



WORTH PARISH

ancient and present in Crawley

1 June 2025

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 Child Friendly Eucharist St Barnabas'
with Baptisms
Celebrant & Preacher Revd Sarah Upchurch

10:00 Sung Eucharist St Nicholas'
Celebrant Fr Michael Boag
Preacher Fr Francis Pole

12:00 Baptism St Nicholas'

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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.

One of the lovely passages in John's Gospel is what is known as Jesus' High Priestly Prayer. (John 1.20ff) This is to be found towards the end of his Farewell discourses (John 13-17), a collection of Jesus' messages to his disciples, and recorded by John for posterity. Here Jesus prays not only for His disciples but also for all future believers. The 'future believers', of course, includes you and me – living as we do in this in this 21st century! The importance of this passage cannot therefore be overstated, and has a relevance for all of us. So, what is it about?

Jesus desires that all believers be intimately united with Him, just as He is one with the Father. This unity is not to be merely between Christian churches, but is to be something that is individual, spiritual, and rooted in love, truth and peace.

Jesus knows that future believers will come to faith through the message of His followers, so he emphasises the importance of spreading the Gospel. But we can really only achieve this if we are united with one another in heart and mind, regardless of any opposition we might face. A church that is seen to be divided at any level will not be effective.

The unity and love among believers, first seen in the Early Church, serves as a testimony to the world - demonstrating the truth of Jesus' mission and the love of God.

May we radiate these in our own lives
and in the life of this Parish.

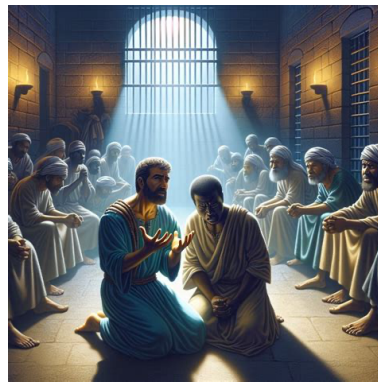
Fr Francis

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 16.16-34

And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour. And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers, And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans. And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them. And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the gælor to keep them safely: Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks. And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm:

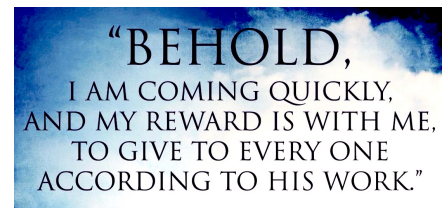


for we are all here. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be

saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

Reading Revelation 22.12-14,16-17,20-21

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every



man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Gospel John 17.20-26

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their



word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou

hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

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 3 June	The Martyrs of Uganda 1885-87 and 1977 (C)
Wed 4 June	Petroc, Abbot of Padstow 6 th century (C)
Thur 5 June	Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton, Bishop, Apostle of Germany, Martyr 754 (LF)
Fri 6 June	Ini Kopuria, Founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood 1945 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 3 June	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 5 June	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sat 7 June	15:00 Messy Church	St Barnabas'
Sun 8 June	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist 12:00 Baptism	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas' St Nicholas'
Sunday 8 June 2025 Pentecost Acts 2.1-21 Romans 8.14-17 John 14.8-17		

Advance Notice

Greta's Licensing as Priest in Charge for St Alban's Gossops Green and Bewbush, will be on **Wed 3 Sept at 19:00**. If you plan to attend, please let Joan Tick or Don Hewerdine know.

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

Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **6 June** 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 4 June**. Profits for Parish funds. The lunches are for everyone, why not bring a friend and give us a try. All welcome!

Malcolm Booker

Brenda Booker is very sad to report that after many months of illness Malcolm has peacefully passed away. He was a regular member of the congregation over many years. Please hold Malcolm's family and friends in your prayers,
The Funeral will be in Church on
19 June at 12:00.
May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

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

In June Messy Church will be on **Sat 7 June** and **Wed 11 June**;

both 15:00-16:30, at St Barnabas'.

This month: The Parable of the Talents.

Uncovering our Hidden Abilities.

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



Sunday 8 June - Five Gardens for £5.

Five members of our Parish have agreed to open their gardens to raise money for the St Nicholas' Organ Fund.

The Rectory garden is number 1, and serves as the hub where you'll be able to get a tea and coffee, buy some plants, and buy the ticket to visit the other 4 on the day.

Starts immediately after the 10:00 Eucharist, and most of the gardens close at 16:00.

The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas' meets

Every **Friday** at 19:00

For Year Groups 7-11. Entry free.

Weekly during term time.

THE STORY OF ENGLISH FREEDOM

Presented by Andy Thomas

4 June 2025, 7.30pm for 8pm
At The Circle, St Barnabas, Pound Hill



From the rebellions of Boudicca against Roman invaders to Magna Carta, the Peasants' Revolt and the modern Poll Tax riots, from the revolutionary ideas put forward in Cromwellian times to influential movers and shakers such as Thomas Paine, the Suffragettes, and George Orwell, 'Freedom' has

always been a key issue in English history. Andy shines a light on the most significant leaps of the centuries and sees how they still resonate today and why guarding freedom still matters as much as ever.

Andy Thomas *Andy Thomas is a leading researcher into "histories and mysteries" and author of many books, including 'The New Heretics', 'Conspiracies' and 'Christmas', as well as books on Sussex history. Andy widely writes and lectures and has made numerous radio and TV appearances: www.truthagenda.org*



Entry fee £3.00

Spring Fair

Many thanks to everyone who helped make Saturday's fair so successful, whether it was by donating items, making and selling cakes, preparing lunches and manning the Café, help with setting up and clearing away or running a stall, your help, as ever, was invaluable. A little over £1,200 was raised for Parish funds, so well done all.

Stella Stratton

We are sorry to report the death of Stella Stratton (mother-in-law of Sue) on Thursday 22 May.

Stella was a regular attendee at the St Nicholas' 8:00 service for many years. Please hold Stella's family and friends in your prayers.
May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

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