



**29 March 2026**

**Palm 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 Sung Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Sarah Upchurch
10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher	Fr Michael Boag

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Today is Palm Sunday. We remember that this is the day when Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem, greeted by crowds waving palm branches and shouting, "Hosanna!" They welcomed Him as a king—full of hope, expectation, and excitement.

And yet, this event holds a deeper meaning for us. Not only did Jesus **not** come as the kind of king people expected. He came in humility, riding on a donkey, bringing peace and love, rather than power.

This week, which we call Holy Week, reminds us that the same crowds who praised Him would, within days, turn away from him. But today, Palm Sunday, also reminds us how easy it is to celebrate God in moments of joy, yet struggle to remain faithful in times of challenge: a lesson for us all!

So, thinking about this we need to ask ourselves: Do we only welcome and follow Jesus when life is going well, or are we prepared to follow Him all the way to the cross? There's the challenge!

You see, Palm Sunday is not just a celebration—it is a call. A call to follow Christ with unwavering hearts, through both joy and sacrifice, trusting Him always - remembering that His way leads to true, everlasting life.

*Fr Francis*

## Collect

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory

**Amen**

## Reading *Matthew 21: 1-11*

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."



## Reading *Philippians 2. 5-11*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born

in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Gospel *Matthew 27: 11-24*

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who



is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

### Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen**

### CLOSURE OF WORTH ROAD

We have been advised by local Councillors that the resurfacing (and replacement of traffic calming) of Worth Road will probably now take place from Monday 30 March between 8am and 6pm. However they have been assured that vehicular access will be maintained - follow the diversion signs. They also say that all footpaths will be unaffected.

Holy week services		
Tues 31 Mar	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Maundy Thursday 2 April	10:30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	18:00 Meal, Foot washing and Holy Communion	St Barnabas'
	20:00 Sung Eucharist, Foot Washing and the Watch	St Nicholas'
Good Friday 3 April	11:00 Unity Service	Queens Square. Crawley Town Centre
	14:00 Liturgy	St Nicholas'
	19:00 Stations of the Cross	St Barnabas'
Holy Saturday 4 April	20:00 Easter Vigil Sung Eucharist and Baptism	St Nicholas'
Easter Day 5 April	06:00 Sunrise Service	Worth Park lake
	08:15 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	10:00 Sung Eucharist with Egg hunt	St Nicholas
	10:00 Eucharist with Egg hunt	St Barnabas'
<b>Sunday 5 April 2026</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b>  Acts 10. 34-43    Col. 3. 1-4 Mathew 28. 1-10		

## NOTICES

### **Maundy Thursday,**

2 April, 6pm, Supper and Eucharist at St Barnabas'. Please sign the list at St Barnabas if you are attending this service ( for catering purposes), by **TODAY**.

### **Easter Flowers at St Nicholas'**

We welcome donations towards the Easter flowers at Saint Nicholas, in memory of loved ones.

### **Easter Garden St Barnabas'**

We invite children and parents to come and Plant the Easter Garden on Sat 4 April, at St Barnabas' at 10am

### **Easter Garden St Nicholas'**

Children are invited to come and plant the Easter garden at St Nicholas' on Sat 4 April 15:00. Please bring some small plants to put into the garden. Pansies, primrose etc

**The Sunrise Eucharist at Milton Mount Lake** at 6:00 on Easter Day will be followed by breakfast at United reformed church.

Please let David Anderson know (for catering purposes) if you shall be attending. "stbwarden@worthparish.org"

### **Easter garden competition**

Children are invited to make a shoebox sized Easter garden for our new Easter competition. Prize will be awarded. Please bring your boxes to the Easter Sunday service on the 5 April at St. Barnabas'.

### **Prayers for Confirmation**

In your prayers, please remember the members of our congregation who will be confirmed on April 13. The confirmation will take place at Holy Trinity in Forest Row at 7:30pm.

### **St Barnabas' Julian Group**

meets on Mon 13 Apr at 14:00 in St Barnabas'. Old and new friends very welcome

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### **Toddlers Group**

meets on Tues 13:00-15:00 and  
Thurs 9:00-11:00, in St Barnabas' Hall  
in term time. Next meeting after  
Easter.

### **The Hangout**

Youth Club at St Barnabas' meets  
Every **Friday** at 19:00  
For Year Groups 7-11. Entry free.  
Weekly during term time.  
(Next meets after Easter)