



**23 April
2023**

Easter 3



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)

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

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

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

11:45 Baptism St Nicholas'

16:00 St George's Day
Sung Evensong St Nicholas'

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Coming home to Church

When I was young and feeling fed up, I
would occasionally 'run away' from home up
to St James' Church and sit on the bench in
the churchyard.

I don't remember whether I talked to God
then as I do now, but I find it interesting that
I always ran there. There are other
memories that I have, that when I look back,
I can see and make connections with my life
now, such as my desire when camping as a
Brownie in the vicarage garden to be a
vicar's wife when I grew up!

The reason I am thinking along these lines is
because it occurs to me that the two sad
and disillusioned people who were on that
road to Emmaus, were returning home to
make sense of all the events that had
happened rather than stay with their other
companions who were the disciples of Jesus.

The 'Holy Stranger' who joined them on
that journey, questioned them, listened to
them and helped them make connections
about what they had just witnessed; gently
and firmly reminded them of ancient
prophecies that had just unfolded before
their very eyes.

Then, at their invitation, he made himself
known to them in the simple breaking of
bread. Theory, teaching, then undeniable
experience! Next, where did they run? Back
to the disciples.

Imagine a place where you could walk with
Jesus, pour your heart out and tell him what
you understand about his life and then he
would unravel an understanding of your
own life and where you fit in with him!

Imagine that all this could happen in Church!

Help us make Church the place to where
you come home.

Peace be with you,

Revd Sarah

Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Reading Acts 2.14a,36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?'

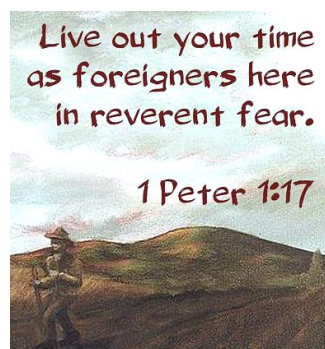
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Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven;

and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reading 1 Peter 1.17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like



that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Gospel Luke 24.13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!

Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them.



When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they

recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Post Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

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

The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas' on
Fri 28 Apr 19:00-20:30
Ages 12-16. Entry free. Weekly during term time.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 25 Apr	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 27 Apr	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 30 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 30 April 2023 Easter 4

Acts 2.42-47 | Peter 2.19-25
John 10.1-10

Festivals this week

Mon 24 Apr	George, Martyr, Patron of England c.304 (F)
Tues 25 Apr	Mark the Evangelist (F)
Thur 27 Apr	Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894 (C)
Fri 28 Apr	Peter Chanel, Missionary in the South Pacific, Martyr 1841 (C)
Sat 29 Apr	Catherine of Siena, Teacher 1380 (LF)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

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.

Scrabble and Cake

Wed 26 Apr 14:30-16:30, in St Barnabas' Café. Come and enjoy games and refreshments. All welcome. £3.50. In aid of St. Barnabas' Refurbishment.

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.

Mothers' Union

Thurs 27 Apr 16:00pm MU Branch Meeting at St Barnabas' celebrating the forthcoming Coronation of King Charles III, with a Quiz, Maundy Money talk and a "Royal Crown" competition. Everyone welcome.

Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **28 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 26 Apr**. All welcome.

Mothers' Union

Sat 29 Apr 10:00 – 12:00 St Barnabas' Café, Mothers' Union Coffee Morning and sale of home-made cakes, second hand books and 'quality bric-a-brac', in aid of AFIA and MU Projects. We look forward to seeing **you** there.

Parish Coronation Bring and Share Lunch/BBQ,

12 noon, Sun 7 May, at St Barnabas'. Please see lists for signing that are displayed in both churches.

Plant Sale and Market

Sat 20 May, at St Barnabas', 10:00-11:30. In aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment. Donations of plants and new/as new items to sell welcomed.

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.

The Revd John Loxton, at one time Vicar of St Leonard's Turners Hill and latterly resident in our Parish, died from cancer at the College of St Barnabas (a retirement home for clergy) on 5 April. His funeral is being held in the Chapel of the College on **Wed 26 April** at 11:00.

Greta and Gordon will be attending on behalf of our Parish but this is not to preclude any others who may also wish to attend.

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