



Welcome to
26 April 2026
Easter 4

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'
Fr Michael Boag

10:00 Child friendly Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher

St Barnabas'
Revd Sarah Upchurch

10:00 Sung Eucharist
Celebrant
Preacher

St Nicholas'
Fr Michael Boag
Deborah Cowie

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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.

The first believers were a church community
deeply aware of God's presence in their lives—full
of wonder and awe, spending time together in
worship and at home, it sounds exciting!

Our context today is very different, are the
principles that underpinned that first community
still relevant? (It is wise to remember that not
everything would have been perfect, throughout
the Bible there is refreshing honesty about human
relationships). So, let's ask ourselves: which
aspects of that early community do we recognise
in our own lives, and which can we hope for and
encourage?

The first believers devoted themselves to four key
things:

- the teaching of the apostles
- fellowship
- the breaking of bread
- and prayer

Do we read Scripture at home? Could we say
grace before meals? Could friendships within the
church continue beyond Sunday?

Their generosity was also remarkable. They were
ready to share and to give to anyone in
need. Could we commit to regular giving for the
upkeep of the Churchyard, or review our
monetary gifts to better support the life of the
parish?

They were also attentive to God at work among
them. Where have you seen God in your life
recently, or in the lives of others? Sharing these
moments can strengthen and encourage the faith
of our whole community.

And what about prayer and fellowship? Could you
support the parish prayer group, which would
welcome new members? Could you offer
something practical—perhaps cooking a meal once
a month for Friday lunches, enabling
companionship to those who are elderly or
lonely?

As we continue to grow together as a church
community, may we rediscover that same sense of
excitement, awe and wonder of God's presence!

Peace be with you,

Reverend Sarah

Collect

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Reading Acts 2. 42-end

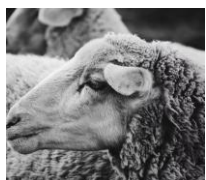


They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the

apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reading 1 Peter 2. 19-end

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten;

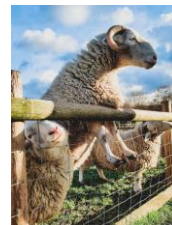


but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free

from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel John 10. 1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'



Post Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:

keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

NOTICES

Service of Light

A gentle service at St Nicholas takes place at 1700 on the last Saturday of each month. 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.

Bishop Martin retires at the end of May, and as a diocesan family we are beginning the search for his successor. Have your say in the appointment at tinyurl.com/next-bishop It will take only a few minutes to complete, and it is open until May 26th. We welcome responses from everyone.

Find out more about the process for appointing our next bishop at www.chichester.anglican.org/vacancy-in-see/

Come and see, a song and a prayer, followed by pizza and lollies. In May Messy Church will be on

Sat 16 May and Wed 20 May 15:00-16:30, at St Barnabas'.

Theme: The events of the last supper
Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and have fun!



Parish Prayer Group

Meets on **Wed 29 Apr** at 19:00 at St Barnabas'.

Join us to pray for our Parish, our clergy, our outreach and the congregations.

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.

St Nicholas' Julian Group

meets on **Wed 13 May** at 12:00 for half an hour of silent prayer.
Please feel free to join us - everyone welcome

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).

Saturday Market

16 May, 10.00 - 11.30, in St Barnabas Cafe. In aid of St Barnabas Refurbishment. All welcome

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 time.

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 28 Apr	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 30 Apr	10:30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 3 May	8:15 Eucharist (BCP)	St Nicholas'
	10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Barnabas'
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Sunday 3 May 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 7. 55- end 1 Peter 2. 2-10 John 14. 1-14		

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