



**8 May  
2022**

**Easter 4**



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) Celebrant & Preacher	St Nicholas' Fr Michael Boag
10:00 Sung Eucharist Celebrant & Preacher	St Barnabas' Revd Greta
10:00 Sung Eucharist Celebrant & Preacher	St Nicholas' Fr Michael Boag
11:45 Baptism	St Nicholas'



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Today's gospel reading plunges us into the ongoing debate about the identity of Jesus. His Jewish compatriots wanted Jesus to tell them exactly who he was. They had not read or understood the evidence available to them about the divinity of Jesus. 'You do not believe', Jesus states, 'because you do not belong to my sheep.' Jesus then states what lies within that relationship between shepherd and sheep, between his Father and those who believe in him.

In last Sunday's 'Countryfile', which focused on the lambing season across Britain's farms, one of the presenters, Anita Rani, was visiting a farm in the northwest of England. The daughter of the farming family was clearly responsible for much of the lambing and was checking on her pregnant ewes. Suddenly she spotted a ewe that had just given birth but which had walked away from her lamb. The two ladies rushed over to the lamb, tried to revive it but to no avail. Anita was clearly terribly upset by what she had witnessed and this clearly showed just how sensitive she was – and is – to the cycle of life on a farm and the love for their animals displayed by farming families.

In that moment it was possible to discern why it was that Jesus used the metaphor of lambs, sheep, flocks and shepherds as a very 'earthy' way of teaching those around him the nature of the love he and his Father had – and have – for people on earth. In his continuing metaphorical language Jesus continues 'I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.' That is a promise that cannot be ignored.

*Gordon*

## Collect

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

## Reading Acts 9.36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up.



He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became

known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

## Psalm Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.



Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

## Reading Revelation 7.9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

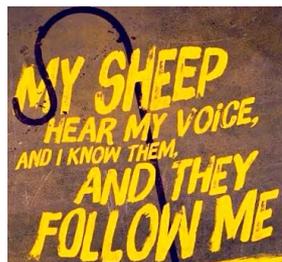


They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

**Gospel** John 10.22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my



voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

**Post Communion**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Festivals this week	
Thur 12 May	Gregory Dix, Priest, Monk, Scholar 1952 (C)
Sat 14 May	<b>Matthias the Apostle</b>
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

**DIARY NOTES & NOTICES**

**St Barnabas' Julian Group**

The St Barnabas' Julian Group will meet for half an hour of silent prayer **Mon 9 May** at **14:00** at St Barnabas'.

**St Nicholas' Julian Group**

The St Nicholas' Julian Group will meet for half an hour of silent prayer **Wed 11 May** at **12:30**. Please feel free to join us - everyone welcome!

**Scrabble and Cake**

The next session of Scrabble and Cake is on **Wed 11 May** 14.30-16.30 in St Barnabas' Café. Come and enjoy a game of Scrabble (other games and jigsaws available), tea and friendship. £3.50 each. In aid of St Barnabas' refurbishment. Everyone welcome.

**St Nicholas' Circle**

**Wed 11 May** in St Barnabas' Café - 19:30 doors open 20.00 start. Revd Gordon Parry giving an illustrated talk on his volunteering at the Bluebell Railway. Everyone welcome.

**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 **13 May**. 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 11 May**. All welcome.

**The Hangout**

Youth Club at St Barnabas' on **Fri 13 May 19:00-20:30** Ages 12-16. Entry free. Weekly during term time.

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 10 May	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 12 May	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 15 May	8:00 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 11:45 Baptism 14:00 Baptism	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'
<p align="center"><b>Sunday 15 May 2022</b> <b>Easter 5</b></p> <p align="center">Acts 11.1-18    Psalm 148.1-6 Revelation 21.1-6    John 13.31-35</p>		

## Plant Sale and Market

on St Barnabas' Patio, **Sat 14 May, 10:00-11:30**, in aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment. Donations of plants or items for the Market can be brought to St Barnabas' Café on Fri 13 May 10:15-14:00 or from 9:00 on Sat 14 May. Thank you.

The Saturday Market on 30 April raised £205.45 for St Barnabas' Refurbishment. Thanks to all our supporters.

## Messy Church

Please join us for the story, crafts, songs and prayers, followed by a light tea. The May Messy Church will be on:



**Sat 14 May 15:30-17:00** (in the Hall) and **Wed 18 May 15:15-16:45** (in the Church) both at St Barnabas'. Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and enjoy!

## Mothers' Union

**Thur 26 May** Mothers' Union invite you to a Special Afternoon Tea at 17:00-18:30 in St Barnabas' Café to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. Tickets on sale, £8 per person, from either Mary Fry (410383) or Joan Tick (884695).

## Churchyard Team

Spring is here and the grass needs attention in our beautiful churchyard. If you can volunteer a little of your time please contact your Churchwardens and all information will be provided, including the equipment. Please contact Rose Wells or Colin Smith.

## Parish Jubilee Celebration

**Sat 4 Jun 11:00-15:00 St Nicholas' Church** – please save the date – 'to Celebrate our historic Queen in our historic Church' As part of our Parish Jubilee celebrations we are hoping to mount a special exhibition of photographs of the Queen combined with our personal stories/reminiscence of the Queen and how she touched our lives. If you have a particular memory of the Queen or even an experience of meeting/seeing her please share it with Rose Wells so it can be included in our display.

## 100 Club April Draw

£100 Rosemary Cordan  
£50 Chris Butcher  
£25 Pam Marson  
£25 Roger & Phyl Pennell

**Lifecentre** is a faith-based charity working in West Sussex to support survivors of rape and sexual abuse. On **Fri 20 May**, We will be organising a procession from Chichester Cross to Priory Park– where there will be a vigil (for the six women who will be victims on that day). We would love for your church to participate. If you have any questions or want to be involved or invite us to come and share more about our work, please email [carrie@lifecentre.uk.com](mailto:carrie@lifecentre.uk.com) for more information.

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