

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

**Sunday June 8th 2014**  
**The Day of Pentecost**

*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:*

Jonathan Goodall, Bishop of Ebbsfleet

10.00 Eucharist at St Barnabas

*Celebrant & Preacher:* Revd Angela Martin

18.30 Choral Evensong

*Presiding:* Revd Angela Martin

**Next week's Readings**

Isaiah 40. 12 – 17. 27 - 31

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13. 11 - 13

Matthew 28. 16 - 20

**The Rector writes:-**

The scriptural promise, recorded in today's gospel, that "out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water" is both wonderfully reassuring and potentially challenging. How can this be? Is that the evidence my life gives to my faith? Considering these words at Pentecost, the feast that marks the conclusion of the great 50 days of Easter, reminds us that we are given the Holy Spirit to dwell within us and guide, strengthen and animate us in living out this promise. In doing so we have both to take care of our inner (spiritual) life in order that this "living water" can well up in our hearts and to live in such a way that rivers of it flow out from us to drench (baptise) those with whom we come into contact. It is no coincidence that yesterday – on the eve of Pentecost – a day of prayer was held throughout the Diocese (St Barnabas being the venue for this area) for the development of a new Diocesan Strategy for Evangelism and Discipleship. The development of such a strategy holds before us the twin challenge for our faith to impact on our own lives (discipleship) and the world around us (evangelism). As ever, something for us to reflect upon individually and as a church family (here in Crawley as well as more widely in the Diocese). Our most local opportunity to be part of the Diocesan discussion is this Tuesday evening at St Andrew's, Furnace Green. Can you be there?

Every blessing,

*Anthony*

## **READINGS for the day.**

### **Collect:**

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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. 1 - 21**

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our

own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

#### **Psalms 104. 26 – 36, 37b**

**Response:-**

*O praise the Lord;*

*my soul praise the Lord.*

### **SECOND READING**

#### **1 Corinthians 12. 3b – 13**

*A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Corinthians.*

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no

one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

## **GOSPEL**

### **John 7. 37 – 39**

*A Reading from the Gospel according to John.*

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."' Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

### **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.**

### **SERVICES during nest week**

#### **St Nicholas**

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

#### **St Barnabas**

**Mon – Tues** 17.00 Evening Prayer  
**Thurs -Sat** 17.00 Evening Prayer

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**Tues** 10.30 Eucharist - St Barnabas

**Wed - St Barnabas Patronal Service**  
**18.30 Eucharist**

**Thurs-** 10.30 Eucharist – St Nicholas  
13.30 Burial of Ashes – June Sharpe

**Sat** 12.00 Holy Matrimony—St Nicholas  
14.00 Holy Matrimony—St Nicholas  
16.00 Holy Matrimony—St Nicholas

### **Services next Sunday**

#### **Trinity Sunday**

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

### **ARE YOU FREE ON JUNE 11th ?**

We are meeting at **8.30am** in the Rectory Garden to prepare the surface & 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.

Thanks !

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

Please purchase tickets by June 10th for **June 13th** (01293 883362)

Two courses plus tea/coffee **£5.50**

### **Tuesday June 10th Diocesan Strategy**

**Meeting 7.30 - 9.30pm** St Andrews Furnace Green, everyone welcome, your views are important

## NOTICES

**Thank you** to all who supported the Mothers' Union Coffee Morning last Saturday we raised **£118** for MU Projects.

**Thank you** to all who supported the Cake for Life last Sunday **£350+** was raised for Cancer Research UK.

**TODAY Sunday June 8th Evensong for Pentecost – 6.30pm** at St Nicholas.

**Monday June 9th St Barnabas Julian** meets at 11.00am in the Narthex, everyone welcome.

**Tuesday June 10th** please note the Pastoral Centre will be closed (a charity letting). Also there is **no 10.30am** Eucharist at St. Barnabas on this date.

**Wednesday June 11th –note change of date** see page 3 for details of the 'Working Party' needed please.

**Wednesday June 11th 6.30pm** .....

**St Barnabas Patronal service** followed by light refreshments. All welcome.

**Thursday June 12th St Nicholas Julian Group** meets in the Chapel at 2.30pm, everyone welcome.

**Friday June 13th 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm** gardening at Maidenbower Vicarage, Gregory Close, before the arrival of our curate, Steve Burston, the following week. A team of helpers to make it an easy task. Contact the Parish Office or Phyl 883362-[roger.pennell@Zen.co.uk](mailto:roger.pennell@Zen.co.uk) if you are able to help that afternoon. Thank you.

**Saturday June 14th Ladies' Breakfast 8.30am** in the Pastoral Centre. Speaker Holly Sabin, from Christian Aid. **Last chance to Sign-up**, sheets at the back of both churches.

**Saturday June 14th 10.00 am - 12 noon** a gardening / clean up / tidying session at St. Barnabas. Please help us if you can. Refreshments will be provided.

**Saturday June 14th Strawberry Tea Party 3.00pm** contact Jim 01293 882582

**Sunday June 15th 11.15am St Nicholas Church Open Meeting** – questions & answers time following the 9.45am service  
**Saturday June 21st Parish Fair 11.00 - 3.00pm** at St Barnabas . Can you help on a stall 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.

## IMPORTANT DIARY NOTES

**Sunday June 29th 8.00am Holy Communion** service will be held at St Barnabas on this date and **NOT** at St Nicholas, all worshipers welcome.

**Sunday June 29th Parish Eucharist 10.00am St Nicholas** – to welcome our Curate Steve Burston and his family. Followed by a buffet on the Rectory lawn at 11.30. Food donations Lists in church now, **please sign today.**

**NO 10.00 service at St Barnabas.**

**Sunday June 29th 6.30pm Evensong** at St Mary's Horsham to enable Roger Combes, retiring Archdeacon of Horsham, to say farewell to the Archdeaconry. Bishop Martin will be attending.

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