

**THE PARISH OF WORTH, POUND HILL &
MAIDENBOWER***St Nicholas, Worth & St Barnabas, Pound Hill*

Sunday November 24th 2013
Christ the King
Sunday next before Advent

Welcome to our church today.

*If you have time afterwards, please
stay for refreshments.*

*At the Distribution of Communion all
are welcome to come to the altar rail
to receive a blessing or, if baptised,
the Communion.*

*Children are welcome at all our
services, and there are soft toys and
children's books at the back of the
church for their use.*

SERVICES TODAY

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

at St Nicholas

Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Anthony Ball

09.45 NO SERVICE at St Nicholas

10.00 PARISH Eucharist at St Barnabas

Celebrant: Bishop Geoffrey Rowell

Preacher: Canon Anthony Ball

12.00 Holy Baptism at St Nicholas

Presiding: Rev'd Gordon Parry

15.00 Holy Baptism at St Nicholas

Presiding: Canon Anthony Ball

Next week's Readings

Isaiah 2. 1 - 5

Psalms 122

Romans 13. 11 - 14

Matthew 24. 36 - 44

The Rector writes:-

It seems appropriate to be celebrating the final Sunday of the Church's year with a Parish Eucharist and we are grateful to Bishop Geoffrey for presiding at our main act of worship. This climax to the liturgical year, with the image of Christ upon the throne, leads us naturally to Advent and the images of Christ as Judge. Our Gospel reading today reinforces the message that Christ's kingship and authority are a challenge to most human understandings of power. As we reach the end of this month when, since All Saints Day, Remembrance has also been a strong theme it can also challenge some of our ideas about who we shall find in heaven. Saint Dismas (as tradition names Luke's penitent thief) is the only person Jesus assures will be in Paradise. Just that hint of faith that he showed – for the circumstances were hardly propitious for imagining Jesus' "kingdom" – is enough for him to receive the full force of Jesus' love. Can we follow his example?

On the threshold of a new year it is also a good time to look back to reflect on what we have done (and how we have been) and to look forward to what is to come and our hopes for our future as subjects of our heavenly King. The PCC shall be doing just that on Tuesday as they consider a plan for the next few years that has emerged from discussions with various groups during this past year – a plan to promote the flourishing in this corner of God's Kingdom. More on that next week.

With every blessing,

Anthony

Collect and Post-Communion Prayer

Collect –

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer –

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded. **Amen.**

Our Charity for November is The Children's Society.

Please give generously, thank you.

Slips are now available in both churches
for people who would like to nominate a
charity for the parish to support with
Christmas collections.

A Gift for YOU

A collection of Advent & Christmas Bible
readings to help you prepare & celebrate
the real reason of this special time will be
distributed at today's services.

Please make sure you get your **FREE** copy

SERVICES during next week

St Nicholas

Mon -Fri 07.30 Morning Prayer

Sat 08.30 Morning Prayer

St Barnabas

Mon - Sat 17.00 Evening Prayer

Tues 10.30 Eucharist – St Barnabas

Wed 15.00 Messy Church –

St Barnabas Hall

Thurs 10.30 Eucharist -St Nicholas

19.30 Mothers' Union Eucharist -
St Barnabas

Fri 11.30 Chat & Pray – Pavilion Café
Maidenbower

Sat 13.00 Holy Matrimony–St Nicholas

Services next Sunday

Advent Sunday

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

- St Nicholas

09.45 Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas

10.00 Eucharist - St Barnabas

11.30 Nic's (Christingle) – St Nicholas

15.00 Christingle – St Barnabas

18.30 Advent Carols – St Nicholas

Did you know... we're supporting a
Muslim charity "Together in Sadaqah"
raising money for a 'mercy mission' to
Syria. Come along to the "family fun
day" in **Maidenbower Park** from **3.30**
p.m. today.

NOTICES

Friday Lunches in the Pastoral Centre

Tickets for November 29th please buy by Nov.26th £5.50 each 2 courses plus a drink

TODAY the **Parish Eucharist** is followed by refreshments (including 'drinks & nibbles') served in the Hall; also a short **Q&A session** with the clergy & parish officers.

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported our Christmas Fair last Saturday **£1038.75** was raised for Church Funds.

Thursday November 28th Mothers' Union

Preparation for Advent service 7.30 St Barnabas followed by seasonal refreshments & a Raffle, contributions of mince pies, stollen & towards the raffle welcomed.

Saturday November 30th a 'DVD Day' at the **Pastoral Centre** showing "The Life of Christ" Coffee - 10.45, DVD 1 - 11.00, Lunch 1.00, DVD 2, 1.45 - 4.15. A ploughman's lunch will be available **Sign-up TODAY** please.

Thursday December 5th 8.00pm in the Pastoral Centre St Nicholas Circle

meets for a Cheese & Wine evening, with a Raffle, prize contributions welcomed.

Saturday December 7th 9.30 – 12.30pm:

Please come and help the "Churchyard Team" with the **annual autumn leaves clearing** in St Nicholas churchyard. Garden gloves, lawn rakes and leaf collectors useful. - Ian Pallett 01342 713756

DIARY NOTES

Christmas Lunches in the Pastoral Centre, **Friday December 6th and 13th at 12.30 pm.** Tickets **£10** each must be bought in advance. Menu includes turkey & trimmings, Christmas pudding, mince pies, glass of wine, tea/coffee, etc. Tickets available from the Pastoral Centre NOW.

Saturday 14th December 3.00 - 5.00pm **Christmas Tea** in the Pastoral Centre Tickets £5.50 each, available now from ...



Jan Brooks, Karen Fly, Ann Lane, Jane Stanford or Phyl Pennell.

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A purse - found in the ladies cloakroom - during the time of the Christmas Fair last Saturday, was handed in. If you think the purse is yours please ring Phyl Pennell on 01293 883362.

A family of cuddly polar bears have been given to raffle and raise money for church. Please buy your tickets (20p each £1 a strip) from Jane Stanford. The draw will take place at the Christingle service at St. Barnabas on Sunday 1st December 3.30pm

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LIST & information **LEAFLET** are now available in both churches please sign up to "host" the travelling crib during Advent.

LAST Day to do so !