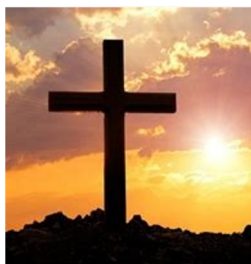


Easter Day



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)

6:00 Sunrise Service **Worth Park Lake**

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

10:00 Child Friendly Sung Eucharist + Egg Hunt
St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher Fr Michael Boag

10:00 Child Friendly Eucharist + Egg Hunt
St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher Revd Sarah Upchurch

Many of us have friends and family whose only awareness of Easter revolves around chocolate eggs, Easter bunnies, and time off from work or school. At first, it may seem difficult to reconcile these traditions with the starkness of the cross on Good Friday and the emptiness of the tomb on Easter Day. However, one theme unites them all: joy.

Easter morning brings the ultimate joy - the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the cornerstone of our faith, fulfilling God's plan for redemption and offering the promise of eternal life. On this day, we celebrate the victory of light over darkness, life over death, and the boundless love of God for humanity. This joy is all the more profound when we have journeyed through the sorrow of Good Friday. We proclaim our alleluias and rejoice, perhaps even indulging in whatever we gave up for Lent!

But for those outside the church, Easter joy might come in the form of a shared meal, time with loved ones, or simply the delight of receiving an Easter egg. So how can we, as Christians, share the deeper meaning of this day? We can gently remind others that the hollow Easter egg symbolizes the empty tomb, while the Easter bunny, a sign of spring, points to new life. And in Jesus, we have the greatest new life of all - a life renewed by His resurrection, filled with hope, and love.

May we carry this Easter joy into the world, sharing its true meaning with all we meet. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Rev'd Greta

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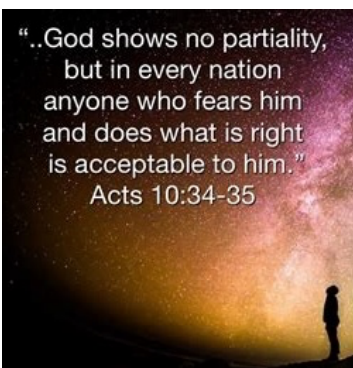


Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Reading Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but



"..God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him."
Acts 10:34-35

in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is

Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Reading 1 Corinthians 15.19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,

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the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Gospel Luke 24.1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and



bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.'

Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again. 'Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Post Communion

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 22 Apr	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 24 Apr	10:30 Said Eucharist 14:00 Burial of Ashes Michelle Barrett	St Nicholas' St Nicholas'
Sun 27 Apr	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Family Eucharist 10:00 Spoken Eucharist 12:00 Baptism 18:30 Sunday Space For You	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas' St Barnabas'
Sunday 27 April 2025 Easter 2; Low Sunday Acts 5.27-32 Revelation 1.4-8 John 20.19-31		

This week is Easter Week

Sunday Space for You

an hour of quiet reflection with prayer and music. **Sun 27 Apr at 18:30** at St Barnabas'.

Toddlers Group meets on Tues 13:00-15:00 and Thurs 9:00-11:00, in St Barnabas' Hall in term time. *Next meeting 22 April.*

Scrabble and Cake

Wed 23 Apr 14:30-16:30 in St Barnabas' Café. Come and enjoy games, refreshments and company. £3.50 in aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund. All welcome.

Mothers' Union

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.

Friday Lunches

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 25 April)

The next **Saturday Market** takes place in St Barnabas' Cafe on **26 Apr, 10:00-11:30**. Come and join us for bargains and refreshments. In aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund

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 for the Organ Fund.

Parish Prayer Group

Wed 30 Apr 14:00 at St Nicholas'. Please join us at St Nicholas' as we pray for our Parish, its clergy and its outreach.

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.

Spring Fair raffle prizes

For the raffle this year we are hoping to create hampers each with a spring/summer theme. Lists of items needed to make up the hampers will be put at the back of church next week, just put your name by the item you would like donate, minimising duplicates. Hopefully each church will be able to make up two hampers.

Also any general donations for the fair would be very much appreciated, toiletries, bottles, jars, cakes (on the day preferably), unwanted gifts, good quality pre-loved items.

Electoral Roll

There are now lists at back of both churches with the names of those on the electoral roll. If you wish to be on the roll please check to see if your name is there. If your name is not on the roll and you wish to be included please complete an electoral roll form and return to me Jane Stanford asap. Thank you.

Payments to the Parish

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

If you need help, call the Office.



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