

**7 April  
2024**

## Easter 2



# 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 Sung Eucharist  
Celebrant & Preacher

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Peace be with you

Our Gospel Reading tells us what happened on the evening of Easter Day. The disciples were so terrified of the Jews that they had locked themselves away. Then miraculously, Jesus stood in the room. He hadn't knocked at the door or unlocked it but there he was in the midst of them. Today's collect reminds us that for Christ, no door is locked and no entrance barred because there are no barriers for Jesus. How reassuring that is. Whatever barriers that we put up; Jesus can overcome them.

Imagine the disciples' reaction. Were they shocked when they saw him? Were they uncertain? Jesus knew them and he loved them. He understood their feelings and uttered the words 'Peace be with you.' He calmed their fears and reassured them. He breathed on them and they received the Holy Spirit. They were strengthened.

Then enter Thomas, often called 'Doubting Thomas'. The disciples told him excitedly of their news but Thomas didn't believe a word of it. However, it didn't end there because one week later, they were once again gathered together. Jesus knew that Thomas needed a helping hand so he encouraged him to feel his wounds and it was then that Thomas believed. He responded, saying 'My Lord and my God.'

I wonder with whom you identify? Are you at times fearful like the disciples or do you doubt and want proof like Thomas. Whatever your feelings, Jesus will respond with love, bringing peace into your life.

Alleluia.

Canon Penny

## Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

**Amen**

## Reading Acts 4.32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions,



but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among

them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

## Reading I John 1.1-2.2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us - we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in

him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in

darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in

the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

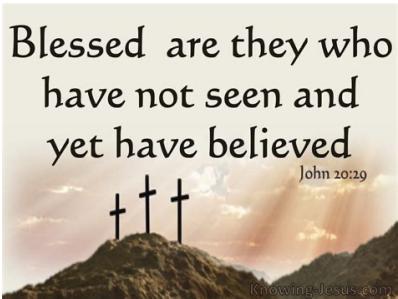
## Gospel John 20.19-30

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

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.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

### Post Communion

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

<b>SERVICES THIS WEEK</b>		
Tues 9 Apr	10:30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Wed 10 Apr	15:00 Messy Church	St Barnabas'
Thur 11 Apr	10:30 Said Eucharist 11:30 Funeral	St Nicholas' St Barnabas'
Fri 12 Apr	15:00 Burial of Ashes: Patricia Matthews	St Nicholas'
Sun 14 Apr	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'
<b>Sunday 14 April 2024</b>		
<b>Easter 3</b>		
Acts 3.12-19 1 John 3.1-7 Luke 24.36b-48		

<b>Festivals this week</b>	
Mon 8 Apr	<b>The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)</b>
Tues 9 Apr	Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor, Martyr 1945 (C)
Wed 10 Apr	William Law, Priest, Spiritual Writer 1761 (LF) William of Ockham, Friar, Philosopher, Teacher 1347 (C)
Thur 11 Apr	George Augustus Selwyn, first Bishop of New Zealand 1878 (C)

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

### DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

#### Lent Course

We are studying 'Chocolat'. The course continues on the **6 Apr**. We will start with soup and bread at **13:00** then have an hour or so for the course. There may also be a Chocolate Feast on **13 Apr**.

#### St Barnabas' Julian Group

meets on **Mon 8 Apr at 14:00** in St Barnabas'. Old and new friends very welcome.

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

#### St Nicholas' Julian Group

meets on **Wed 10 Apr at 12:30** for half an hour of silent prayer. Please feel free to join us - everyone welcome!

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

In April there will be a combined Messy Church and Easter Celebration on **Wed 10 Apr 15:00-16:30**; at St Barnabas'. This month – everything Easter!

Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and have fun!



## Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **12 Apr** 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 10 Apr**. 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' next meets on  
**Fri 19 April 19:00-20:30**  
For Year Groups 7-11. Entry free.  
Weekly during term time.

## Parish Summer Fair 1 June 11:00-14:00

Hello folks, it's that time of year again, the Parish Summer Fair.

We are looking for volunteers, both on the day with helping set up, run stalls and clearing away, and in the planning/organising of the event. Also, donations of various kinds: tins, bottles, toiletries, home-made cakes and so on, will be needed in the weeks running up to fair.

Any donations for the raffle would be much appreciated.

If you feel you would be able to offer help, either with planning, or on the day please contact me: Jane Stanford on 07967139168, I will be very happy to hear from you!

There will be a brief meeting in the Café on Tuesday (9 April) following morning service if you are able to come along, hopefully bringing some new ideas with you. Thank you, and look forward to seeing some of you on Tuesday.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF  
EASTER AND THOMAS  
TAKES A BEATING...



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WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?



I'M SAYING I WISH  
HE'D GET IT RIGHT  
FOR ONCE!

