

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

Sunday May 18th 2014
Fifth 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 Roger Brown

09.45 Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas

Celebrant Canon Anthony Ball

Preacher: Metropolitan Matta Rohan

10.00 Family All-age Service

at St Barnabas

Celebrant & Preacher : Revd Angela Martin

Next week's Readings

Acts 17. 22- 31

Psalm 66. 7 - 18

1 Peter 3. 13 - 22

John 14. 15 - 21

The Assistant Rector writes:-

Dear All,

I have spent the first part of this week representing, along with others, our Diocese on the Feuerstein Conference. This is a link between us and the Lutheran and Catholic Diocese of Bayreuth, Bamberg and Berlin/Brandenburg which began during WWII with the friendship between our Bishop George Bell and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran Pastor and a great theologian who is known for his public stand against Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party. Indeed our own Bishop Bell spoke out against the British bombing of civilians in Germany in the House of Lords in 1944. Neither men were popular in their time, both were seen as unpatriotic because both of these brave men stood up for what they believed and held fast to their faith. Bonhoeffer lost his life and Bell remained the Bishop of Chichester and continued to raise awareness of the plight of others.

Today there are two Conferences linked to this friendship the Cobourg, a meeting of the Bishops and the Feuerstein a meeting of the 'young' clergy. This week we have been discussing what it means to '**be church**' an interesting thought for Lutherans, Catholics and Anglicans but what we agree is that we all have one aim and that is to make God known in the world. To follow Christ and stand up for the faith we share. Church is a sacrament, our blessing being made one with God through Christ and although we are not at a point of being able to share fully in the earthly sacrament we do on a sacred level. We are all made one in our Baptism. Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life ... whoever believes in me will do great works and glorify the Father through the Son.

With love, your sister in Christ, Ange x

READINGS for the day.

Collect:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 7. 55 - 60

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Psalm. 31. 1 - 5



I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2. 2 - 10

A Reading from the First letter from Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

GOSPEL

John 14. 1 - 14

A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would

I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

Did you know...£450 from the Parish World Bank is being sent to help Syrian refugees ?

The Charity Committee is always pleased to have your nominations for good causes the parish should support.

SERVICES during nest 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

**Wed** 15.00 Messy Church –

St Barnabas Hall

**Thurs** 10.30 Eucharist – St Nicholas

**Sat No Weddings**

### **Services next Sunday**

#### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

- St Nicholas

09.45 Sung Eucharist - St Nicholas

10.00 Eucharist - St Barnabas

12.00 Holy Baptism – St Nicholas

14.00 Holy Baptism – St Nicholas

### **HELP !**



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 (888488) or Phyl Pennell. (883362) Thank you.

## NOTICES

### Friday lunches in the Pastoral Centre.

Please purchase tickets by May 20th for **May 23rd** (01293 883362)

Two courses plus tea/coffee **£5.50**

**Thanks** to all who supported the Plant Fair and Market on May 10th - **£458.11** was raised for church funds.

### Thursday May 22nd Mothers' Union

**Meeting 7.30pm** in the Pastoral Centre. Our Speaker will be from The Samaritans.

### Contact the Parish Office by May 31st

**\*\* for Saturday June 28th 4.00 pm.**

to register an interest in tickets for our Curate, Steve Burston's, ordination at Chichester Cathedral. Lots will be drawn if demand exceeds supply.

### Saturday May 31st Mothers' Union Coffee Morning & Raffle

-Pastoral Centre 10.00 – 12.00. Please come and join us. Cake & book donations welcome. See posters for more details.

### Thursday June 5th St Nicholas Circle

meets at 8.00pm in the Pastoral Centre for the Summer Supper Night.

### 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.

## DIARY NOTES

### Friday June 13th – Sunday June 15th

**The Life of Christ** performed at Wintershall not "Open air"; the play will be performed inside the Holly Barn and only last 3 hours, with a lunch break.

Tickets adults £16 children & students £8

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

### Saturday June 14th Ladies' Breakfast

**8.30am** in the Pastoral Centre. Speaker Holly Sabin, from Christian Aid. **Sign-up** sheets at the back of both churches now.

### Saturday June 14th Strawberry Tea

**Party 3.00pm** at Jim's, 32 Mayfield, Worth; in aid of Chestnut Tree Children's Hospice. Tickets from 01293882582 or [jim@bull51.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:jim@bull51.orangehome.co.uk) cost £7.50

### 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.

### 100 Club Draw – May 2014

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| 10 | Joan Pallett    | £100.00 |
| 15 | Rosemary Cordan | £ 50.00 |
| 38 | Trevor Stokes   | £ 25.00 |
| 13 | Val Rudd        | £ 25.00 |

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