



**9 April
2023**

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)

06:10 Sunrise Service Milton Mount Lake

08:15 Said Eucharist (BCP) St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher Revd Gordon Parry

10:00 Child Friendly St Barnabas'
Eucharist and Egg Hunt
Celebrant Fr Francis Pole
Preacher Revd Sarah Upchurch

10:00 Child Friendly St Nicholas'
Eucharist and Egg Hunt
Celebrant & Preacher Fr Michael Boag

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you straight to a giving page.



The Gospel accounts of the Resurrection of Jesus in Matthew, Mark and Luke record fear, terror, alarm and amazement among those who came to the empty tomb. In John (as we heard last night at the Easter Vigil), there is confusion and weeping too. Uncertainties, doubts and difficulties. These must seem strange starting points for those coming forward, as adults, for baptism. We all want certainty and an optimistic outlook, both of which are key elements in any sales pitch; from washing powder to financial investment. The Christian experience understands the differences between optimism and hope, certainty and faith. Christian joy is altogether more robust and deeper than cheerfulness or happiness. It is able to go deep into our souls and encompass everything it finds in the dark recesses of our memories, whether of pain and loss, grief and failure and bring them out into the healing presence of God's light. This imagery echoes the Orthodox icon of Christ's descent into Hell, showing Jesus grasping Adam and Eve by their hands, to raise them from their tombs. Thus, the Resurrection is celebrated as the reversal of the Fall, the creation of a new humanity - baptism means new life in Christ - victory over and release from death, the ultimate healing of our souls and bodies.

Christ is risen from the dead!

Trampling down death by death!

And upon those in the tomb bestowing life.

May the joy of the Resurrection that fills the universe, fill your hearts and minds this Easter Day!

Fr Michael

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 Colossians 3.1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.



Gospel Matthew 28.1-10

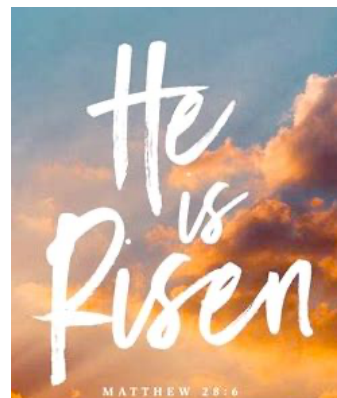
After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus

said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

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



SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 11 Apr	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 13 Apr	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 16 Apr	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 11:45 Baptism	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'
Sunday 16 April 2023 Easter 2 Low Sunday Acts 2.14a,22-32 I Peter 1.3-9 John 20.19-31		

Festivals this week

There are no Festivals in Easter Week

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

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

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

St Barnabas' Julian Group

will not meet in April.

St Nicholas' Julian Group

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

Come and see, Crafts, Bible story, a song and a prayer, followed by Pizza and lollies.

In April there will be a combined Messy

Church on **Wed 12 Apr** 15:00-16:30 (in the Church) at St Barnabas'. Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and have fun!



Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **14 Apr** in the Pastoral Centre at 12:30. 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 12 Apr**. All welcome.

The Hangout

Fri 14 April – Easter Holidays

Parish Summer Fair

Sat 3 June, at St. Barnabas'. Please put the date in your diary. There will be a first planning session for the event on **Tues 25 April** at 11:30 in St Barnabas' Café. Do join us if you feel you can help in any way - running a stall or bringing some good ideas to us.

Parish Prayer Group

will meet at **19:00 at St Barnabas' on Wed 26 Apr**. Please join us at St Barnabas' as we pray for our Parish, its clergy and its outreach.

Youth Courses

Young Communicants Course for those over 7yrs old on **Thursdays 16:30** at St Barnabas' Café. Contact Revd Sarah or Revd Greta.

Youth Alpha on Fridays **18:00** at St Barnabas' Café. Contact Revd Sarah with any questions.

PCC Situations Vacant

Please consider whether you could support our Parish life by becoming a PCC member. Elections & appointments will be made at our APCM on 19 Apr. Your current PCC would be happy to discuss any questions you have. In addition, both our Treasurer and our PCC Secretary positions are currently vacant and the work being managed by the Wardens and Clergy. We are praying for people with time and talent to come forward.

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WOW! WHAT EXCITING ACTION!
AN EARTHQUAKE & THEN
AN ANGEL WHO LETS
JESUS OUT OF THE TOMB
RIGHT THERE, IN FRONT
OF THE TWO MARYS!



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UHH- LOOK AGAIN TED.
THE STONE IS ROLLED
BACK TO LET THE
WOMEN IN. JESUS
IS ALREADY GONE!
THE TOMB HAS NO
POWER OVER HIM.



OH, RIGHT. I GUESS
JESUS ISN'T GOING
TO WAIT INSIDE,
LOOKING AT HIS
WATCH AND THINKING
"WHERE IS THAT ANGEL?
HE WAS SUPPOSED TO
BE HERE HOURS AGO."



MATTHEW 28:11-10

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