

**WORTH PARISH**

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



‘He took bread, blessed and broke it,  
and gave it to them.’

**Sunday May 4th 2014**

**Third 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 & Preacher:*

Canon Meurig Williams

10.00 Eucharist at St Barnabas

*Celebrant & Preacher :* Revd Angela Martin

11.30 Nic’s All-age at St Nicholas

*Presiding:* Canon Anthony Ball

15.00 Baptism & Confirmation at

Worth Abbey

*Celebrant & Preacher:* Bishop Mark

**Next week’s Readings**

Acts 2. 42 - 47

Psalms 23

1 Peter 2. 19 - 25

John 10. 1 - 10

**The Rector writes:-**

The beautifully told story of the meeting of the disciples on the road to Emmaus is a sort of a model of how many Christians come to faith. It is wonderfully appropriate that we should have 15 people being baptised or confirmed (and some both!) in the parish today – beginning at St Barnabas this morning and continuing with the service led by Bishop Mark at Worth Abbey this afternoon. Each one of those has experienced Jesus in a unique way (even if it’s too early for young Theo to realise it) and has a journey of ‘walking and talking’ with Jesus ahead of them – as can we all. In today’s gospel the conversion of the two disciples happens in two phases – the first is “instruction”. Although the instruction, very properly, is based on scripture, it starts by answering the disciples questions – Jesus meets them where they are. The second phase is the breaking of bread – it is in this Eucharistic meal that their eyes are opened to recognise and really encounter Christ. So, for our candidates for Baptism and Confirmation, as for each one of us, the story is a timely reminder that as we meet people (in church or outside) who are prompted to enquire about our faith we need to start with their questions, where they are, and resist the temptation to answer the questions we think they should have asked. And also a reminder that we need both elements (instruction and sharing the Eucharist) to help us in our ongoing pilgrimage of faith. Are they both part of your developing relationship with Jesus?

*Wishing you every blessing,*

*Anthony*

## READINGS for the day.

### Collect:

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 2. 14a, 36 – 41

*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. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

#### Psalm. 116. 1 – 3, 10 - 17

### SECOND READING

#### 1 Peter 1. 17 – 23

*A Reading from the First letter from Peter.*

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

### GOSPEL

#### Luke 24. 13 – 35

*A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.*

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ He asked them,

‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

### **Post Communion**

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

Did you know... that the parish is an institutional member of the Crawley Inter Faith Network ? It seeks to create understanding and respect between the different faith groups in and around the town.

### **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  
11.00 Home Communion –  
Lanehurst Gardens

**Thurs** 10.30 Eucharist – St Nicholas  
14.00 Funeral – St Nicholas

**Fri** 10.30 Memorial service–St Nicholas  
14.00 Funeral – St Nicholas

**Sat** **No Weddings**

### **Services next Sunday**

#### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)  
- St Nicholas  
09.45 Sung Eucharist - St Nicholas  
10.00 Eucharist & Holy Baptism  
- St Barnabas  
12.00 Holy Baptism – St Nicholas

Please pray for those to be Baptised & Confirmed at **Worth Abbey** by Bishop Mark **today**:- Erzsébet Castius, Stacey Lewis, Tammy Mclellan & Confirmation candidates Nigel Holmwood, Sue Walshe and 9 students from Worth School Come and support them too –

**service 3.00pm**

## NOTICES

It is with great sadness that we announce that Ben Bland died on April 28th. Ben had been a Head Chorister at St Nicholas, a service to celebrate his life will be held Thursday **May 8th 2.00pm** at St Nicholas

\* **Thursday May 8th St Nicholas Julian Group has been cancelled this week.**

### Friday lunches in the Pastoral Centre.

Please purchase tickets by May 6th for **May 9th** (01293 883362)

Two courses plus tea/coffee **£5.50**

### Saturday May 10th Plant Fair and Market 10.00-12.00noon

Pastoral Centre Bedding plants, hanging baskets, perennials, vegetable plants, etc. Home produce, refreshments, etc. All welcome.

### Sunday May 11th mark 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 Sth Sudan. Everyone welcome.

### Monday May 12th St Barnabas Julian

**Group** meets at **11.00am** in the Narthex. Everyone welcome.

### 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.

### 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 place.

### 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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