



Welcome to
19 April 2026
Easter 3

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' Revd Gordon Parry
10:00 Sung Eucharist Celebrant Preacher	St Barnabas' Revd Sarah Upchurch Seb Pelissier
10:00 Sung Eucharist Celebrant & Preacher	St Nicholas' Fr Michael Boag

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The story of the road to Emmaus is one many of us can recognise. Two disciples walk away from Jerusalem, weighed down by disappointment and confusion. "We had hoped." They say words that echo our own when life does not turn out as we expected. As they walk, Jesus comes alongside them, but they do not recognise him. Instead of correcting them immediately, he listens. He allows them to tell their story, their grief, and their dashed hopes. Then, gently, he opens the Scriptures to them, helping them see that God is still at work, even in what seemed like failure. When they reach their destination, they urge him, "Stay with us." Around the table, as bread is taken, blessed, and broken, their eyes are opened. They recognise Jesus and, in that moment, everything changes. This Gospel passage reminds us that we are never alone on our journey. Even when we feel lost, uncertain, or distant from God, Christ walks beside us. Often, we do not recognise him straight away, but he is present in Scripture, in companionship, and in the simple sharing of bread. This week let us take a moment each day to pray, "Lord, stay with me," and watch for the quiet ways Christ may already be near.


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Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Reading Acts 2. 14a 36-41



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. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified. 'Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reading 1 Peter 1. 17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have

genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Gospel Luke 24. 13-35



Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came

near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Post Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

A gentle **Service of Light** at St Nicholas takes place at 1700 on the last Saturday of each month from **25 April**. This quiet gathering offers space for anyone navigating grief, stress, change, or simply the weight of life. Through stillness, candle-lighting, and moments of reflection, the service creates a calm, supportive environment to pause, breathe, and find renewed hope. Open to all, whatever your background or beliefs.

Toddlers Group

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

NOTICES

Funeral for Christine Evans

Christine's funeral is taking place in St Richard's Chapel at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium **Mon 20 April at 14.15**.
Gordon will be the officiant.

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.

MOTHERS' UNION

we invite you to join us for a St. Georges Day Service followed by a quiz and tea and biscuits.
St Barnabas Church 16:00 on **23 April**.
Hope to see you there.

Worth & Pound Hill Mothers' Union

Invite you to a Coffee Morning on Saturday **25 April** 10:00- 12:00
Selling Books, Home Made Cake and Raffle. Please come and join us.
All are 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.

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).

The Hangout

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

