

WORTH PARISH

*St Nicholas, Worth & St Barnabas, Pound Hill***Palm Sunday****Sunday April 13th 2014****Palm Sunday***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 Brown09.45 Sung Eucharist with procession of
palms at St Nicholas*Celebrant & Preacher:*

Canon Anthony Ball

10.00 Eucharist with procession of palms
at St Barnabas*Celebrant & Preacher :* Revd Angela Martin**Next week's Readings**

Acts 10. 34 - 43

Psalm 118

Colossians 3. 1 - 4

John 20. 1 - 18

The Assistant Rector writes:-

Here what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him ... So God loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, to end that all that truly believe in Him should not perish but have everlasting life ... Christ came into the world to save sinners ... we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous and he is the propitiation for our sins.

These of course are words spoken just before we lift up our hearts to the Lord as we gather to celebrate Holy Communion when we use the BCP. They sum up this last phase of our Lenten pilgrimage, as today we begin Holy Week and the last leg of that journey. As we remember God's great saving act each week in the works of the Eucharistic liturgy they can become so familiar that we loose the sense of awe and true scale of what God has done, and continues to do for us. To try and re-capture a real sense of awe and that unfailling love of God I would urge you to join in with as much worship as you can this week. Be there as we remember that Jesus taught us to serve; be there as he is arrested and wait with him; feel that sense of loss on Good Friday and emptiness on Holy Saturday; then experience that wonderful feeling of joy as the light returns at the Easter vigil and really Celebrate Easter!

Wishing you all a blessed Holy Week,

Ange xx



READINGS for the day.

Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

Liturgy of the Palms:

Matthew 21. 1 – 11

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ‘Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ When he entered

Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

FIRST READING

Liturgy of the Passion:

Isaiah 50. 4 - 9a

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Psalm. 31 9 – 16

Response --

***I will walk in the presence of the
Lord for he has become my
salvation.***



SECOND READING

Philippians 2. 5 - 11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL

Matthew 27. 11 – 54

See enclosed dramatised version.

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Did you know... a delegation from the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC – who handle “faculty applications”) visited the churchyard last week. They were complimentary about how the churchyard is kept (thank you working parties!) and will offer advice on our current proposals

Holy Week & Easter Services

SERVICES during nest week

St Nicholas

Mon – Fri 07.30 Morning Prayer
Sat 08.30 Morning Prayer

Holy Week Services

Mon 17.00 Eucharist – St Barnabas
Tues **10.30 No SERVICE-** St Barnabas
17.00 Evening prayer
– St Barnabas
20.00 Eucharist & Receiving of
Oils – St Nicholas

Wed 12.15 Lent meditations
– St Barnabas
17.00 Eucharist –St Barnabas

Maundy Thurs

10.30 Eucharist – St Nicholas
17.00 Evening Prayer–St Barnabas
19.00 Agape/ Passover Meal
& Vigil – St Barnabas
20.00 Eucharist with foot
washing & Vigil – St Nicholas

Good Friday

10.30 Ecumenical – Walk of
Witness- Stations of the Cross
Starts at CURC
12.00 Three Hours of Meditations
– St Nicholas
15.00 Good Friday Liturgy –
St Nicholas

Sat - Easter Eve

16.00 Family Passion Story & build
Easter Garden – St Nicholas
17.00 Evening Prayer -St Barnabas
20.00 Easter Vigil Mass–St Nicholas

Services next Sunday

Easter Day

05.45 Easter Dawn Mass Worth Park Lake
08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)
– St Nicholas
09.45 Family Eucharist with Holy Baptism
– St Nicholas
10.00 Family Eucharist – St Barnabas

NOTICES

Friday lunches in the Pastoral Centre.
No Lunch April 18th - Good Friday

TODAY – The PCC discussed a ‘role description’ for Angela’s successor last Thursday.

An **open meeting today at St Barnabas 11.00** to discuss the conclusions

Monday 14th April at 7.30pm. Shaping the Scriptures. at Worth Abbey Sarah Prime, lecturer at St Mary’s Twickenham, will give a talk on the writing and development of the New Testament. All are welcome.

Monday April 14th St Barnabas Julian Group 11.00. Please meet in the Narthex.

Tuesday April 15th Chrism Mass 11.00*
St Saviour’s & St Peter’s Eastbourne.

* Please note change of time

Wednesday April 16th LAST LENT SOUP LUNCH - available in the Pastoral Centre **12.30pm** after a short meditation with Revd Angela at **12.15pm**. Everyone welcome.

Donations in aid of Parish World Bank.

Thursday April 17th - Maundy Thursday Supper & Eucharist, 7.00 pm at St. Barnabas. Please sign the list in the Narthex at St. Barnabas, **TODAY** if you would like to attend on this evening (numbers needed for catering purposes).

Saturday May 10th Plant Fair and Market 10.00-12.00noon If any one has any small plant pots they no longer need or unwanted hanging baskets, we would be please to have these ASAP in preparation for the Plant Fair. **ALSO** - The Parish Events and Fund raising Committee will be pleased to hear from anyone willing to **help on this morning.** Phyl 883362

‘Knit n Natter’ group will **NOT** meet on Maundy Thursday **April 17th**

The clergy would be pleased to hear from any parishioners who would be willing to join the governing body of one of the schools in their neighbourhood. Could that be you?

St. Nicholas ~ If you would like to add a name to the **Easter Memorial List**, please **print** clearly on the sheet at the back of church. Any donations to the St. Nicholas' Flower Fund please use a ‘gift aid’ envelope, mark it 'Flower Fund', place in the box at the rear of church. The List will be in the chapel on April 16th please enter the names **TODAY**

DIARY NOTES

Saturday May 17th Men’s Breakfast 8.30am in the Pastoral Centre. Speaker – Judah Armani, from Christian Aid.

Sunday June 8th Evensong – 6.30pm at St Nicholas.

Saturday June 14th Ladies’ Breakfast 8.30am in the Pastoral Centre. Speaker Holly Sabin, from Christian Aid.

Saturday June 21st Parish Fair 11.00 – 3.00pm at St Barnabas Please sign up to help, lists in both churches. Thank you.

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