



24 May 2026

Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

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' Revd Gordon Parry
10:00 Sung Eucharist Celebrant & Preacher	St Barnabas' Revd Sarah Upchurch
10:00 Sung Eucharist Celebrant Preacher	St Nicholas' Father Michael Boag Deborah Cowie

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Poundhill & Maidenbower, sort code 40-18-22,
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Pentecost is the celebration of God's Spirit given to the Church, the gift that turns fear into faith and gathers ordinary people into God's living community. It is not just about something that happened long ago, but about what God is still doing among us today. In today's Gospel, the risen Jesus comes to the disciples behind locked doors. He speaks peace and breathes on them, saying, "*Receive the Holy Spirit.*" That quiet moment points us to the meaning of Pentecost. God's Spirit coming close, like breath, bringing life where there is fear and uncertainty.

The Holy Spirit is not a distant force, but God's presence with us. The Spirit meets us as we are, tired, unsure, hopeful, hesitant, and gives what we need for the next step. Pentecost reminds us that the Church is not sustained by confidence or strength, but by God's Spirit at work among us.

This is the Spirit who brings peace where there is anxiety, forgiveness where there is hurt, and courage to move beyond closed doors. As Jesus sends the first disciples, so we are sent to live and share God's love in the world.

Pentecost is both gift and calling, to receive God's peace, to be renewed by the Spirit, and to be shaped as people of hope.

May God's Spirit breathe new life into us today and send us out in peace.

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Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reading Acts 2. 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious



day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Reading I Corinthians 12. 3b-13

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.



Gospel John 20. 19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Post Communion

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.
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.

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.

Parish Prayer Group

Meets on **Wed 27 May** at 14:30 at St Nicholas'
Join us to pray for our Parish, our clergy, our outreach and our congregations.

Mothers union

meeting on **Thur 28th May** at 4pm. We are having an AFIA Beetle Drive. Please bring Your own pencil if you can. A small prize for the winner.

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).

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/

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

Stephen Mumford

Will be taking part in the London to Brighton bike ride, 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.



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 26 May	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 28 May	10:30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sat 30 May	17:00 Service of Light	St Nicholas'
Sun 31 May	8:15 Eucharist (BCP)	St Nicholas'
	10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'

Sunday 31 May 2026

Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 40.12-17 2 Corinthians 13. 11-end
Matt 28. 16-end



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I'M JUST SAYIN' IT
GOOD THING THAT JESUS
STUCK AROUND
UNTIL THEY ALL GOT THEIR
ACT TOGETHER!

