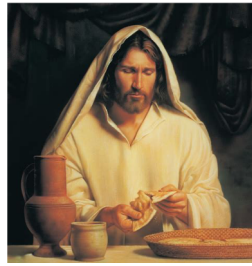




**13 April 2025**

**Palm 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)

8:15 Said Eucharist (BCP) St Nicholas'  
Celebrant & Preacher Revd Gordon Parry

9:45 Procession & Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'  
Celebrant & Preacher Fr Michael Boag

10:00 Procession & Child Friendly Eucharist  
St Barnabas'  
Celebrant Revd Sarah Upchurch

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## Payments to the Parish

If you possibly can, please transfer the money  
by electronic payment to: Parish of Worth  
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account 61223372.

If you need help, call the Office.

The initial Gospel reading for Palm Sunday focuses on the journey that Jesus made on the back of a young horse or donkey into Jerusalem. Those who witnessed it clearly attributed great celebration to it: hence the strewing of palm branches in his path and the acclamation that Jesus was indeed (as reported in John's Gospel) the King of Israel.

Yet we know, because Jesus himself had already outlined the unfolding events of the future to his disbelieving disciples, that this journey must have been made by Jesus with the heaviest of hearts and the most profound sense of foreboding. He knew that those who acclaimed him would go on to debase him and to seek the release of a criminal in preference to Jesus, when asked by Pontius Pilate. He knew that Pilate would respond to political expediency and hand Jesus over to be executed, despite not believing that there was any guilt attaching to him. His discourse of the last Supper indicated that Jesus knew that one of his own disciples would betray him, that the remainder would abandon him, that Peter, who had vowed to stick with him through thick and thin, would deny even knowing him, despite Jesus stating this to him.

From a brief sense of triumph emerges a narrative of great bitterness, of human faithlessness, of denial and desertion. On the Cross, Jesus even asked his Father why he had abandoned him. Despair does not and cannot come any worse than that.

Yet we know also what followed and how, slowly, increasing numbers of people came to believe that the Resurrection of Jesus had really, really, taken place. The greatest depth of darkness preceded the greatest dawn of history.

*Gordon*

## Collect

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen**

## Gospel Luke 19.28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he



rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the

deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

## Reading Philippians 2.5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And



being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should and after giving thanks he said, 'Take this and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Gospel Luke 22.14-23

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.' Then he took a cup, divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.' Then he



took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This

is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!' Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

## Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

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Please sign the sheet in St Nicholas' for the **Maundy Thursday foot-washing and vigil.**

# EASTER IN WORTH PARISH

## ST NICHOLAS'

PALM SUNDAY, 13 APRIL

- 8.15AM HOLY COMMUNION
- 9.45AM PROCESSION AND SUNG EUCHARIST

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 17 APRIL

- 10.30AM EUCHARIST
- 8PM SUNG EUCHARIST, FOOT WASHING & WATCH AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

GOOD FRIDAY, 18 APRIL 2PM LITURGY

HOLY SATURDAY, 19 APRIL

- 3.30PM MAKE THE EASTER GARDEN
- 8PM EASTER VIGIL, BAPTISM AND SUNG EUCHARIST

EASTER DAY, 20 APRIL

- 8.15AM HOLY COMMUNION
- 10AM CHILD-FRIENDLY SUNG EUCHARIST WITH EGG HUNT

## ST BARNABAS'

PALM SUNDAY, 13 APRIL 10AM CHILD-FRIENDLY EUCHARIST WITH PROCESSION

HOLY TUESDAY, 15 APRIL 10.30AM EUCHARIST

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 17 APRIL 6PM MEAL WITH FOOT WASHING THEN HOLY COMMUNION

GOOD FRIDAY, 18 APRIL

- 11AM UNITY SERVICE IN QUEEN'S SQUARE, CRAWLEY
- 7PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EASTER DAY, 20 APRIL

- 6AM SUNRISE AT WORTH PARK LAKE
- 10AM CHILD-FRIENDLY EUCHARIST WITH EGG HUNT

**This week is Holy Week**

**Sunday 20 April 2025**

**Easter Day**

Acts 10.34-43 | Corinthians 15.19-26  
John 20.1-18

## Spring Fair

It's that time of year again, slightly earlier than usual as we are holding a Spring Fair in place of a Summer Fair this year, getting ahead of the competition! This will be on **Sat 24 May**, 11:30-14:30 at St Barnabas'. As ever, we are looking for volunteers on the day with setting up, running stalls and packing away. If you feel you can help in any way please put your name on the sign-up sheets which will be going in at back of both churches this week. If you can only spare an hour or so, please put your name down as the famous saying goes "every little helps." As always we rely on our volunteers/helpers to make these events successful and your support is very much appreciated. If you require further information please call me on 07967139168. Thank you. *Jane Stanford*

### St Barnabas' Julian Group

meets on **Mon 14 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, in St Barnabas' Hall in term time.  
Next meeting after Easter.

### Maundy Thursday Supper and Eucharist

at 18:00, on **Thurs 17 Apr**. Please sign the list at St Barnabas' **BY TODAY** if you wish to attend. '

### Friday Lunches

**NO** Friday lunch on 18 April (Good Friday).  
Next Friday lunch on **25 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 23 Apr**. Profits for Parish funds.  
The lunches are for everyone, why not bring a friend and give us a try. All welcome!

### The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas' meets  
Every **Friday** at 19:00  
For Year Groups 7-11. Entry free.  
Weekly during term time.  
(Next meets after Easter)

St Nicholas' Church invites children and parents to come and **Plant the Easter Garden** on **Sat 19 Apr at 15:30**. Please bring a small plant and help us create the Easter scene.

The **Sunrise Eucharist at Milton Mount Lake** at 6:00 on Easter Day will be followed by breakfast at St Barnabas' Café. Please sign the list at St Barnabas' by **15 April** if you are attending the breakfast (to help with catering).

### Easter Lilies

Please enter on the sheet provided at St Nicholas' if you wish to have a loved one remembered with flowers in church at Easter, and during Eastertide. A donation envelope will also be available. Thank you!

**Thurs 24 Apr 16:00pm Mothers' Union Branch Meeting** at St Barnabas' Café. Our Speaker will be Michele White, our new M.U. Diocesan President, who will tell us about her journey to this position and her hopes and plans for the next three years. Everyone is welcome to attend, the afternoon will close with refreshments and Compline.

### The Schola Cantorum King's College School, Cambridge

will perform a concert of choral music on **Sat 26 Apr** at 12:30 in St Nicholas'. Free, but retiring collection.

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