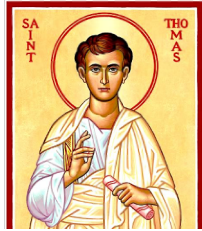




**3 July  
2022**

## **St 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**

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

08:00 Said Eucharist (BCP)      St Nicholas'  
Celebrant & Preacher      Fr Jamie Gator

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

10:00 Sung Eucharist      St Nicholas'  
Celebrant & Preacher      Fr Michael Boag

Holy Communion is now offered in both  
kinds, in both our churches.

At the distribution of Communion,  
communicants are invited to come forward,  
first to receive the consecrated bread from  
the priest and then to drink consecrated wine  
from the chalice, or not; it is entirely a matter  
of personal choice.

(Non-communicants are welcome to come  
forward for a blessing.)

Fr Michael

When Thomas, whose feast we celebrate today, puts his hand into the side of his crucified Master, now standing before him, it is a moment of tenderness and intimacy. The cold door of death that had been shut against him, parting Thomas from his Lord, has been shattered and they are reunited. Thomas knows, for sure, without doubt or uncertainty and once knowing, can never unknow.

A few days ago, the feast of Peter and Paul was also one of contrast. Simon Peter began his discipleship with energy and enthusiasm, left his nets and followed Jesus but then got it all horribly wrong when he denied his Lord; weeping bitterly from the shame of his betrayal.

Paul (Saul), was passionate in his prosecution of the followers of Jesus (he approved the killing of Stephen) but then had a dramatic about-turn in his life. From that moment he set out with the same energy, on a course he could never have imagined.

We cannot predict what any of us will achieve, or how we may stumble. All of us, like Thomas, Peter, Paul (and all the saints), are a contradictory mess of expectations, experiences, actions. Too often the drama need not become a crisis (or the other way round) because most times it is little more than a muddle.

And into this muddle, however feeble we feel our faith is, Jesus comes to give a moment of clarity, a chance to declare: 'My Lord and my God'

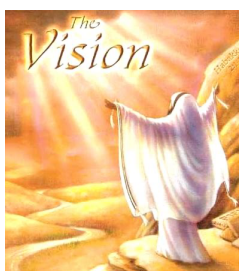
*Fr Michael*

## 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 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.

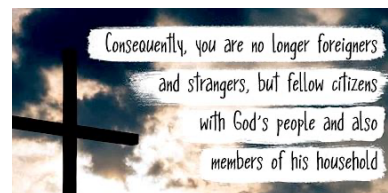
You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God. You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the Lord.



## Reading *Ephesians 2.19-22*

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and

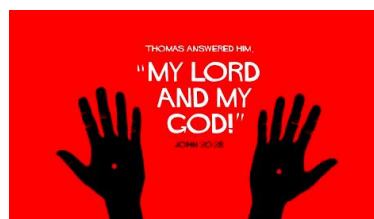
also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for 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**

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## SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 5 July	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 7 July	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sat 9 July	13:00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Sun 10 July	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'
<b>Sunday 10 July 2022</b> <b>Trinity 4</b> Deuteronomy 30.9-14    Psalm 25.1-10 Colossians 1.1-14      Luke 10.25-37		

## Festivals this week

Wed 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

### 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.

### St Nicholas' Circle

Meets on **Wed 6 July** 19:30 for 20:00 at St Barnabas' Café for a Wine and Cheese evening.

## Friday Lunches

Lunch in the Pastoral Centre at 12:30 on **8 July**. 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 **6 July**. All welcome.

## The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas' on **Fri 8 July 19:00-20:30** Ages 12-16. Entry free. Weekly during term time.

## Churchyard Team

Summer 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.

## Recycling

We continue to recycle **milk bottle tops**. Containers are now available in the Narthex and on Sue's doorstep. Please deliver **by the end of July**. We also collect used postage **stamps** (for the Hospice) and used **printer cartridges** (for McIndoe); please deliver to the Narthex. Thank you!

## Messy Church

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

**Sat 16 July 15:30-17:00** and **Wed 20 July 15:15-16:45** (in the Church) at St Barnabas'. Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and enjoy!



## Saturday Markets

The Saturday Market on 25 June raised £160.60 for St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund. Thanks to all our supporters

The next Market takes place in St Barnabas' Café and on the patio on Sat **16 July 10:00-11:30**. Donations of new/as new items for sale will be welcomed.

## Alex Hiam

After 10 tuneful years of service as Director of Music, Alex Hiam has decided on a career change and is going to study Law at Bristol University as a mature student. His last service will be a special Celebratory Evensong on **Sunday 28 August**. Friends wishing to make a contribution to his leaving gift are asked, where at all possible, to make a bank transfer to:  
Parish of Worth, Pound Hill & Maidenbower  
Sort Code: 40-18-22  
Account Number: 61223372  
Reference 'Alex' with your transaction please.  
Thank you!

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yet have believed

John 20:29



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IT'S WEIRD - IT SAYS  
THOMAS IS A TWIN  
BUT IT DOESN'T  
SAY "WHOSE TWIN."



I LIKE TO BELIEVE  
THAT MAKES IT  
POSSIBLE FOR HIM  
TO BE MY TWIN.



THAT'S FUNNY!  
YOU DON'T EVEN  
LOOK JEWISH!



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JOHN 20:19-31