

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

“Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’”

Sunday April 27th 2014

Second Sunday of Easter

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: Revd Angela Martin

09.45 Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Angela Martin

10.00 Eucharist at St Barnabas

Celebrant & Preacher : Canon Anthony Ball

12.00 Holy Baptism at St Nicholas

Presiding: Revd Angela Martin

Next week's Readings

Acts 2. 14a, 36 -41

Psalms 116. 1 - 3, 10 - 17

1 Peter 1. 17 - 23

Luke 24. 13 - 35

The Assistant Rector writes:-

Dear All,

It must have been very unnerving for the disciples to suddenly find the Lord standing among them, but we are told that ‘they were glad’. Perhaps when we read this passage we think, how silly of them, but let's take a look at what we do before we point the finger.

The Lord goes to the disciples to let them know that they are not alone, that he will be with them no matter where they find themselves – even behind a locked door! He breathes on them, opening their minds to understand all he has taught them so far and helping them to teach others. To teach others about the Good News the disciples need to be brave, they need to come out from behind the door and proclaim this wonderful hope that has been revealed to them. This call to proclaim the good news is to us all, it didn't stop with those who knew Jesus personally. This is where we come in. We are part of that story, part of the continuation of the proclamation of hope, a proclamation that cannot be heard from behind a locked door. We too, are guilty of shutting ourselves away – namely inside the church. We are good at proclaiming our faith and the hope we have in God to each other but not so good when it comes to unlocking the door and going outside. In this time after Easter, when we have reaffirmed our Baptismal vows, to go and shine as a light in the world, I invite you to feel the breath of God refreshing every cell in your body and step outside and share that joy with perhaps just one other (to start with). Be like Peter, raise your voice and tell what you are witness to in your life – tell what God has done for you, and in you, and who knows what might happen ! Be part of God's story ...

With Joyful Easter Blessings, Angela x

READINGS for the day.

Collect:

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of 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

Acts 2. 14a, 22 – 32

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a

prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.” This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Psalm. 16

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1. 3 – 9

A Reading from the Second letter from Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL

John 20. 19 - 31

A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were

locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Post Communion

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Did you know... that Richard Jackson is to be the suffragan Bishop of Lewes? He will be consecrated in Westminster Abbey on May 14th at 11.00am. Contact the parish office if you would like tickets to the service

SERVICES during nest week

St Nicholas

Mon (St George) 07.30 Holy Communion

Tues – Fri 07.30 Morning Prayer

Sat 08.30 Morning Prayer

St Barnabas

Mon – Sat 17.00 Evening Prayer

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**Tues**(St Mark) 10.30 Eucharist - St Barnabas

**Thurs** 10.30 Eucharist – St Nicholas

**Fri** 13.00 Holy Matrimony–St Nicholas

15.00 Holy Matrimony-St Nicholas

**Sat** 12.00 Holy Matrimony-St Nicholas

14.00 Holy Matrimony-St Nicholas

### **Services next Sunday**

#### **Third Sunday of Easter**

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

- St Nicholas

09.45 Sung Eucharist - St Nicholas

10.00 Eucharist & Holy Baptism

- St Barnabas

11.30 Nic's All-age – St Nicholas

15.00 Baptism & Confirmation –

Worth Abbey

Please pray for those to be Baptised & Confirmed at Worth Abbey by Bishop Mark on May 4th. Erzsébet Castius, Nigel Holmwood, Stacey Lewis, Tammy Mclellan & Confirmation candidates, Sue Walshe and 9 students from Worth School Come and support them too -service 15.00.

### **April - 100 Club draw**

**29** Gerald Sandwell £100.00

**27** Pam Marson £ 50.00

**8** Sheila Sellar £ 25.00

**11** Cecil Henman £ 25.00

## NOTICES

### **Friday lunches in the Pastoral Centre.**

Please purchase tickets by April 29th for **May 2nd** (01293 883362)

Two courses plus tea/coffee **£5.50**

**Thursday May 1st St Nicholas Circle** meeting at 8.00pm in the Pastoral Centre, the Speaker will be Debbie Johnson from Wildlife A & E. Everyone welcome.

### **Saturday May 3rd 10.00am - 11.45am**

Saturday Market in the Pastoral Centre. Do join us for bargains, chat and refreshments.

**Sunday May 4th** If you can volunteer to help serve refreshments after the Confirmation Service at Worth Abbey next Sunday please contact the Rector.

**Thursday May 8th St Nicholas Julian Group** meets at **2.30pm** in the Chapel, all are welcome.

**Monday May 12th St Barnabas Julian Group** meets at **11.00am** in the Narthex. Everyone welcome.

**Saturday May 10th Plant Fair and Market 10.00 - 12.00noon** The Parish Events and Fund raising Committee will be pleased to hear from anyone willing to **help on this morning.** Phyl 883362

**Monday 12th May at 7.30 pm a talk at Worth Abbey.** The Art of Lectio Divina - How to read the New Testament prayerfully, talk given by Father Paul Fleetwood. All are welcome – see [www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk](http://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk)

**Saturday May 17th Men's Breakfast 8.30am** in the Pastoral Centre.

Speaker-Judah Armani from Christian Aid. Sign-up sheets in both churches now.

**Saturday May 17th 10am-4pm.** Canon Anthony is the key-note speaker at the RC Justice & Peace Assembly held at DABCEC on the theme *Israel-Palestine: any hope for justice & peace.* Call (01293) 651164 to book a seat.

## Christian Aid

We believe in life before death

May 11th – May 17th - collection week.

## DIARY NOTES

**Saturday June 7th Music for a Summer Evening** in aid of St Catherine's Hospice at Holy Trinity, Forest Row. Tickets- Adults £5. Children £2.50 call Simon Morris 01342 823940.

**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** . We are looking for people to organise / help on stalls as well as stock for stalls. Please let us know how you can help (Jan Brooks, Karen Fly, Ann Lane, Phyl Pennell, Jane Stanford and Sheila Dring ). Also please sign up to help, lists in both churches. Thank you.

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