



**21 May  
2023**

**Easter 7**

AND THIS IS THE WAY  
TO HAVE ETERNAL LIFE  
**TO KNOW YOU**  
-the-  
ONLY TRUE GOD  
-and-  
JESUS CHRIST

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

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code 40-18-22, account 61223372.  
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Our reading from Acts pivots on The Ascension of Jesus, that time 40 days after Easter when Jesus returned home to his Father; 'When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight'. It is an event that we are reminded of every week when we say the Nicene Creed, which forms one of the foundations of our faith. 'On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father'. It leads to a time of waiting for the disciples as they have been told to return to Jerusalem to wait for the Holy Spirit.

For some, The Ascension can be a low-key event, dwarfed by the feast of Pentecost. And yet it is the moment in which Jesus becomes fully available to everyone, not just those who knew him physically. Although the dismayed disciples may not have thought so at the time, The Ascension of Jesus: his return to his Heavenly Father, is a time to celebrate. It marks not an ending but a beginning: a moving away from the constraints of time and place. Once Jesus had ascended he was able to be present always and everywhere. Which means that he is present for you and for me. He is present everywhere and at all times. So, as we prepare for Pentecost next week we can rejoice, knowing that Jesus is with us... always. Amen.

*Rev'd Greta*

## Collect

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

## Reading Acts 1.6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my



witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were

watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## Reading 1 Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were

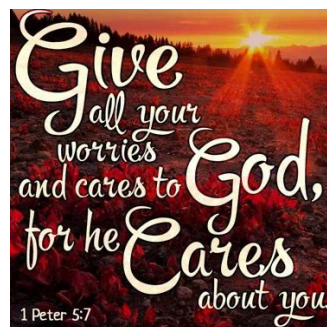
happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time.

Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

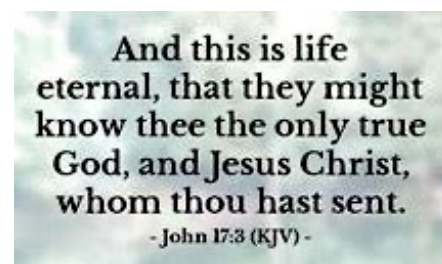
Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring

lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.



## Gospel John 17.1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is



eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

### Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 23 May	10:30 Said Eucharist 13:00 Funeral (tbc)	St Barnabas' St Barnabas'
Thur 25 May	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 28 May	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Child Friendly Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 11:45 Baptism	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'
<b>Sunday 28 May 2023</b> <b>Pentecost (Whit Sunday)</b> Acts 2.1-21    I Corinthians 12.3b-13 John 20.19-23		

### Festivals this week

Wed 24 May	John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers 1791 and 1788 (LF)
Thur 25 May	The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian 735 (LF) Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne 709 (C)
Fri 26 May	Augustine, First Archbishop of Canterbury 605 (LF) John Calvin, Reformer 1564 (C) Philip Neri, Founder of the Oratorians, Spiritual Guide 1595 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

### DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

#### Mag Copy Deadline

The deadline for the next Parish Mag is **TODAY**  
Copy to Viv Tillyer or the Office.

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

#### Scrabble and Cake

**Wed 24 May**, 14:30-16:30 in St Barnabas Café.  
Come and enjoy a game of Scrabble and refreshments. £3.50 in aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment.

#### St Nicholas' Circle SPRING is SPRUNG

next meets on **Wed 7 June (Note new date!)**  
19:30 for 20:00 start. There will be a presentation of words and music in celebration of Spring. Everybody welcome!

#### PCC Meeting

Your PCC meets next on **Wed 24 May**, 19:00 at St Barnabas'. Please support our parish life by sharing any ideas or concerns you may have with the churchwardens and members of the PCC.

## Mothers' Union

**MU Coffee Morning on 29 April raised £192.00**, including the cake sale at St Nicholas' the following morning. We and those we help with our Fundraising, are very grateful for your support over that weekend.

**Thurs 25 May: MU Branch Meeting at 15:45** in the Café when our Diocesan President, Karen Hill, is coming to talk about Domestic Abuse. Everyone is welcome to join us and for this meeting, refreshments and Compline will follow the talk.

## Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **26 May** 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 24 May**. All welcome.

## The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas' on

**Fri 26 May 19:00-20:30**

Ages 12-16. Entry free. Weekly during term time.

## Parish Prayer Group

will meet at **14:30 at St Nicholas' on Wed 31 May**. Please join us at St Nicholas' as we pray for our Parish, its clergy and its outreach.

## Recycling

We recycle **milk bottle tops**.

Containers are now available in the Narthex at St Barnabas' and on Sue's door-step. Please deliver **by the end of May**.

We also collect used postage **stamps** (for the Hospice) and used **printer cartridges** (for McIndoe); please deliver to the Narthex. Our recent donation of print cartridges to McIndoe raised £19.75 for this charity

## 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.

## James George Jeffrey

We are sorry to report the death of James 'Jim' Jeffrey. Funeral: Fri 9 June 11:00 at St Nicholas', then at the Crematorium 12:30.

Rest in Peace; Rise in Glory

## Parish Summer Fair

**Sat 3 June**, at St. Barnabas'. We are looking for donations towards our raffle of hampers/baskets of goodies with a Summer theme, e.g. a 'picnic basket', 'an afternoon tea basket', 'a gardening basket', 'a seaside basket' and so on. We also welcome donations for stalls.

There is a box (in each church) for donations of items. Please let us have your donations by **28 May**. Thank you.

In both churches there is a list of stalls - please sign the list if you are willing to organise or help with a stall. Lots of helpers needed!

Next Planning Meeting: **14:30 on Fri 26 May** at St Barnabas' Café. All welcome.

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