



## 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

Psalm 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*



## 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

## POSADA

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

**LAST Day to do so !**