



12 May  
2024

Easter 7



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	St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sarah Upchurch
10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Fr Michael Boag
11:45 Baptism	St Nicholas'
13:00 Baptism	St Nicholas'
15:00 Confirmation	Worth Abbey Church (we have 3 candidates from Worth)

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Today's Gospel reading comes from the prayer Christ used on the night of his betrayal, either in the Garden of Gethsemane or in the Upper Room at the Last Supper. It deals with the relationship between Christ, his disciples and all believers of the future – and that includes us! We are held in the mind of Christ! It is clear that Christ intended its messages to be recalled by his disciples in their own ministry after he had left them. It is an abstraction from a situation that is a hallmark of St John's Gospel.

I find it strange that the Lectionary compilers stopped this reading short at verse 19 because verse 20 is such an overwhelming summary of what Christ has said in this prayer.

***I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be as one.***

***The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one.***

How is Christ's glory revealed? It is, in fact through his humility, through his engagement with human distress and corruption, through his suffering, through his death and sacrifice. For us it means that we engage ourselves with the imperfections of the world, the seemingly inexplicable tragedies, the animosities of difference, rather than living in a world insulated and protected from the outrages that dominate the lives of so many, in order to bring the radiant light of Christ to bear on the world. That is a most powerful message for us all. Chapter 17 of St John's Gospel is Christ's gift to us all. Please read and re-read it.

*Gordon*

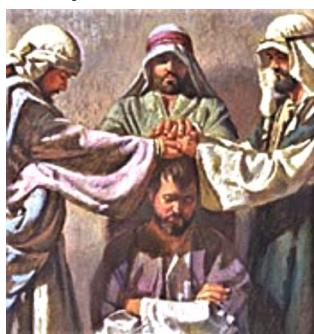
## Collect

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 1.15-17,21-26*

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus - for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us - one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these



two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place. 'And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on

Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

### Reading *1 John 5.9-13*

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his

Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

**AND THIS IS THAT TESTIMONY: GOD HAS GIVEN US ETERNAL LIFE, AND THIS LIFE IS IN HIS SON.**

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

### Gospel *John 17.6-19*

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### 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**

### Festivals this week

Tues 14 May	<b>Matthias the Apostle (F)</b>
Thur 16 May	Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer 1877 (C)

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

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 14 May	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Wed 15 May	15:00 Messy Church	St Barnabas'
Thur 16 May	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sat 18 May	14:00 Wedding 15:00 Messy Church	St Nicholas' St Barnabas'
Sun 19 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 19 May 2024**

**Day of Pentecost**

Acts 2.1-21 Romans 8.22-27  
John 15.26-27 16.4b-15

## DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

### St Barnabas' Julian Group

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

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

Come 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!



## Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **17 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 15 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 17 May 19:00-20:30**  
For Year Groups 7-11. Entry free.  
Weekly during term time.

## 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.

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> century music for Recorders. Donations will be requested. Further details to follow/

## 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 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024 7.00pm**

**£7.00 Adults £3.50 Children**

Lucky Programme Prizes / Refreshments

Tickets: Simon Morris 01342823940 or on the door

Note: change of date and time

## Mothers' Union

**Mothers' Union** wish to thank everyone who helped and or supported their April Coffee Morning, a wonderful £215 was raised for the Away from it All Holiday project.

## Summer Fair

The Summer Fair is fast approaching, **1 June 11:00-14:00**. Help is still needed; there are now sign-up sheets in both churches, please have a look and see if you can fill a gap, even if you are only able to do an hour or so. Coining a well-known phrase "every little helps!" There are boxes in both churches for donations of bottles, tins, toiletries, home-made cakes (on the day, please) Chocolates, soft toys in good condition, etc. No bric a brac please, we have an ample supply of this! Raffle donations would be much appreciated. Thank you in advance and hopefully see many of you on the day.  
*Jane Stanford*

## 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.

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SANCTIFIED BY  
THE TRUTH -  
BUT HOW  
DO WE KNOW  
WHAT'S TRUE?

WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEAN?



WELL - MAYBE JESUS DID  
HAVE A CHILD WITH  
MARY MAGDALENE  
WHO BECAME THE  
ANCESTOR OF THE  
MEROVINGIAN KINGS \*



TED - SAY IT  
WITH ME:  
"FICTION"

