



**19 May
2024**

Day of Pentecost (Whit 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 Sung Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sarah Upchurch
10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Dr Greta Sawyer
11:45 Baptism	St Nicholas'

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Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, or Whitsun as it used to be known. It is one of the major feasts of the Church, only behind Christmas and Easter (and up until 1971 it had its own Bank Holiday, just as Christmas and Easter do). It is a time when we celebrate the bestowing of the Holy Spirit on the disciples. Our liturgy is full of references to the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity. How do we explain the Holy Spirit? It's not an easy concept to understand and anything that can be depicted by both a flame and a dove is going to be difficult to explain. We speak often of the fruits of the Spirit helping us to live our lives in a Christian way; these are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. But what about the Holy Spirit itself? Jesus described the Holy Spirit in many ways; as the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Truth and Paraclete which is often translated as Comforter, Counsellor, Advocate and Helper. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples as tongues of fire. As they were filled with the Holy Spirit the disciples were given the ability to speak in other languages. They were helped to be able to communicate effectively with those from many different nations, speaking about God's deeds of power. So, for me, a core understanding of the Holy Spirit is one of helper. Helping us to navigate the world we live in by being an ever-present presence in our lives, coming alongside us guiding, comforting, strengthening, encouraging and empowering us in our journey of faith. Amen.

Revd Dr Greta

Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.



Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that

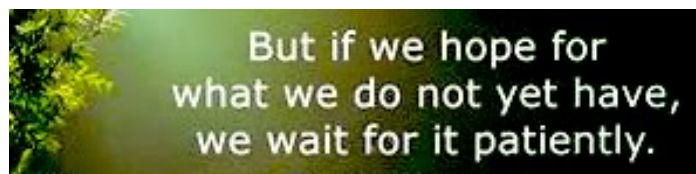
we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine

o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Reading Romans 8.22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.



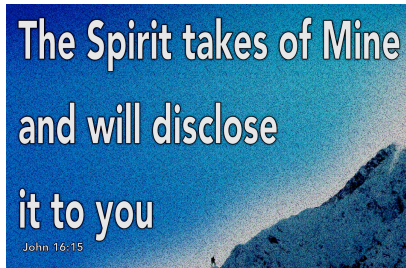
Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Gospel John 15.26-27 16.4b

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. 'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I

am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the



Father has is mine. For this reason, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Post Communion

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Mon 20 May	12:15 Funeral John Martin	St Nicholas'
Tues 21 May	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 23 May	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 26 May	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Child Friendly Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 11:45 Baptisms	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas''
Sunday 26 May 2024 Trinity Sunday Isaiah 6.1-8 Romans 8.12-17 John 3.1-17		

Festivals this week

Mon 20 May	Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours 804 (LF)
Tues 21 May	Helena, Protector of the Holy Places 330 (C)
Fri 24 May	John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers 1791 and 1788 (LF)
Sat 25 May	The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian 735 (LF) Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne 709 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

I wish to pass on my deepest thanks to everyone who has prayed for me and sent their good wishes to me! I feel very blessed! Thankyou
Noreen Oxlade

Mothers' Union

Thurs 23 May 16:00 Mothers' Union Branch Meeting at the St Barnabas' Café for a fun Music Quiz, followed by tea & biscuits and Compline. Everyone welcome.

Music by Anthony Stiddolph

The 24 May this year is the third anniversary of Canon Anthony Stiddolph's death. When Anthony was Rector at St. Nicholas', he introduced the *Gloria* he'd written to our congregational repertoire.

Working together with Revd Julie (St. Luke's in Brighton), we have put together more of his music, so on the **19th**, the St. Nicholas' Choir will be leading the congregation in singing the *Sanctus* (Holy, Holy), *Benedictus* (Blessed is He), and *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God.)

Scrabble and Cake

Scrabble and Cake, **Wed 22 May**, in St Barnabas' Café, **14:30-16:30**. Come and enjoy games, refreshments and company. In aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment. £3.50. All welcome.

Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **24 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 22 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 24 May 19:00-20:30
For Year Groups 7-11. Entry free.
Weekly during term time.

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. Donations will be requested. Further details to follow

DEW (Folk) Festival Sat 14 June 18:00-21:00, St Nicholas'

returns – Singing and Ringing. Free concert and buffet.

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

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