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8 June 2025

Pentecost



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 Fr Michael Boag
Preacher Fr Neil Vigers*

12:00 Baptism St Nicholas'

*The Revd Neil Vigers, Programme Executive in the office of Unity, Faith and Order of the Anglican Communion Office. Fr Neil facilitates the communion's ecumenical and doctrinal work and is based at the Anglican Communion Office in London. He is Secretary to the International Anglican Liturgical Consultation and has a particular role in the production and publication of reports and other theological resources.

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The presence of someone we love, someone familiar to us, creates joy and contentment and stimulates communication at different levels – visual, oral and shared awareness. Mutual presence is savoured. The absence of such a person calls for trust, hope and faith. Christ in this part of his farewell discourse to his disciples in trying to answer his disciples' concerns about life after he has gone from their everyday experience. Prior to today's Gospel passage, Thomas has already admitted to Christ that the disciples do not know where he is going. (v5) and has elicited the famous response 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.' (v6). In response to Philip's request 'Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied.' (v8) Christ then defines the mutuality of God the Father and God the Son and promises that actions requested in his name will indeed cause God in his glory to respond. Christ then reinforces this by stating that he is asking his Father to send an 'Advocate', 'the Spirit of Truth', which will abide with them. This is a promise of overwhelming power: a divine animator, inspirer, guide and reminder of Christ's teachings will come into their lives. That is what we commemorate today – the Feast of Pentecost - when this divine gift, the Holy Spirit, was conferred on the disciples and made available to us. We still need trust, hope and faith because the Holy Spirit will not airbrush out of existence all life's difficulties and tragedies, but we can live our lives in the knowledge that the Holy Spirit is an antidote to troubled hearts and a permanent reminder of the Peace of Christ.

Gordon

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. Divided tongues, as



of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on

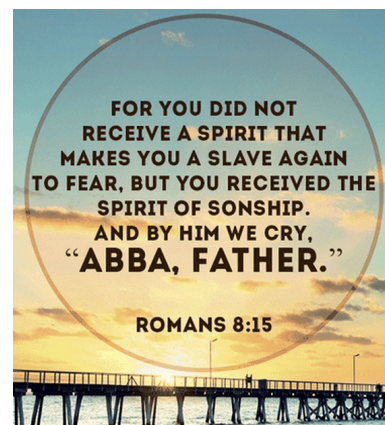
each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking 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 8.14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit

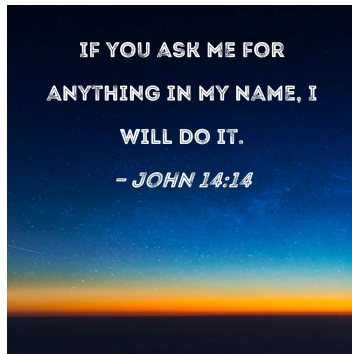


that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Gospel John 14.8-17

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one

who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in



my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another

Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in 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**

Festivals this week	
Mon 9 Jun	Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary 597 (LF) Ephrem of Syria, Deacon, Hymn Writer, Teacher 373 (C)
Wed 11 Jun	Barnabas the Apostle (F)
Sat 14 Jun	Richard Baxter, Puritan Divine 1691 (C)
(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration	

St Barnabas' Julian Group

meets on **Mon 9 Jun** 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.

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.

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 10 Jun	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Wed 11 Jun	15:00 Messy Church	St Barnabas'
Thur 12 Jun	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sat 14 Jun	13:00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Sun 15 Jun	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'
Sunday 15 June 2025 Trinity Sunday Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31 Romans 5.1-5 John 16.12-15		

St Nicholas' Julian Group

meets on **Wed 11 Jun** at **12:00** for half an hour of silent prayer. Please feel free to join us - everyone welcome!

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

In June the second Messy Church will be on **Wed 11**

June; 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!



Friday Lunches

Friday lunch on **13 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 11 June**. 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.

Malcolm Booker

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.

Stella Stratton

We are sorry to report the death of
Stella Stratton on Thursday 22 May.
Please hold Stella's family and friends in
your prayers.
May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

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.

Magazine Copy Deadline

The copy deadline for the next Parish Magazine is
15 June.

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