

## WORTH PARISH

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



**“He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.”**

**Sunday May 11th 2014**

**Fourth 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: Canon Anthony Ball*  
09.45 Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas  
*Celebrant Canon Anthony Ball*  
*Preacher: The Most Revd Samuel Azariah*  
10.00 Eucharist at St Barnabas  
*Celebrant & Preacher : Revd Angela Martin*  
12.00 Holy Baptism at St Nicholas  
*Presiding: Canon Anthony Ball*

### Next week's Readings

Acts 7. 55 - 60  
Psalm 31. 1 - 5  
1 Peter 2. 2 - 10  
John 14. 1 - 14

### *The Rector writes:-*

Christian Aid week begins today. This year the theme is “giving people a future without fear” and the money raised will go towards helping rebuild lives that have been torn apart by war. Christian love in action – seeking to be the Good Shepherd and protect the sheep from the “thief who comes only to steal and kill and destroy”. In our parish this Christian Aid Week will be bracketed by two visiting preachers (both at the 9.45 service at St Nicholas) from countries where our Christian brothers and sisters are daily facing persecution and discrimination because of their faith. Today we welcome the Most Revd Samuel Azariah, the Moderator of the Church of Pakistan and Bishop of Raiwind. Pakistan is suffering the ‘side effects’ of the war in Afghanistan and Christians there are particularly vulnerable to the abuse of swinging ‘blasphemy’ laws. Next Sunday we shall welcome Syrian Orthodox Metropolitan Matta Roham (provided his visa is processed in time!). His diocese, part of ancient Mesopotamia nowadays bordering Turkey and Iraq, has (had before the civil war?) the largest number of Syrian Orthodox faithful in the world. It played host to many Christians fleeing persecution in Iraq but now suffers in the current conflict. As is appropriate for Christian Aid week (the charity being the “ecumenical” development arm for many of the UK churches), both of our guests have strong ecumenical links, having served or serving on the Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches.

Please give as generously as you are able in the Christian Aid envelopes. *Anthony*

## READINGS for the day.

### Collect:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

#### **Acts 2. 42 - 47**

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

### Psalm. 23 :-

**Response:-**

***The Lord is my shepherd:  
therefore I lack nothing.***



### SECOND READING

#### **1 Peter 2. 19 - 25**

*A Reading from the First letter from Peter.*

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

### GOSPEL

#### **John 10. 1 – 10**

*A Reading from the Gospel according to John.*

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they

do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

### **Post Communion**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps ;through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Did you know...Canon Robert Innes was announced as the 4<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe last Tuesday ? He will continue to live in Brussels and the office at Bishop's Lodge (the Rectory until 1968) will close.



### **A prayer from Christian Aid..**

Prince of Peace, lead our sisters and brothers out of the valley of the shadow of death to a place of still waters, green pastures and restoration. Give us a fire to work tirelessly for your justice, so that we may all share in your fullness of life. Amen.

### **SERVICES during next week**

#### **St Nicholas**

**Mon – Tues** 07.30 Morning Prayer  
**Wed- St Matthias** 07.30 Eucharist  
**Thurs – Fri** 07.30 Morning Prayer  
**Sat** 08.30 Morning Prayer

#### **St Barnabas**

**Mon – Sat** 17.00 Evening Prayer

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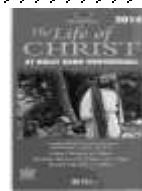
**Tues** 10.30 Eucharist - St Barnabas  
**Thurs** 10.30 Eucharist – St Nicholas  
**Sat** 16.00 Holy Matrimony– St Nicholas

### **Services next Sunday**

#### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)  
- St Nicholas  
09.45 Sung Eucharist - St Nicholas  
10.00 All-age worship - St Barnabas

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We are looking for some volunteers to help in applying wood preservative to the exterior of the Garden Room. This probably involves two half days of work. If you are willing to help please contact Max Perry or Phyl Pennell.  
Thank you.



### **The Life of Christ**

This year the story of the Life of Christ performed at Wintershall will take on a new format...

It will not be "Open air"; the play will be performed inside the Holly Barn and only last 3 hours, with a lunch break.

**Dates June 13th – 15th** –adults £16 children & students £8 each.

Contact.... 01793 418299 or [www.wintershall-estate.com](http://www.wintershall-estate.com) to book

## NOTICES

**Friday lunches in the Pastoral Centre.**  
Please purchase tickets by May 13th for  
**May 16th** (01293 883362)  
Two courses plus tea/coffee **£5.50**

**Thanks** to those who supported the Saturday Market on May 3rd **£48.57** was raised for church funds.

**TODAY - Sunday May 11th marks the start of Christian Aid Week - 7.00pm**

**St Clare's Chapel, Friary Church,** Crawley. DVD to be shown, includes the story of Anoon from South Sudan. Everyone welcome.

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

**Monday May 12th at 7.30 pm a talk at Worth Abbey,** The Art of Lectio Divina – ‘How to read the New Testament prayerfully’ - Father Paul Fleetwood.

**Tuesday May 13th Pilgrim Course - 2nd Session - The Lord's Prayer** 7.30pm Garden Room at the Rectory.

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

Speaker-Judah Armani from Christian Aid.  
**Please sign-up today,** in both churches.

**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 place.

**Saturday May 17th Quiz Night & Supper-** 7.30pm Copthorne Church Hall, Adults £10, Children £6 For tickets call 01342 712063

**Thursday May 22nd Mothers' Union Meeting 7.30pm** in the Pastoral Centre. Our Speaker will be from The Samaritans.

**Saturday May 31st Mothers' Union Coffee Morning & Raffle** –Pastoral Centre 10.00 – 12.00. Please come and join us.

## Christian Aid Week

**May 11th – May 17th - collection week.**  
Please contact Brenda Somerville- 883452 to offer help with street collections, thank you.

## 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. Contact Jan Brooks Karen Fly, Ann Lane, Phyl Pennell, Jane Stanford or Sheila Dring . Also please sign up to help, lists in both churches.

Thank you.

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