



15 February 2026 Sunday next before Lent



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	Canon Penny Foreman
10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Fr Michael Boag
12:00 Baptism	St Nicholas'

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This week's Gospel Reading describes the
Transfiguration of Jesus.

It was the custom of Jesus, when facing a
particular challenge, to withdraw to a solitary
place, in order to draw close to his Father in
prayer. On this particular occasion, he took
three of his close companions with him. They
were Peter, James and John and in their
presence, Jesus was transfigured. We are told
that 'his face shone like the sun, and his
clothes became dazzling white.'

In itself, this must have been a startling sight,
but in addition to this momentous event,
Moses and Elijah appeared and they were
conversing with Jesus. Peter, ever the activist,
wanted to mark the occasion by building
three dwellings, one for Moses, one for Elijah
and one for Jesus. Presumably, he was keen to
commemorate the place where this
extraordinary occurrence had taken place.

However, before Peter could start his building
project, he was overtaken by events because
a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a
voice said 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with
him I am well pleased; listen to him!'

The Transfiguration was important because it
strengthened and affirmed Jesus as he
prepared to face what lay ahead. It was also
important for the disciples because they were
able to glimpse Jesus in his glory. Jesus was in
the very place where heaven and earth touch.

Perhaps now, as we approach Lent, it is a
good time for us to reflect on any
transformative moments that we may have
experienced. Those times when we have seen
the light of Christ; moments when the
transcendental has touched us. These are the
moments that have brought joy in the present
and hope for the future.

Canon Penny

Collect

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reading *Exodus 24.12-18.*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh



day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel.

Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reading *2 Peter 1.16-21*

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until

the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of



scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Gospel *Matthew 17.1-9*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was



transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to

them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 17 Feb	10:30 Shrove Tuesday Service	St Barnabas'
Wed 18 Feb	13:00 Ash Wednesday Service 20:00 Ash Wednesday Service	St Barnabas' St Nicholas'
Thur 19 Feb	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Fri 20 Feb	14:00 Burial of Ashes Margaret Pring	St Nicholas'
Sun 22 Feb	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Child Friendly Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'
Sunday 22 February 2026 Lent I Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 Romans 5.12-19 Matthew 4.1-11		

Festivals this week

Tues 17 Feb	Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr 1977 (LF)
Wed 18 Feb	Ash Wednesday (F)
(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. *This week – Half Term.*

MU DISTRICT SHRIVING SERVICE

On **Tues 17 Feb 10:30** (usual Tuesday service with a difference) followed by Pancakes.

ALL ARE WELCOME

The Hangout

Youth Club at St Barnabas' meets
Every **Friday** at 19:00 during Term
This week: Half Term

Friday Lunches

The next lunch will be on **20 Feb**. Please book your place for the 20 Feb with the Office or the Café by **Wed 18 Feb**.

We are still in need of some more cooks, so do let us know if you can help out. Thank you

Jumble Sale

at St Barnabas', 10:00-11:30 on **Sat 21 Feb** in aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment Fund. We have nowhere to store items so please do not bring items for sale until the Fri evening 20 Feb between 19:00 and 20:00 or on the Sat morning from 9:00. Anyone willing to help with the sale please sign the list at St Barnabas' or contact Phyl on 07895 052729. Thank you.

Scrabble and Cake

Wed 25 Feb, 14:00-16:00 in St Barnabas' Café. Come and enjoy games, refreshments and chat. £4 in aid of St Barnabas Refurbishment Fund. All welcome.

Parish Prayer Group

Meets on **Wed 25 Feb** at 19:00 at St Barnabas'. Join us to pray for our Parish, our clergy, our outreach and the congregations.

Saturday Market

28 Feb, 10:00-11:30, in St Barnabas' Café. Come and find a bargain and enjoy refreshments. In aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
A service for everyone!

Friday 6 March

I will give you rest, come

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EVERYONE VERY WELCOME
TO ONE OF OUR SERVICES IN CRAWLEY

10.30 am St John the Baptist
Church Walk RH10 1HH
Followed by refreshments at the Friary Hall RH10 1HR

18.30 Gatwick Seventh Day Adventist
Lowfield Heath RH11 0PQ
(the church by the runway)

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WHEN YOU THINK
ABOUT IT, THE
TRANSFIGURATION IS
JUST WEIRD.

IT IS
MYSTERIOUS...

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BUT THE SYMBOLISM IS PRETTY CLEAR.
JESUS IS THE ENDURING WORD OF
GOD, PROCLAIMED THROUGH DEATH
ALL THE WAY TO RESURRECTION.

THE RAPHAELI

YOU GOT ALL THAT
FROM THREE GUYS
STANDING IN THE FOG?

MATTHEW 17:1-9

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