



**10 March
2024**

**Lent 4
Mothering Sunday**



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 Revd Dr Greta Sawyer
Preacher Fr Francis Pole

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Apart from the Roman centurion and the two others crucified with him, those who were, according to John's Gospel, closest to the dying Christ as his agony upon the cross drew to its conclusion were his mother Mary, her sister, the wife of Clopas and Mary of Magdala (Mary Magdalene) who would be the first to encounter the risen Lord. Christ had cured her of mental illness and she had a clear and profound affection for him. Christ's passion – as we shall rediscover in three weeks' time – is prolonged, unrelieved and brutal. The only softening of it, the only hint of love and concern, comes from the actions and the feelings of those women who witnessed it. It seems most improbable that the four women were unaware of what the Christ whom they loved was experiencing. It also seems probable that their love and devotion in the face of the most brutal treatment by almost every male representative of the political, military and religious factions responsible for Christ's conviction and execution were the only comfort, the only expression of human love and compassion available to Christ during the last hours of his Passion.

We know from experience that it is more often women that hold the fabric of family life together and it is the emotional intelligence of women that causes them to become social healers and conciliators.

The Gospels contain accounts of many encounters of Christ with women. From a reading of many of Christ's parables it is clear that he too had a penetrating emotional intelligence – which may well explain why women were drawn to him, despite their relatively disadvantaged status in Jewish society. Society without mothers now – as at any time in human history – would not exist. Today we honour them.

Gordon

Collect

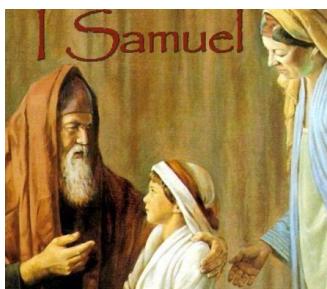
God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading *1 Samuel 1.20-28*

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only - may the Lord establish his word.' so the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.' She left him there for the Lord.

Reading *Colossians 3.12-17*



As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and,

if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above

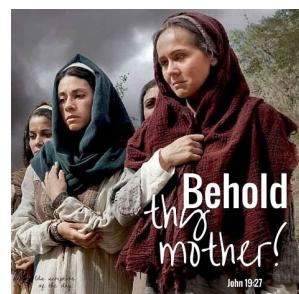
all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be

thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



Gospel *John 19.25b-27*

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and



the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Festivals this week

There are no festivals this week

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

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 12 Mar	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 14 Mar	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sat 16 Mar	15:00 Messy Church	St Barnabas'
Sun 17 Mar	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'

Sunday 17 March 2024

Lent 5

Jeremiah 31.31-34 Hebrews 5.5-10
John 12.20-33

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

St Barnabas' Julian Group

meets on **Mon 11 Mar at 14:00** in St Barnabas'. Old and new friends very welcome.

St Nicholas' Julian Group

Meets on **Wed 13 Mar at 12:30** for half an hour of silent prayer. Please feel free to join us - everyone welcome!

Lent Course

We are studying 'Chocolat'. The course continues on the **16 and 23 March**. We will start with soup and bread at **13:00** then have an hour or so for the course.

Come and see, a song and a prayer, followed by pizza and lollies.

In March Messy Church will be on **Sat 16 Mar**

15:00-16:30 (note new time) and on **Wed 20 Mar 15:00-16:30**; both at St Barnabas'. Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and have fun!



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

Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **15 Mar** in The Café at 12:30. Two courses and a drink £7.00. To help with catering please book your place at the Café (café open Wed and Sat) or via the Parish Office, by **Wed 13 Mar**. Profits for Parish funds. The lunches are not exclusively for the elderly, why not bring a friend and give us a try. All welcome!

The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas' meets on **Fri 15 Mar 19:00-20:30** For Year Groups 7-11. Entry free. Weekly during term time.

St Nicholas' Circle - Community Cinema

Members are encouraged to join together and view the following film:

20 Mar: The Miracle Club (12A - 2023) at St Peter's, West Green, 18:00 for 19:00

Betty Chalker

We are sorry to report that Betty Chalker died at Summerlands Care Home in Haywards Heath on Sunday 25 February. Details of the Funeral to follow. Rest in Peace; Rise in Glory

St Nicholas' Cultural Fair

There will be a meeting on **Thurs 21 Mar** after the 10:30 service at St Nicholas' to discuss plans for this event.; hope you can make it.

Mothers' Union

Thurs 21 March Mothers' Union Branch meeting at 16:00 at St Barnabas' Café; please remember the earlier date due to Easter. Our Speaker will be talking about **Waste Prevention**. Everyone is welcome to join us and learn more about the subject.

Parish Prayer Group

will meet at **19:00 on Wed 27 March** at St Barnabas'. Please join us at St Barnabas' as we pray for our Parish, its clergy and its outreach.

St Nicholas' Spring Clean

Please come and help with our Annual Spring Clean on **Sat 23 Mar 10:30-12:30**.

The more volunteers we have, ladies and gentlemen, the shorter time it will take. All tools and cleaning equipment provided together with 2 hours of good company, a good supply of laughs and the satisfaction that our beautiful church will look its best not only for Easter, but for some time to come. If you cannot spare 2 hours then any lesser period would still be greatly appreciated. If you have any queries please contact me – Jill Freeborn 01293 883631 – but it would also be appreciated if you could let me know that you will be coming.



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