

WORTH PARISH

St Nicholas, Worth & St Barnabas, Pound Hill



**‘Follow me,
and I will make you fish for people.’**

Sunday January 26th 2014

Third 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 Meurig Williams

09.45 Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev’d Angela Martin

10.00 Eucharist at St Barnabas

President & Preacher: Canon Anthony Ball

Next week’s Readings

Malachi 3. 1 - 5

Psalm 24. 7 - 10

Hebrews 2. 14 - 18

Luke 2. 22 - 40

The Rector writes:-

This week I was speaking to a long-standing and close friend who is going through a tough time. I remembered that we’d shared the words below some years ago. They made me recall the insights I’d gained from the wise spiritual guide who had given me the words in the first place – and prompted me to reflect on whether I was being the friend they needed. I wasn’t. But I’m going to try harder. Maybe sharing them with you will give cause to think for a while on who needs your friendship this week?

I want ... a friend

I want you to hear me without judging me

I want you to give your opinion without
advising me

I want you to trust in me without
demanding anything from me

I want you to help me without trying to
decide for me

I want you to care for me without
overwhelming me

I want you to look at me without
projecting yourself on me

I want you to hug me without suffocating
me

I want you to encourage me without
pushing me

I want you to sustain me without making
yourself responsible for me

I want you to protect me without lies

I want you to get close to me without
invading my space

I want you to know all the things about
me that you most dislike, to accept
them and not expect to change them

I want you to know ... today you can
count on me ... without conditions.

*With love and prayers that you will be
blessed with friendship.* Anthony

READINGS for the day.

Collect –

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with Your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 9 1–4

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1. 10 – 18

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

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Psalm 27. 1, 4 - 12



GOSPEL

Matthew 4. 12 – 23

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light as dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?*

*Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*

### Post Communion Prayer –

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### 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

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Tues 10.30 Eucharist – St Barnabas  
Thurs 10.30 Eucharist – St Nicholas  
Sat **No Weddings.**

### Services next Sunday

#### Candlemass

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)  
- St Nicholas  
09.45 Sung Eucharist - St Nicholas  
10.00 Eucharist - St Barnabas  
11.30 Nic's All-age service–St Nicholas  
18.30 Evensong – St Nicholas

### January 100 Club

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| <b>4</b>  | <b>Rose Wells</b>                | <b>£100.00</b> |
| <b>23</b> | <b>Malcolm Booker</b>            | <b>£ 50.00</b> |
| <b>26</b> | <b>Tony &amp; Margaret Smith</b> | <b>£ 25.00</b> |
| <b>21</b> | <b>Mary Sharpe</b>               | <b>£ 25.00</b> |

Did you know.....provisional figures show that we spent £12,000 more than we received in 2013? This includes the exceptional £20,000 for the external work at St B – so the underlying figure is encouraging.

## NOTICES

### Friday lunches in the Pastoral Centre.

Please purchase tickets by January 28th for **January 31st** (01293 883362)

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

### Tuesday January 28th 'week 2' 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.

Saturday February 1st Saturday Market in the Pastoral Centre 10.00 am - 11.45am Knit n Natter will be having a stall in aid of the Pastoral Centre Double Glazing. Please do drop in and support them.

### 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, in celebration of the 25th anniversary (Sept 2013) of our return to the church after the fire.

### 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 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 & Booking sheets at the back of both churches. More details from Joan Tick, Stuart Sharpe, Rosemary Cordan or Myrtle Taylor.

### Tuesday March 11th Lent Bible Study

begins at CURC 7.30pm – 9.00pm for 6 weeks. See posters for details.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**The Pastoral Centre re-opens** on Tuesdays 10.30am - 12.30pm from **February 4th. On this day only**, we will be serving tea /coffee for £1 to include a

choice of cake or biscuits.

Please do join us on this occasion.

