

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

**‘The world will no longer see me but  
you will see me; because I live,  
you also will live.’**

**Sunday May 25th 2014****Sixth 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***President: Revd Angela Martin***14.00 Holy Baptism at St Nicholas***President: Canon Anthony Ball***Next week's Readings****Acts 1. 6- 14****Psalm 68. 1 - 10****1 Peter 4. 12 - 14; 5. 6 - 11****John 17. 1 - 11****The Rector writes:-**

I have been out of the parish for much of this past week – so apologies to those who are waiting for replies to e-mails (especially as I shall be taking two days off for half-term in the week ahead). On Tuesday I was in London with a Syria focus – with the Damascus-based Melkite (Greek Catholic) Patriarch at various meetings about the situation there. In the evening he delivered the Annual Lecture for Embrace the Middle East (chaired by Archbishop Matta Roham, our preacher at St Nicholas last Sunday). The following day, after dropping off Archbishop Matta at Gatwick, it was off to Cambridge for a day at Ridley Hall – where our curate-designate, Steve Burston, has been doing his pre-ordination training. It was fantastic to hear about all he has been doing and to see how excited he and Liz are to be coming to the parish. They move in to Maidenbower Vicarage in mid-June (see the notices for details of his ordination as a deacon). I was reminded what an immense privilege and huge responsibility we shall all share in helping him grow into the ministry of a priest in the Church of God during his 3 to 4 years with us. That reality was brought home in Church House, Hove as I attended one of the regular training sessions offered for “training incumbents” (as those of us who have curates serving in their parishes are known). So, having engaged with the international, the wider CofE and Diocese, today (Saturday) had a more local focus - Speech Day at Worth School, where the Anglican Chaplaincy continues to flourish. I'm looking forward to hearing what you have been up to! *Anthony*

## **READINGS for the day.**

### **Collect:**

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.**

### **FIRST READING**

#### **Acts 17. 22 - 31**

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s

offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

#### **Psalm. 66. 7 - 18**

**Response:-**

*‘O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands’*

### **SECOND READING**

#### **1 Peter 3. 13 - 22**

*A Reading from the First letter from Peter.*

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not

obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

### **GOSPEL**

#### **John 14. 15 – 21**

*A Reading from the Gospel according to John.*

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

#### **Post Communion**

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is live and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Did you know that all 44 dioceses of have voted in favour of the current draft legislation to allow women to be bishops? A final vote on the legislation is due at General Synod in July. If approved the first women bishop could be consecrated early next year.

#### **SERVICES during nest week**

##### **St Nicholas**

**Mon – Fri** 07.30 Morning Prayer  
**Sat** 08.30 Morning Prayer

##### **St Barnabas**

**Mon – Fri** 17.00 Evening Prayer  
**Sat BVM visit to Elizabeth**  
17.00 Eucharist

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**Tues** 10.30 Eucharist - St Barnabas

##### **Thurs- Ascension Day**

**10.30** Eucharist with hymns

– St Nicholas

11.00 Funeral [Richard Green]

– St Barnabas

**Sat** 14.00 Holy Matrimony  
– St Nicholas

#### **Services next Sunday**

##### **Sunday after Ascension**

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

– St Nicholas

09.45 Sung Eucharist - St Nicholas

10.00 Eucharist - St Barnabas

11.30 Nic's All-age service –St Nicholas

#### **ARE YOU FREE ON**

##### **June 4TH ?**



We are meeting at **8.30am** in the garden of the **Rectory** to prepare the surface of & apply wood preservative to the exterior of the Sunday School Meeting Room (Garden Room) If you are willing & able to help please join us there. Thank you.

## **NOTICES**

**ALL NOTICES FOR NEXT  
WEEK'S PEW SHEET TO BE SENT  
TO STUART SHARPE, PLEASE.  
jstuartsharpe@aol.com**

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

Please purchase tickets by May 27th for  
**May 30th** (01293 883362)

Two courses plus tea/coffee **£5.50**

**Thank you gentlemen** for your company and generosity at the Men's Breakfast last Saturday, we raised **£89.50 for the Parish World Bank** & a small donation to Christian Aid.

### **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.

**Sunday June 1st 'Cake for Life' 11.00-13.00** at 9 Crowhurst Close, Worth, eat in memory of Janet Mann donations to Cancer Research UK. All welcome.

**Wednesday June 4th 8.30am** - working party see notice on page 3.

**Thursday June 5th St Nicholas Circle** meets at **8.00pm** in the Pastoral Centre for the **Summer Supper Night with a Raffle**, donations of prizes on the night please, will be appreciated, thank you.

**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.

**Friday June 13th – Sunday June 15th**  
**The Life of Christ** Wintershall, Surrey. Tickets adults £16 children & students £8 01793418299 [www.wintershall-estate.com](http://www.wintershall-estate.com)

**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 10.00 am - 12 noon**  
a gardening / clean up / tidying session at St. Barnabas. Please help us if you can.

**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

## **DIARY NOTES**

**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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