



**17 April
2022**

Easter Day



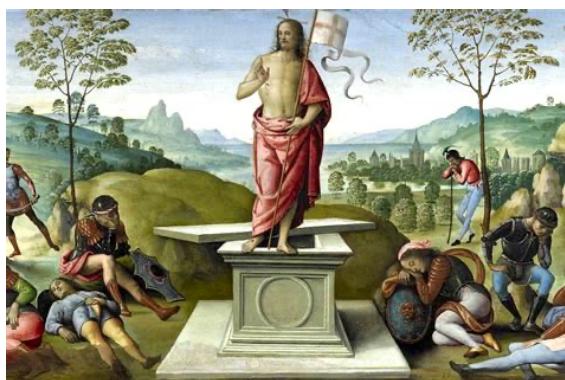
Welcome to
St Barnabas' in Pound Hill and
St Nicholas' in Worth

This sheet details the readings in today's services as well as notices for everyone.

SERVICES TODAY

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

05:50 Sunrise Service	Worth Park
08:00 Said Eucharist (BCP)	St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Gordon Parry
10:00 Sung Eucharist & Baptism	St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sarah Upchurch
10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Greta



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Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia! What a joy on this Easter day to sing out our alleluias once again.

Like Christmas, Easter is full of traditions, in particular Easter egg hunts and Easter bonnets, but you would struggle very hard to find any overt Christian symbols in our commercialised world. It can seem sad and frustrating that the real message of Easter seems to be left in our churches, with the reality of the resurrection hidden behind a wall of eggs, chicks, rabbits, and spring flowers.

But look closer and our Risen Lord is there among our traditions, seeping into the unsuspecting consciousness of those for whom Easter is just an excuse to eat chocolate Easter eggs. He is there in the eggs and the chicks and even in the rabbits.

Easter eggs could be said to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb and resurrection. The Easter bunny is thought to have originated in parts of Germany in the 17th century, with tales of a hare that left eggs for children. Hares and rabbits are associated with the new life at springtime when most of the babies are born. Along with the chicks they are all associated with new life, in the same way as we watch the new life of the spring flowers as they burst forth from the ground.

So when we look in the shops filled with Easter eggs, bunnies and chicks, we can look at the eggs, bunnies and chicks but SEE the empty tomb and the new life that springs forward from our Risen Lord.

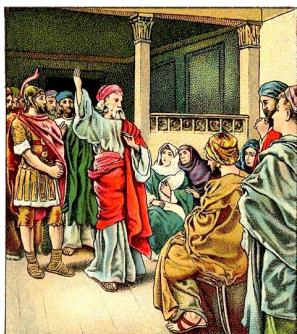
Happy Easter!

Revd Greta

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 *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 Jesus 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.'

Psalm *Psalm 118.14-24*

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.

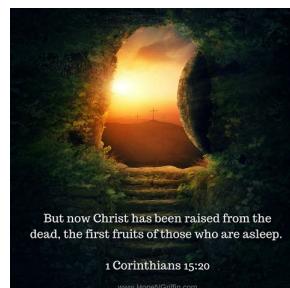
The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

Psalm 118:24



Reading *1 Corinthians 15.19-26*

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.



But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Gospel *Luke 24.1-12*

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the



stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body.

While they were perplexed about this,

suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

Festivals this week	
	Apart from the Festival Days of Easter Week, there are no other Festivals

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

Easter Sunrise service

At the lake at Worth Park at 5:50, then back to the Café at St Barnabas' for breakfast at 6:30.

Easter Day Egg Hunt

TODAY the children are invited to join our Egg Hunt, after the 10:00 service at St Nicholas', where puppets will tell the Easter story.

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Mon 18 Apr	12:30 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Tues 19 Apr	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 21 Apr	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 24 Apr	8:00 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Child Friendly Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 11:45 Baptism 14:00 Baptism	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'
Sunday 24 April 2022 Easter 2		
Acts 5.27-32 Psalm 150 Revelation 1.4-8 John 20.19-31		

April Messy Church

Please join us for the story, crafts, songs and prayers, followed by a light tea. In April there will be only one Messy Church which will be on:



Wed 20 Apr 15:15, in the Hall at St Barnabas' when we will be celebrating Easter!
Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and enjoy!

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

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. Restarts from **26 Apr**.

Friday Lunches

Lunch in the Pastoral Centre at 12:30 on **22 Apr**. Two courses and a drink £7.00. To help with catering please book your place at the Pastoral Centre (café open Wed and Sat) or via the Parish Office, by **Wed 20 Apr**. All welcome.

Parish Prayer Group

will meet at 19:00 at St Barnabas' on **Wed 27 Apr**. Please feel free to join us as we pray for our Parish, its clergy and its outreach. (Next month we will meet at 14:30 at St Nicholas' on Thurs 26 May as we alternate evenings at St Barnabas' with afternoons at St Nicholas' on the last Wed and Thurs of the month respectively)

Churchyard Team

With the advent of Spring and the retirement of Ian Pallett, who has given the Chuchyard 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.

Saturday Market

The next Saturday Market in aid of St. Barnabas' Refurbishment will take place in the Café 10:00-11:30 on **30 Apr**. Donations of new/good condition items for sale will be welcomed.

Volunteers for the Café

The Café at St Barnabas' is in need of more volunteers particularly on Saturdays - making drinks, serving refreshments, working in the kitchen and so on. If you can offer a couple of hours, once a month or every 6 weeks, please do let us know.

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.

Jubilee Celebration - Save the Date

We are planning a Parish Jubilee Celebration at St Nicholas' on **Sat 4 Jun 11:00-15:00**. 'Celebrating our Historic Queen in our Historic Church' the aim of the event is community focus and outreach rather than fundraising. We look forward to having the Rector back with us after Easter to inform and inspire this happy event. All ideas and offers of help welcome meanwhile. Contact Liz Gallagher 07779 166464 Next planning meeting **5 May 16:30** at St Barnabas'.

St Nicholas' Spring Cleaning

Many thanks to all those who attended as the Spring Cleaning Squad on Saturday morning and made the church ready for Holy Week worship and the celebration of Easter.

Special thanks to Jill Freeborn and her team who led our efforts last week and who organise the church cleaning throughout the year.

Mothers' Union

Thurs 28 Apr 16:00 Mothers' Union invite you to their next Branch Meeting, in St Barnabas' Café to hear a talk by the Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance followed by refreshments and Compline. **EVERYONE** is welcome; we are sure you would like to hear more about their valuable work in our area.

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