



17 May 2026

Easter 7

Welcome to
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
Deborah Cowie

10:00 Sung Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher

St Barnabas'
Revd Gordon Parry

10:00 Sung Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher

St Nicholas'
Fr Michael Boag

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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.

Following Gordon's contribution last Sunday, today's Gospel, also from John, comes from the Jesus' great prayer to the Father, often known as the "High Priestly Prayer," spoken on the night before his crucifixion. Having prepared his disciples for the events that were to follow, Jesus now turns to prayer: speaking of his earthly ministry as a work faithfully completed, and entrusting his followers into the Father's care. Jesus prays that through his death God's glory will be revealed, and he reminds his disciples that eternal life is found in knowing the one true God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent. This passage also reveals the deep unity between the Father and the Son. The main theme today is Jesus' concern for his disciples. Knowing that he will soon leave them, he prays for their protection, faithfulness, and unity. Although they will continue to live in an uncertain world, Jesus asks that they may remain secure in God's name. His prayer is not only for the first disciples, but also for us who would later come to believe through their witness.

As we hear these words today, remember that that Christ is calling you and me into deeper unity with God and with one another, and inviting us to share in the eternal life and hope that can only be found in him.

Fr. Francis

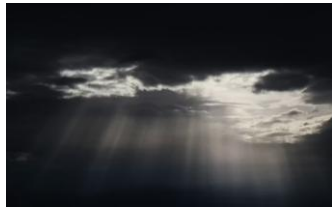
Collect

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Reading Acts 1. 6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to



Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reading 1 Peter 4. 12-14

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed,

because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Gospel John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.



Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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.

NOTICES

The Plant Sale

on 9 May raised £704 for St Barnabas Refurbishment Fund. Thanks to all our supporters

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.

Welcome

A gentle Service of Light

at St Nicholas takes place at 1700 on **Sat 30 May**

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.

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.

Friday Lunches

The next lunch will be on **12 June**. Please book your place for the 12 June with the Office or the Café by **Wed 10 June**.

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

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

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 19 May	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 21 May	10:30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 24 May	8:15 Eucharist (BCP)	St Nicholas'
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Sunday 24 May 2026 Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday) Acts 2. 1-21 I Corinthians 12. 3b-13 John 20. 19-23		

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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"THAT THEY MAY BE
ONE, AS WE ARE ONE."
YEAH...
NO PRESSURE.



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NO TED, JESUS PRAYS
THIS FOR US. IT'S WHAT
THE FATHER DOES
AND WILL DO!



OH SURE.
AND I'M SUPPOSED TO
JUST TAKE THAT ON
FAITH?



JOHN 17:1-11