



15 March 2026
Lent 4
Mothering Sunday



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'
Celebrant & Preacher Revd Sarah Upchurch

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

Please try our QR code to
donate to Worth Parish.
Scan this code with a
smartphone to take you
straight to a giving page.



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.

First of all: congratulations to all mothers
on this Mothering Sunday. I doubt that St
Paul, if he knew that we were keeping this
special day, would have changed the recipe
he provides for Christian living (see
Colossians) which is not only for mothers,
but for us all!

As you know, what we *choose* to wear
each day be it smart, casual or whatever, is
up to us! That said, St Paul is clear that,
because we are God's people as Christ's
followers, we should put on compassion,
kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
Not only that, we should bear with each
other and forgive one another – just as
the Lord forgives us. All these attitudes
are choices we should make in our
relationships: with our families, but also
with friends, colleagues, acquaintances –
and even with strangers.

Through all these, Paul says, we need to
love. After all, it is love that is the thread
that holds Christian life together. Without
love, kindness can become mere
politeness, patience becomes tolerance,
and faith is a duty rather than our
response to God's love for you and for
me.

St Paul also encourages us to live at peace,
with God's word dwelling in us, and to do
everything thankfully. As Christians,
because we are loved by God, we live '*in*
the world, but are not of the world'; we
have different values. All of us are, or
should be, united in love, and guided by
Christ's peace.

May today be a special day for all the
Mums in our Parish.

Fr Francis

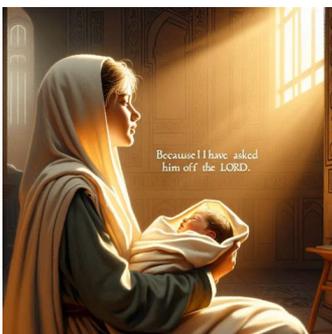
Collect

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading *1 Samuel 1.20-28*

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a Nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only - may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the



Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him.

Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.'

She left him there for the Lord.

Reading *Colossians 3.12-17*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must

forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



Gospel *Luke 2.33-35*



And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the

rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

Lent Course

Led by Deborah Cowie, concludes on **21 Mar** in the Café, starting at 13:00 with soup and bread and ending at 14:30.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 17 Mar	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 19 Mar	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 22 Mar	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'

Sunday 22 March 2026

Lent 5

Ezekiel 37.1-14 Romans 8.6-11
John 11.1-45

Festivals this week

Tues 17 Mar	Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland c.460 (LF)
Wed 18 Mar	Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher 386 (C)
Thur 19 Mar	Joseph of Nazareth (F)
Fri 20 Mar	Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary 687 (LF)
Sat 21 Mar	Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr 1556 (LF)

(F) Festival; (LF) Lesser Festival; (C) Commemoration

The Hangout

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

Friday Lunches

The next lunch will be on **10 Apr**. Please book your place for the 10 Apr with the Office or the Café by **Wed 8 Apr**.

We are still in need of some more cooks, so do let us know if you can help out (help and advice given).

Spring Clean at St Nicholas'

The annual Spring Clean at St Nicholas' will be on **Sat 21 Mar** 10:00 – 12:30. If you can help, even for a shorter time, I should, of course, be very grateful. Bring your own cleaning tools if you wish. If you could let me know if you are able to help that would be very useful.

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I look forward to seeing you - refreshments will be provided when we have finished - Thank you in advance. Jill Freeborn

Parish Prayer Group

Meets on **Wed 25 Mar** at 14:30 at St Nicholas'. Join us to pray for our Parish, our clergy, our outreach and the congregations.

Scrabble and Cake

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

We're HIRING!



Admin Assistant

Part time (6 hours per week)

Salary- **£25,583 (FTE)**

Who are we?

The Lighthouse Project is an ecumenical Christian charity which has been working with children and young people in Crawley schools for over 20 years. The charity is a local mission partner with Scripture Union and is focused on sharing the Christian faith and values through assemblies, lunch clubs, RE workshops and Eliv8 mentoring.

Whats the role?

- To send out various communications, including to churches and supporters, regarding matters of faith and items for prayer.
- To keep website updated.
- To be responsible for maintaining safe recruitment processes for volunteers.
- To maintain and update policies.
- To assist the Project Leader with various admin tasks.

There is an occupational requirement that the post holder is a committed Christian.

**Closing date
5pm- 25.03.26**

Interviews- 31.03.26

For more information or to get an application pack please contact Lizzie Ashley on 07766190315 or lizzie.ashley@lighthouseprojectcrawley.org

Pewsheets Editor

From **15 March** Denyse Mumford will be taking over the Pewsheets.

Material for inclusion should be sent to:
pewsheets@worthparish.org or
denysesmith@hotmail.co.uk

Mothers' Union

meets in St Barnabas' on **26 Mar** at 16:00.
We will be praying and learning a little bit about our Link Branches around the world.
Followed by tea and biscuits. All are welcome.

Recycling

We continue to recycle **milk bottle tops**. Containers are now available in the Narthex and on Sue's doorstep. Please deliver **by the end of March**.

We also collect used postage **stamps** (for the Hospice) and used **printer cartridges** (for McIndoe); please deliver to the Narthex.
Thank you!

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