

5 May 2024

Easter 6



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 EucharistCelebrant & PreachRevd Sarah Upchurch

10:00 Sung EucharistSt Nicholas'Celebrant & PreacherFr Michael Boag

I I:45 Baptism St Nicholas'

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Payments to the Parish

If you possibly can, please transfer the money by electronic payment to: Worth PCC, sort code 40-18-22, account 61223372.

If you need help, call the Office.

'Of sondry folk, by aventure y-falle In felawshipe, and pilgrims were they all...'

Last week, in April like Chaucer's pilgrims, we set out on pilgrimage. Not to Canterbury but north and east to Walsingham, on the North Norfolk coast. The Worth Parish pilgrims were a much smaller and better-behaved group than those in the famous Canterbury Tales, nevertheless we came back with stories to tell! For those unfamiliar with the experience, pilgrimage is both a journey and a destination, an adventure and a time for reflection, healing and reinvigoration. It is, in short, a mixture of prayer and pub; the social and spiritual entwined. The entwining of our lives, as in last Sunday's Gospel of Jesus the vine and we the branches, bears good fruit when we take to heart and follow the instruction he gives in today's reading, to 'love one another as I have loved you.'

So profound and fruitful a time we had at the Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham, we have already booked to return next year; leaving here on Monday 12 May, staying for three nights and returning on Thursday 15 May. In 2024, full board was £100 per night, plus travel.

Holy places can be difficult to explain or understand, yet they are places where we may experience and encounter God in life-enhancing, even life-changing ways. Bringing back water from the holy well, we felt we were bringing into our ordinary lives, a taste of the extraordinary.

'O taste and see!'

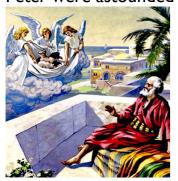
Fr Michael

Collect

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Reading Acts 10.44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the



Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the

water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reading | John 5.1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know



that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel *John* 15.9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's

commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.



'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Post Communion

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Festivals this week		
Wed 8 May	Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer c.1417 (LF)	
Thur 9 May	Ascension Day (F)	
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration		

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Tues 7 May	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Barnabas'	
Thur 9 May	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'	
Sun 12 May	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 11:45 Baptism 13:00 Baptism	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'	

Sunday 12 May 2024 Easter 6

Acts 1.15-17,21-26 | John 5.9-13 John 17.6-19

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 Nicholas' Julian Group

meets on **Wed 8 May 12:30** in St Nicholas' Church.

Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **10 May** 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 8 May.** 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 10 May 19:00-20:30

For Year Groups 7-11. Entry free. Weekly during term time.

St Barnabas' Julian Group

meets on **Mon 13 May 14:00** in St Barnabas' Church.

²Come and see, a song and a prayer, followed by pizza and lollies.



In May there will be Messy Church on **Wed 15 May**

15:00-16:30; and **Sat 18 May** 15:00-16:30, both at St Barnabas'.

This month – The Lady at the Well. Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and have fun!

Plant Sale and Market

10:00- 11:30, **Sat 18 May**, at St Barnabas', in aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund. We welcome donations of plants for us to sell. Thank you.

Your section of the Hall floor

Have you bought your square of the new Hall floor at St Barnabas' yet? £10.00 per unit. We have sold 61 so far, only 1839 to go! Please tell David or Sarah how many you would like. The certificates are great for presents for the person who has everything......!

HOLY TRINITY PARISH CHURCH, FOREST ROW

MUSIC FOR A SUMMER EVENING

in aid of Holy Trinity and St Dunstan's Churches with

Holy Trinity Festival Choir Lingfield College Prep Orchestra Christopher Harris – Organ/Piano Simon Morris – Director of Music

SATURDAY 17TH JUNE 2024 7.30pm £7.00 Adults £3.50 Children

Lucky Programme Prizes / Refreshments Tickets: Simon Morris 01342823940 or on the door

100 Club - April Winners

£100 Pam Marson

£50 Chris Butcher

£25 Joan Pallet

£25 Judy Stokes

Concert for the Organ Fund Sat 8 June 17:00 at St Nicholas'

Emilie Rowley - Recorders, with Charles Thompson – piano and spinet will play Baroque and 20th century music for Recorders. Further details to follow/

Gift Aid Envelopes

When using the Gift Aid envelopes for donations, please make sure you complete all the information on the envelope – otherwise we cannot claim the Gift Aid.



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