

## WORTH PARISH

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



**“My eyes have seen your salvation.”**

**Sunday February 2nd 2014  
Candlemass**

*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 Eucharist at St Barnabas

*President & Preacher:* Rev'd Angela Martin

11.30 Nic's All-age at St Nicholas

*Presiding:-* Canon Anthony Ball

18.30 Evensong at St Nicholas

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### **Next week's Readings**

Isaiah 58. 1 – 9a

Psalms 112. 1 - 9

1 Corinthians 2. 1 - 12

Matthew 5. 13 – 20

### **The Assistant Rector writes:-**

Dear All,

As I write this the sun is shining and it is good to see it again. We are all cheered by the light, our spirits are lifted and we feel more alive. This is our experience when we are bathed in the light of Christ, so today as we remember Christ the Light of the world may your hearts and lives be filled with His glorious light and may we be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to take that light out with us wherever we go.

*Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendour, that we, who by these kindling flames light up this temple to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled, and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal city where you live and reign,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.*

*Or as Cardinal Newman put it.*

*Stay with me, and then I shall begin to shine as you shine: as a light to others.*

*Wishing you all a bright and happy Candlemas,*

*Ange x*

## READINGS for the day.

### Collect –

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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

#### Malachi 3. 1 – 5

*A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight — indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

#### Psalm 24. 7 - 10

### SECOND READING

#### Hebrews 2. 14 - 18

*A Reading from Paul's first Letter to the Hebrews*

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

### GOSPEL

#### Luke 2. 22 - 40

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking

forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.



### **Post Communion Prayer** –

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; 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

11.00 Home Communion –

Lanehurst Gardens

Thurs 10.30 Eucharist – St Nicholas

Sat **No Weddings.**

### **Services next Sunday**

#### **Fourth Sunday before Lent**

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

- St Nicholas

09.45 Sung Eucharist - St Nicholas

10.00 Eucharist - St Barnabas

12.00 Holy Baptism – St Nicholas

'I said.... "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." He replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be better than a light and safer than a known way.'"

***Christ is the Light of the World.***

## NOTICES

**Friday lunches in the Pastoral Centre.**  
Please purchase tickets by February 4th for  
**February 7th** (01293 883362)  
Two courses plus tea/coffee **£5.50.**

### 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.

**Tuesday February 4th 'week 3' Confirmation Course for adults 7.30pm the Garden Room at the Rectory.** If you or someone you know would like to explore, refresh their faith or join our Confirmation candidates please contact the clergy.

**Thursday February 6th St Nicholas Circle** meets 8.00pm in the Pastoral Centre when Tim Wilkins of the local Alzheimer's Soc. says "Its time to talk about Dementia !" Everyone welcome !

**Saturday February 8th ' ? Quiz Night ? '** 7.30pm in the Hall, see poster for details. Tickets £5 each, **please buy today** 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.

**Monday February 10th St Barnabas Julian Group** meeting at 11am. Please meet initially in the Narthex. Old and new friends very welcome.

**Thursday February 13th St Nicholas Julian Group** meets in the Chapel at St Nicholas 2.30pm for contemplative prayer, everyone welcome.

## DIARY NOTES

Tickets are on sale now for a special concert for Worth Abbey's charity Outreach Peru 'The Sixteen' choir Sunday June 15th at 7.30pm. Box Office 01904 651485) or [www.ncem.co.uk/thesixteen](http://www.ncem.co.uk/thesixteen) Tickets cost £25 and £20.



### Saturday February 15th

**Valentine's Tea** 3.00 - 5.00pm in the Pastoral Centre Tickets £5.50 each, now on sale **NOW** 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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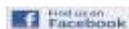
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