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Welcome to
3 May 2026
Easter 5

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
10:00 Sung Eucharist Celebrant Preacher	St Barnabas' Rev'd Sarah Upchurch Deborah Cowie
10:00 Sung Eucharist Celebrant & Preacher	St Nicholas' Fr Michael Boag

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donate to Worth Parish.
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by electronic payment to: Parish of Worth
Poundhill & Maidenbower, sort code 40-18-22,
account 61223372.

If you need help, call the Office.

In our Gospel reading, Jesus speaks to his disciples before his death, offering comfort and hope. He tells them not to be troubled, but to trust in God and in him. Jesus promises that in his Father's house there are many dwelling places, and he is going to prepare a place for them so they may one day be with him. This passage offers a powerful message for today's world, reminding us to trust in God's guidance even when life feels uncertain. Jesus' assurance that he is "the way, the truth, and the life" provides comfort and direction for anyone seeking purpose or struggling with doubt. We learn that genuine faith enables us to access God's presence, and through prayer, we can participate in Christ's ongoing mission, making a difference in our communities. Ultimately, these verses encourage us to lean on Jesus during challenging times, believe in the hope of eternal life, and embrace the transformative power of faith. By following his example and trusting in his promises, we are invited to live with confidence, compassion, and hope, knowing that we are never alone. With so much war and conflict about, and the personal trials we face, we are encouraged to put our trust in God, to have faith, as Jesus promises that those who believe in him will continue his mission and do great works through the power of prayer. Whatever they ask in his name, in line with God's will, will glorify the Father.

Deborah

Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Reading Acts 7. 55-end

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.



Reading I Peter 2. 2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation- if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own



people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Gospel John 14. 1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

NOTICES

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 from 09:00 on the day.

St Barnabas' Julian Group

meets on **Mon 11 May**. at 14:00 in St
Barnabas'. Old and new friends very
welcome

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.

APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will
be held at St Barnabas' on Sun 17 May at
11:30.

Scrabble and Cake

Wed 27 May, St Barnabas' Café, 14:00
16:00. Come and enjoy games,
refreshments and company. £4, 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' mee...
Every **Friday** at 19:00 during term time.

Parish Spring Fair Sat 30 May

11.30-1.30 at St Barnabas.

Please note: timing on posters incorrect,
fete ends 1.30pm, not 1.00pm as on posters,
apologies.

Not long now until the Parish Spring Fair, and
again we are looking for willing volunteers to
help make a good fair a great fair!

Help is needed on the day with setting up (
hopefully the weather will be kind and the fair
can be held outdoors)

and with clearing up/packing away after event.
As always helpers are needed to run the stalls-
everything needed is provided- you just need to
set up stalls as attractively as possible. Sign up
sheets listing stalls are at back of each church.
Donations of items are always welcome, there
are boxes at back of church and a list of ideas of
items needed, but if you have something not
listed but want to donate please pop it in the
box, all donations appreciated and gratefully
received.

Homemade cakes for the ever popular cake stall
are always in demand so please get baking! - I
would ask that cakes are brought along on
morning of event, if this is not possible please
contact me and I will arrange collection.

Finally, thank you in advance for any help you are
able to offer, but if you are not able to volunteer
at this time please come along and support your
parish, and enjoy a great day out.

Thank you

Jane Stanford on behalf of events committee
07967139168

Messy Church

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!



SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 5 May	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 7 May	10:30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 10 May	8:15 Eucharist (BCP)	St Nicholas'
	10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Barnabas'
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Sunday 10 May 2026 Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 17. 22-31 Peter 3. 13-end John 14. 15-21		

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/

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