



Welcome to
10 May 2026
Easter 6

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
10:00 Sung Eucharist Celebrant & Preacher	St Nicholas' Fr Michael Boag

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Since his resurrection, Jesus has been preparing his disciples for his departure from this earth and his return to his Father. This remarkable section of St John's Gospel is often referred to as Christ's 'farewell discourse'. He reiterates the importance of the keeping of his commandments. He promises the permanent presence of the Holy Spirit which he calls both the 'Advocate', and 'the Spirit of truth'. This will give them a life of love and truth derived from their relationship with Jesus as well as with his Father; a relationship which endures beyond the earthly presence of Jesus. Christ then talks about the relational aspects of love: he is 'in' his Father; they are 'in' Christ and Christ is 'in' them. The proof of the disciples' love for Christ is their keeping of his commandments which will also cause them to be loved by the Father. Finding some time of stillness and tranquillity in which to read this part of St John's Gospel has its 'reward' of understanding that Christ is talking to us, yes us, our situation and our condition. This can be powerful and, indeed, overwhelming. At the start of our King's reign, he emphasised the importance of love, service and community. He has just returned from his visit to the United States where he has commended the processes of reconciliation and renewal that build on the foundations of love, emphasised previously. Surely, the King is being guided by the Holy Spirit, invoked during his Coronation, to animate him in all his dealings with individuals and organisations. All these aims lie at the core of our Christian faith and lead to a better world for all of us. Our world would indeed become so much more like heaven if humanity was united in them.

Gordon

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 17. 22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him-though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."



Reading I Peter 3. 13-end

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to

make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel John 14. 15-21

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another



Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

Electoral Roll

There are now lists at back of both churches with the names of those on the electoral roll. If you wish to be on the roll please check to see if your name is there. If your name is not on the roll and you wish to be included please complete an electoral roll form and return to me Jane Stanford asap. Thank you.

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

Next week's Circle

Wed 13 May Doors open at 19.00 for 19.30 start
A change to the advertised programme due to hospital admission.

Instead of Road Safety by Graham Feest, Charlotte Perry (Physio) will be giving a talk on Keeping Active .

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.

Stephen Mumford

Will be taking part in the London to Brighton, this father's day, to raise money for the British heart foundation. If you would like to donate, please use the QR code below or give cash to Stephen, David or Sarah.



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 12 May	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 14 May	10:30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 17 May	8:15 Eucharist (BCP)	St Nicholas'
	10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Barnabas'
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Sunday 17 May 2026 Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 1. 6-14 1 Peter 4. 12-14 John 17:1-11		

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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I'M SUPPOSED
TO KEEP HIS
COMMANDMENTS
AS A SIGN OF
MY LOVE FOR HIM.



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BUT IF I DO THAT,
WON'T I BE GUILTY OF
"WORKS RIGHTEOUSNESS?"



ONLY IF YOU
DO IT PERFECTLY.



JOHN 14:15-21

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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.