



Welcome to  
**12 April 2026**

## **Easter 2 Low Sunday**

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) Celebrant Preacher	St Nicholas' Rev'd Gordon Parry Deborah Cowie
10:00 Sung Eucharist Celebrant & Preacher	St Barnabas' Canon Penny Foreman
10:00 Sung Eucharist Celebrant Preacher	St Nicholas' Rev'd Gordon Parry Seb Pelissier

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The apprehensive disciples, without Thomas, met together behind a locked door, uncertain what to expect following the rumours of the Resurrection. Jesus appeared amongst them – the locked door was no barrier to him – gave them his peace, revealed his pierced hands and side and was received with great joy by the disciples. With peace, Jesus then 'sent' them into the world, with the gift of God's Holy Spirit. At the disciples' next gathering together, Jesus again appeared, gave them his peace and invited Thomas to touch and see the marks of his crucifixion. In exclaiming 'My Lord and My God', Thomas was utterly convinced, although Jesus made it clear that belief without corroboration through physical evidence would evoke the blessings of God. Nowadays, why and what we believe is seen by many as subjective. In the dialogue between Pontius Pilate and Jesus, revisited in our Good Friday liturgy, Pilate asks Jesus 'What is truth?' That question is debated to this day. There are those who hold that whatever they may themselves believe is necessarily 'the truth' and that the different 'truths' held by individuals are equally valid. This view often corrupts the use of social media. Then there are those who assert that information derived from scientific enquiry is the only 'truth'. Religious believers argue that the kernel of their faith is 'truth'. Historians often claim that their efforts to explore the 'facts' of a past event will lead them to the 'truth' about it. Do our memories always hold truthful evidence of what we have previously experienced? How do faith, belief and their embodiment in the Church deal with our understanding of the world, of truth – and of God?

*Reverend Gordon*

## Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

**Amen**

## Reading Acts 2. 14a 22-32



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. 'You that are

Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know- this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to

Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.'" This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

## Reading 1 Peter 1. 3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire- may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## Gospel John 20. 19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear



of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Post Communion**

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
 you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Amen**

**The Hangout**  
 Youth Club at St Barnabas' meets  
 Every **Friday** at 19:00 during term time

<b>SERVICES THIS WEEK</b>		
Tues 14 Apr	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 16 Apr	10:30 Healing Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 19 Apr	8:15 Eucharist (BCP) 10:00 Sung Eucharist 10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas' St Barnabas' St Nicholas'
<p><b>Sunday 19 April 2026</b>  <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>            Acts 2. 14a. 36-41       Peter 1. 17-23            Luke 24. 13-35</p>		

**NOTICES**

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'.  
 Topic: Easter!  
 Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and have fun!

**The Circle**

Meets next on **Wed 15 April** Stewart Lock will be giving a talk on the history of Ifield barn theatre. This will be held in St Barnabas' café . Refreshments from 19:00. Talk starts at 19:30

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

### St Barnabas' Julian Group

meets on **Mon 13 Apr.** 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 Apr.** The confirmation will take place at Holy Trinity in Forest Row at 7:30pm.

### Friday Lunches

The next lunch will be on **15 May.** Please book your place for the 15 May with the Office or the Café by **Wed 13 May**

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

### Scrabble and Cake

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

### Plant Sale

**Sat 9 May,** at St Barnabas', 10:00-11:30. In aid of St Barnabas' Refurbishment. Donations of plants and gardening items welcomed.

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