to be sure, which took enormous courage and bravado. This act enabled Moses to grow up safely and to be pivotal in the freedom of the Israelites many years later. His life was protected, and he was able to fulfil his potential.

For children to grow and flourish they need physical safety but also emotional and psychological safety to reach their goals, hopefully realise their dreams and live a fulfilling life. That is what I imagine most parents want and hope for their children.

Paul's letter to the Colossians maybe provides us with a 'parenting blueprint'. Why not 'put on' compassion, kindness, humility, meekness (gentleness) and patience and above all love in relation to our children and not just for each other? Remember to teach and admonish with wisdom, that sounds good, what else do we need? How about the need for truthfulness, the spirit of forgiveness and mutual tolerance?

I am not sure whether Paul was a parent or not but when he was writing to the Colossians, he has inadvertently given us some helpful direction for parenting and relationships within the church!

Lastly in our Gospel reading Mary and Joseph were charged with keeping Jesus safe until he could fulfil his destiny as Saviour of the World. Let us thank God for human love and our protective instinct, for those who have loved and protected us.

Peace be with you,

Revd Sarah

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 Exodus 2.1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to



bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be

one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Psalm Psalm 34.11-20

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good? Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry. The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. The Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all. He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.



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

Tues 29 Mar	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 31 Mar	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 3 Apr	8:00 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'

Sunday 3 April 2022

Lent 5

Isaiah 43.16-21 Psalm 126
Philippians 3.4b-14 John 12.1-8

Festivals this week

Thur 31 Mar	John Donne, Priest, Poet 1631 (C)
Fri 1 Apr	Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, Teacher 1872 (C)

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

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Lent Course

The Lent Course will continue in St Barnabas' Café **14:30-16:00** on Sat: **2 Apr.**

Toddlers Group

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

Friday Lunches

Lunch in the Pastoral Centre at 12:30 on **1 Apr.** Two courses and a drink £6.50. To help with catering please book your place at the Pastoral Centre (café open Wed and Sat) or via the Parish Office, by Wed **30 Mar.** All welcome.

The Hangout

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

Parish Prayer Group

will meet on 'zoom' for the last time this month on **Wed 30 March at 19:00**

Thereafter we will resume meeting in person alternately at St Nicholas' (last Thursday afternoon of the month) and at St Barnabas' (last Wednesday evening of the month).

Please feel free to join us as we pray for the Parish, its clergy and its outreach.

Spring Clean St Nicholas'

This has been arranged for **Sat 9 April** between 10:30 and 12:30. PLEASE CAN YOU HELP? Even if you can't spare 2 hours then whatever time you have available would be very much appreciated. If you are able to bring your own Hoover that, too, would be a great help but everything else will be available. Coffee/tea and biscuits will be provided.

I very much hope to see you there - thank you
Jill Freeborn

Churchyard Team

With the advent of Spring and the retirement of Ian Pallett, who has given the Churchyard team many years of dedicated service, we are looking for new volunteers to join and take this important work forward.

If you are interested and have any time to offer please contact Rose Wells or Colin Smith.

Plant Sale and Market on St Barnabas' Patio, **Sat 14 May, 10:00-11:30**, in aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment. Please think of us when you are planting your seeds and cuttings and grow a few extra for us. Thank you

Maundy Thursday Meal & Eucharist

Maundy Thursday (14 April) Meal and Eucharist at St Barnabas' at 18:00. To help with catering please sign the list at St Barnabas' or let us know you are coming.

Love Your Neighbour Sun 8 May RUN GATWICK!

Visit: stjohnscrawley.com/loveyourneighbour-rungatwick So runners are invited to an evening pre-race reception on Wed 4 May, please can they confirm at: lyncrawley@stjohnscrawley.com There will be an evening service on **Sun 8 May** at Crawley Community Church celebrating their achievement!

Calling all Jigsaw Puzzlers

We are hoping to organize a Jigsaw Puzzle Festival in August, and we need some help. Please consider completing a puzzle and donating it to the festival. The puzzle needs to be made up on a sheet of cardboard (which can be provided if you need it) 3mm thick. The dimensions are 76 cm x 60 cm for a 1000-piece puzzle. We also need jigsaws (with all the pieces) and volunteers to count jigsaws already donated. Contact Jane Stanford on 01293 543065.

Payments to the Parish

If you possibly can, please avoid making payments to the Parish by cheque, especially for small amounts (there are significant bank charges). Instead, please transfer the money by electronic payment to: Worth PCC, sort code 40-18-22, account 61223372. If you need help, call the Office.

Scrabble and Cake

Scrabble and Cake on 23 March raised £30 for St Barnabas' Refurbishment. The next session of Scrabble and Cake is on Wed 13 April, 14.30-16.30 in St Barnabas' Café. Everyone welcome.

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