



4 May 2025

Easter 3



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 Canon Penny Foreman
Preacher Deborah Cowie

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We all go through periods of difficulty during our lifetime. Perhaps you are facing a challenge at the moment? When life gets tough, we can feel lost, isolated, confused or afraid. Perhaps life's changes are not what we planned or hoped for. At such times, we might want to return to the way life had been when things felt safe. It is tempting to try to go back and adopt earlier patterns of behaviour.

In today's Gospel Reading, Peter and some of the other disciples had left Jerusalem and returned to the Sea of Tiberius, to where it all began. They returned to what they knew, fishing. As they went back to their old ways, how had it come to this? They had just experienced a dark night fishing but also a dark night of the soul.

However, in amongst the grief and the darkness, Jesus is there and in commenting on the empty nets, he acknowledges their feelings of emptiness. Jesus instructs them to cast their nets on the other side of the boat which symbolises a change of direction. Jesus calls his disciples to move away from death and into resurrection life. The darkness of the night breaks into a new day that is flooded with light. The Last Supper becomes the first breakfast with the Risen Lord.

We have the choice to cast our nets on the other side and to live our lives as Resurrection People. Pain and death are a reality of life but Jesus meets us in the darkness just as he did his dear friends on the beach.

There was that tender moment when Jesus asked Peter 'Do you love me?' and Peter has the opportunity to respond. In that response, past transgressions are forgiven and Jesus gives Peter a mission to 'feed his sheep.' Peter is given a new purpose. Life goes on and life has purpose. Jesus offered Peter life in all its fullness. He offers the same to us.

Praise the Lord.

Canon Penny

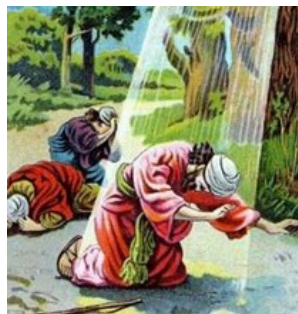
Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Reading Acts 9.1-6

And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, and desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there



shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the

Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

Reading Revelation 5.11-14

And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice,

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive

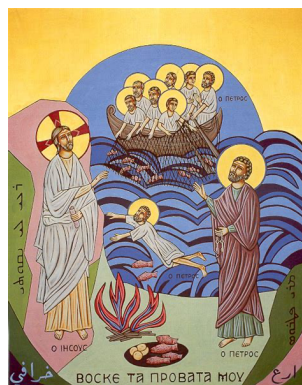


power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying,

Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

Gospel John 21.1-19

After these things Jesus shewed himself again



to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he himself. There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two

other of his disciples. Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea. And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes. As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught. Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken. Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the

disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise. This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead. So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

Post Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

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

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

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 6 May	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 8 May	10:30 VE80 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 11 May	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'
Sunday 11 May 2025 Easter 4 Acts 9.36-43 Revelation 7.9-17 John 10.22-30		

Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **9 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 7 May**. 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.

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.

Plant Sale

Sat 10 May, at St Barnabas', 10:00-11:30. In aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment. Donations of plants and gardening items welcomed. Anyone willing to help on the day please sign the list at St Barnabas' or ring Phyl on (01293) 883362. Thank you.

APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at St Barnabas' on **Sun 11 May at 11:30**.

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

In May Messy Church will be on **Sat 17 May** and **Wed 21 May**; both 15:00-16:30, at St Barnabas'.

This month: The Bread of Life

Crafting – making soda bread.

Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and have fun!



Spring Fair

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.

Vocations Day

For anyone wondering if God is calling them to ordained ministry in the Church of England.

Sat 10 May 10:30-5:00, St Mary's Church Centre, Causeway, Horsham RH12 1HE

To register interest please contact annie.compton@chichester.anglican.org

Thank You

Thank you so much for your good wishes and contributions towards my 'significant birthday' collection. It was a lovely surprise. Greta

Mothers' Union

Wed 14 May 14:00 – 16:30 at St Barnabas' Café, Mothers' Union are holding **Quiet Afternoon**, with a difference, led by Deborah Matthews, from East Grinstead, followed by refreshments. **EVERYONE** is welcome to join us, it is not just for members!

Sat 17 May Mothers' Union are hosting a Coffee Morning to raise funds for AFIA, our **Away From It All** Holiday project. Home-made cakes, second hand books and Bric-a-Brac, will be on sale. Come see what we do to help others in need, everyone is welcome.

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