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Welcome to our services at
St Barnabas in Pound Hill &
St Nicholas in Worth

This sheet details the readings in today's services as well as notices for everyone. **Please do take it home and share it.**

There are soft toys and books available at the back of the church for children.

At Communion, everyone is welcome to come up and receive a blessing or, if baptised, share the bread and wine. If you are here for the first time, please introduce yourselves. After the 10.00 service on Sunday please join us for refreshments.

SERVICES TODAY

08.00 Holy Communion St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Gordon Parry

10.00 Eucharist St Nicholas'
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10.00 Eucharist St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Sarah Upchurch

Please send pew sheet notices to
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GOD ACCEPTS US AS WE ARE

Most of us spend a lot of time finding fault with other people. Why do we do it? It is simply the best way of avoiding looking at ourselves and our own deficiencies and faults. But self acceptance lies at the very heart of genuine religion. We do not deserve God's love nor earn it by our own efforts. His love is unconditional, a concept that totally baffles us. What this means is that God accepts us as we are, warts and all. In essence this is what *forgiveness* is about. If this is true then we must learn to *accept and love ourselves* as we are.

We spend so much time on self justification and making excuses for our behaviour and attitudes. Facing up to our true selves is not easy because we don't like what we see. Unless we do this though we will never be able to help anyone else. Other people need to be accepted and loved as we are all in the same boat. Life would be so much happier if we could genuinely see this and stop being so negative about peoples' faults and weaknesses.

As the writer of the First Letter of John puts it:

'Let us love one another for love is of God and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God for God is Love. If God so loved us we also ought to love one another. No-one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us'.

Fr Roger

Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through 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.**

First Reading

Acts 3.12-19

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.



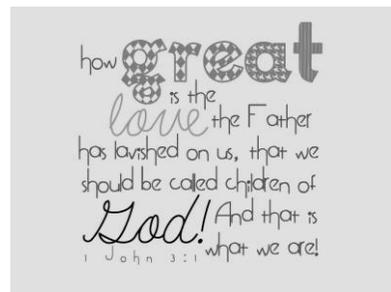
Psalm 4



Second Reading

1 John 3.1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.



Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Gospel

Luke 24.36b-48

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'

*Peace
be with
you*

They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a

ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Post Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues 17th	10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thurs 19th	10.30 Eucharist	St Nicholas'
Fri 20th	13.00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Sun 22nd April	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	10.00 Family Service	St Barnabas'
	10.00 Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	11.45 Baptism	St Nicholas'
	13.30 Burial of Ashes	St Nicholas'

Sunday 22nd April 2018 Easter 4

Acts 4.5-12

Psalms 23

I John 3.16-24

John 10.11-18

Project - Hall flooring.

We are fortunate indeed that our application to the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme has been successful and our project will be put forward to a customer vote in 6 local Tesco stores during **May and June 2018**. *Make sure you are given a token at the checkout (ask for one) and vote for us!* We will be granted a minimum of £1000, but more if we receive the highest number of votes! Practise asking for tokens & voting for the current projects now! #getintothehabit

The Saturday Market on the 7th April raised £74.15.

Many thanks to all our supporters.

Arthur How was a Sapper in the 249th Field Company, Royal Engineers. He died on 12th April 1918 and is buried in Forceville Communal Cemetery and Extension. He was born about 1882 in Studham, Herts, son of William and Francis How. Arthur was a Bricklayer's labourer in Aldingbourne near Chichester. His brother Frank was a Watchman in Ifield.

DIARY NOTES & NOTICES

Friday Lunch in the Pastoral Centre, 2 courses and tea/coffee for £6.50. All welcome. To help with catering, please order tickets by 18 Apr for 20 Apr at the Pastoral Centre or by calling 0300 111 8150

Mondays New Cake Shop and Café at the Pastoral Centre on Monday afternoons, 12.00 to 5.00pm. Fabulous cakes!

Summer Fair 23rd June 2018. Short planning meeting 09.45 in the Downstairs Meeting Room on **Wed 18th April**. Volunteers, please, from both churches are requested to help in arranging this event.

Wed 18th April Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 7.30 pm, St Barnabas Church. Nomination papers are in both churches. A church warden and deputy warden are needed for each church (these are annual appointments). There are two vacancies for PCC membership at each church. Please ask the Church wardens for further details. **Completed nomination forms to be handed to clergy or churchwardens TODAY please.**

Saturday 21 April 10.00am - 2.30ish

Crawley United Reformed Church
Peace: Hope: Reconciliation: Speaker just back from visit to Holy Land. Palestinian Food. Do come if you can AND bring anyone who is interested in this important subject for World peace.

Mon 23rd April, 19.30 Parish Prayer Group, St Barnabas'. *All welcome*

The MOTHERS' UNION meeting on **26th April** will be a talk by the Revd. David Knight about his work as a hospice chaplain. Tea and coffee followed by Compline led by David Knight. Everyone (male or female) are very welcome to join us.

Forget-me-Not Café Tuesdays in the Pastoral Centre – Dementia-friendly café - lunches & refreshments 12.00 to 15.00

Fri 27 April Quiz at St Barnabas Church Hall. Teams of 6, people from outside the parish encouraged! Doors open at 19.15, food, jacket potatoes + chilli / bolognaise / baked beans / cheese at 19.30. Dessert during the interval. £10 per person BYO drinks. For catering please confirm numbers by Wed 25 Apr 0300 111 8150.

City Lit Opera are singing in our lovely Saxon church of St Nicholas on **Saturday 28 April at 7pm**. The programme 'Tangled Webs' includes extracts from Giulio Cesare, Cosi fan tutte, Clemenza di Tito and The Gondoliers. Refreshments will be available at the end of the programme and a retiring collection received to offset expenses (minimum suggested donation £5).

Join us at Messy Church!

Just turn up for crafts, refreshments, activities, a song and a story at our:



Wed 18 Apr 2018 Maidenbower Infant School Studio 15.15 – 16.30

Wed 25 Apr 2018 St Barnabas Hall, 15.00-16.45 including a light tea

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