



28 Jun 2026

Festival of Peter and Paul, Apostles

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' Father Michael Boag
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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Stand firm on the Rock!

Today we celebrate two great leaders of the Church. Peter, the ardent but not perfect disciple who Jesus referred to as the rock upon which Jesus would build his Church, and Paul, an adversary transformed by the direct intervention of Jesus, who was 'monumental' in spreading the Gospel throughout the Roman Empire.

Both men knew Jesus, though in different ways. Peter walked with Jesus during his earthly ministry and witnessed his resurrection. Paul encountered the risen Christ on the road to Damascus. Despite their different experiences, both came to believe that Jesus is the Messiah through the revelation of God the Father by the Holy Spirit.

Through their faith, teaching, and example, Peter and Paul inspired countless others to follow Christ. Faith can be described as "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1).

I wonder why some people find faith easy while others struggle? If faith is revealed by the Holy Spirit, what part do we play in helping others come to know Christ? I guess that depends on who you think you are in relation to God's Church. I believe every single person in our church is part of God's Church. Jesus promises to Peter that "the gates of hell will not prevail against it."

When all the world around us is confused or in turmoil we have a 'Rock of Faith' to stand firm on. This is why we are growing in numbers as people seek the Truth.

Stand firm, be inspired by the saints and also by each other. We belong to and 'are' the Church of God in this place, let us carry and represent the Truth of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Peace be with you,
Revd Sarah

Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Reading Acts 12.1-11

About that time King Herod laid violent



hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own

accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

Reading 2 Timothy 4. 6-8, 17-

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. 7I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.mBut the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen

Gospel Matthew 16.13-19

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood



has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and

the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

NOTICES

Stephen's London to Brighton

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to Stephen's bike ride, in aid of the British Heart Foundation. Due to your generosity he raised a total of £660. .

St Nicholas' Julian Group

meets on **Wednesday 8 July at 12:00** for half an hour of silent prayer. Please feel free to join us - everyone welcome

St Barnabas' Julian Group

meets on **Monday 8 June. at 14:00** in St Barnabas'. Old and new friends very welcome

Thursday 23 July - 5:30pm at Chichester Cathedral

The choir of St Nicholas' have been invited to sing evensong on **Thursday 23 July**. We will be joined by several of the choir of St. Alban's. Gossops Green, who sang with us at the Nine Lessons and Carols last December. We hope that many people from the congregations of St. Nicholas', St. Alban's and St. Barnabas' will be able to come and listen.

Ollie Salamon, St. Nicholas organ scholar, will be playing. Arranging to share a car journey works out substantially cheaper, and better for the environment, than travelling alone, so please bring friends. We will be singing an anthem by Rutter, canticles by Noble, versicles by Radcliffe, and Psalm chants by Parry and Eric Spencer, the former Director of Music at St. Nicholas in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

is not possible without your continued support.
Team work makes the dream work! Jane

Friday Lunches

The next lunch will be on **10 July**. Please book your place for the 10 July with the Office or the Café by **Wednesday 8 July**.

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

Messy Church

Come and see, a song and a prayer, followed by pizza and lollies. In July Messy Church will be on **Wednesday 15 July and Saturday 18 July 15:00-16:30**, at St Barnabas'.

Theme: The "I am sayings" - New Testament Stories/Parables. Everyone welcome - mums, dads, grandparents, carers - come and have fun!



Mothers' Union Afternoon Tea at St Barnabas' Café.

Wednesday 22 July 3.00 - 4.00pm. Tickets on sale now £12 per head. Plus extra for the Raffle on the day. Contact Mary Fry 01293 410383 or Joan Tick 01293 884695.

In aid of Away From It All Holidays.

Festival Choir rehearsals

The Festival Choir is a non-auditioning choir that rehearses for one hour, at 4pm, every Sunday afternoon in July and August.

The concert is on **Sunday 6 September**. This year we're performing the Haydn "Nelson" mass. All welcome. No need to book. Music provided. No fee to sing.

The Circle.

Wednesday 8 July 19.30 Cheese/Wine/Soft drinks, Strawberries and Cream
Please join us for an evening of relaxed conversation.

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Tues 30 June	10:30 Said Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thur 2 July	10:30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Sun 5 July	8:15 Eucharist (BCP)	St Nicholas'
	10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Barnabas'
	10:00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	12:00 Baptism	St Nicholas'
Sunday 5 July 2026 Trinity 5 Zech. 9.9-12 Rom. 7.15-25a Matt. 11 1-19, 25- end.		

The Hangout Youth Club

at St Barnabas' meets Every Friday at 19:00 during term time.

Toddlers Group

meets on Tues 13:00-15:00 and Thurs 9:00-11:00, in St Barnabas' Hall in term time.

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