



# WORTH PARISH

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**05 April 2026**  
**Easter Sunday**



Welcome to St Barnabas', Pound Hill and St Nicholas', Worth.

This sheet details the readings in today's services as well as notices for everyone.

## SERVICES TODAY

Some services are shown on Facebook

08:15 Said Eucharist (BCP) Celebrant & Preacher	St Nicholas' Revd Gordon Parry
10:00 Sung Eucharist & Baptism Celebrant & Preacher	St Barnabas' Revd Sarah Upchurch
10:00 Sung Eucharist Celebrant & Preacher	St Nicholas' Fr Michael Boag

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The Gospel accounts of the Resurrection of Jesus in Matthew, Mark and Luke record fear, terror, alarm and amazement among those who came to the empty tomb. In John (as we heard last night at the Easter Vigil), there is confusion and weeping too. Uncertainties, doubts and difficulties. These must seem strange starting points for those coming forward, as adults, for baptism. We all want certainty and an optimistic outlook, both of which are key elements in any sales pitch; from washing powder to financial investment. The Christian experience understands the differences between optimism and hope, certainty and faith. Christian joy is altogether more robust and deeper than cheerfulness or happiness. It is able to go deep into our souls and encompass everything it finds in the dark recesses of our memories, whether of pain and loss, grief and failure and bring them out into the healing presence of God's light. This imagery echoes the Orthodox icon of Christ's descent into Hell, showing Jesus grasping Adam and Eve by their hands, to raise them from their tombs. Thus the Resurrection is celebrated as the reversal of the Fall, the creation of a new humanity—baptism means new life in Christ—victory over and release from death, the ultimate healing of our souls and bodies.

Christ is risen from the dead!  
Trampling down death by death!  
And upon those in the tomb bestowing life. May the joy of the Resurrection that fills the universe, fill your hearts and minds this Easter Day!

Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed.  
Alleluia!

*Fr Michael*

## Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

## Reading Acts 10. 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."



## Reading Col. 3. 1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When

Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

## Gospel Mathew 28. 1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great

earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became



like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he<sup>\*</sup> lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead,<sup>\*</sup> and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.'" This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

## Post Communion

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 7 Apr	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 9 Apr	10:30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 12 Apr	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'

### Sunday 12 April 2026 Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2. 14a 22-32    1 Peter 1. 3-9  
John 20. 19-end

## 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 30th 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.

### Toddlers Group

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

### The Hangout

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

## NOTICES

St Nicholas' Julian Group meets on **Wed 8 April** at 12:00 for half an hour of silent prayer. Please feel free to join us - everyone welcome

**St Barnabas' Julian Group** meets on **Mon 13 April.** at 14:00 in St Barnabas'. Old and new friends very welcome

### Confirmation

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

### Friday Lunches

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

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

### Saturday Market

**11 April,** 10.00- 11.30, in St Barnabas Cafe. In aid of St Barnabas Refurbishment. All welcome.

### Scrabble and Cake

**Wed 22 April,** St Barnabas' Café, 14:00-16:00. Come and enjoy games, refreshments and company. £4, in aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment. All welcome.

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

In April, Messy  
Church will

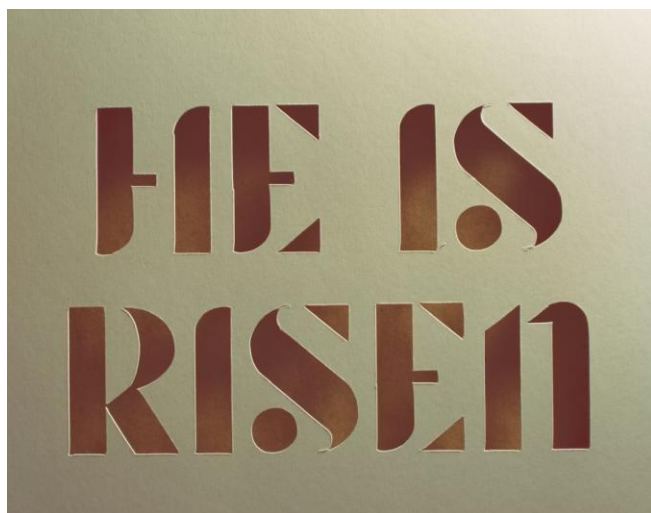
be on Sat 18 April

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

This month's theme is Jesus' appearances  
after Easter.



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



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RIGHT!? AND HE OFFERS  
THEM THE STANDARD  
GREETING, LIKE IT'S  
NO BIG DEAL!



WOW! THAT TOTALLY  
BRINGS NEW MEANING  
TO "WHAT'S UP?"



MATTHEW 28:1-10

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