

**WORTH PARISH***St Nicholas, Worth & St Barnabas, Pound Hill*

**John said, 'I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'**

**Sunday January 19th 2014**

**Second Sunday of Epiphany**

*Welcome to our churches 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 Roger Brown

09.45 Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas

*Celebrant & Preacher:* Canon Anthony Ball

10.00 All-age worship at St Barnabas

*President & Preacher:* Rev'd Angela Martin

**Next week's Readings**

Isaiah 9. 1 - 4

Psalm 27. 1, 4 - 12

1 Corinthians 1. 10 - 18

Matthew 4. 12 - 23

**Today we begin a  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
with a service at St John's see the Notices**

**The Assistant Rector writes:-**

The theme for our All-Age-Worship today at St B's is 'Come and See'. When John the Baptist pointed out to the crowd 'look there goes the Lamb of God' I wonder what people must have thought. Two of John's disciples turned to follow Jesus and they were asked, 'what are you looking for?' to which they answered 'where are you staying?' It's almost said in bewilderment. It was the custom for disciples, followers of a teacher, to live alongside them to learn as much as they could. Their question was dipping their toe in the water. They didn't ask if they could follow they simply wanted to know where he was staying - just in case they thought they might like to follow Jesus. Jesus sensed their hesitation and his answer was to inspire confidence, 'come and see'. This is an invitation to us all. In the church press this week there has been a good deal about church numbers and growth. At the PCC meeting this week we set aside time to think about our Parish Plan, a plan that we hope will generate growth not just in numbers but spiritually. We are all called to 'come and see' the BIG question is, what are we looking for? Once we can verbalise this we can in turn express this to others. Let me put it another way, why do you come to church? Is it just a social gathering or does it feed you and support you throughout the week? Are you comfortable that the people you work alongside or socialise with know that you are a Christian? When the Lord says to you come and see and invites you to spend a bit of kairos time with Him, my prayer is that like so many you will follow and be inspired to tell others what you have found. This is where the real growth of the church lies, in each of us sharing what we have found after spending precious time with the Lord. Wishing you a blessed kairos time, Ange x

## READINGS for the day.

### Collect –

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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

#### Isaiah 49 1–7

*A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.*

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply

despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

### Psalm 40 1 - 12

### SECOND READING

#### 1 Corinthians 1. 1–9

*A Reading from Paul's first Letter to the Corinthians.*

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes.

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



## GOSPEL

### John 1. 29 – 42

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

### Post Communion Prayer –

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### SERVICES during next week

##### **St Nicholas**

**Mon – Fri** 07.30 Morning Prayer

**Sat Conversion of Paul**  
08.30 Holy Communion

##### **St Barnabas**

**Mon – Sat** 17.00 Evening Prayer

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Tues 10.30 Eucharist – St Barnabas

Wed 15.00 Messy Church –

St Barnabas Hall

Thurs 10.30 Eucharist – St Nicholas

Fri 12.00 Burial of Ashes–St Nicholas

Sat **No Weddings.**

#### Services next Sunday

##### Third Sunday of Epiphany

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

- St Nicholas

09.45 Sung Eucharist - St Nicholas

10.00 Eucharist - St Barnabas

Did you know.....the Bishop of Chichester will be conducting a “Visitation” (likened to the Church’s OFSTED!) of the Deanery in March ? He will be focusing on Safeguarding, Growth and Giving. We’re expecting him in this parish on March 25th.

**The Princes Trust** are holding a **Coffee morning** on **Tuesday January 21st** in the Pastoral Centre 10.30 am - 11.30 They will have a 'donations' basket fund raising in aid of our Churches.

**Please do support them.**

## NOTICES

### Friday lunches in the Pastoral Centre.

Please purchase tickets by January 21st for **January 24th** (01293 883362)

Two courses plus tea/coffee **£5.50**.

**TODAY Sunday January 19th a service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 3.00pm** at the **Friary Church**, Haslett Ave. **ALL welcome**.

**Thanks** to those who supported the January 11th Saturday Market **£47.76** was raised for Church funds.

**Tuesday January 21st there will be a meeting of Pastoral Centre volunteers - and 'would be' volunteers** at **9.30am** in the upstairs Meeting Room, St Barnabas **ALL** welcome.

**Tuesday January 21st Confirmation Course for adults 7.30pm at the Rectory**, for several weeks, using the new *Pilgrim* resources. If you or someone you know would like to explore, refresh their faith or join our Confirmation candidates please contact the clergy.

**Thursday January 23rd Mothers' Union** meets for a New Year Fish & Chip supper at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre.

**Monday January 27th 7.45pm** at St John's Church Hall, Crawley start of a 4 week Course in Daily Prayer & the Eucharist. Contact 01273 421021 to enrol – cost £12. See Posters.

**The Church of England Children's Society:-** the annual count of individual savings boxes has been completed and totals **£515.56**, this amount has been sent to the Society. **Many thanks** to all who kindly contributed – more details in the next Parish Magazine.

## DIARY NOTES

**Saturday February 1st at 7:30pm Dunottar Chamber Choir Concert** will be held at **St Nicholas**. Tickets £5 includes refreshments.

**Sunday February 2nd Choral Evensong 6.30pm** at St Nicholas.

**Saturday February 8th Quiz Night** 7.30pm in the Hall, see poster for details. Tickets £5 each now on sale from Jan Brooks, Karen Fry, Ann Lane, Phyl Pennell, Jane Stanford & Pastoral Centre.

**Sundays- February 9th, 16th & 23rd Tea Dances – St Barnabas Church Hall 3.00 – 5.00pm** – call Gill 01293 513421 or Parish Office 03001118150 to book a place. Cost – by donation, 'gift aided' if possible.

**Saturday February 15th Valentine's Tea** 3.00-5.00pm in the Pastoral Centre Tickets £5.50 each, now on sale from Jan Brooks, Karen Fly, Ann Lane, Phyl Pennell, Jane Stanford and at the Pastoral Centre.

**Sunday February 16th** the next 'regular meeting' for the **St Nicholas** congregation will be after the 9.45 service.

**Saturday March 8th Parish Away Day at Rowfant House 10.00 -16.00. Speaker Rev'd Andrew Mayes. Sign-up sheets at the back of both churches.** More details from Joan Tick, Stuart Sharpe, Rosemary Cordan or Myrtle Taylor.

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