

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

**Sunday July 13th 2014**  
**Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

*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 Gordon Parry

9.45 Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas

*Celebrant & Preacher:-* Revd Gordon Parry

10.00 Eucharist at St Barnabas

*Celebrant & Preacher:* Revd Angela Martin

12.00 Holy Baptism at St Nicholas

*Presiding:* Revd Gordon Parry

**Next week's Readings**

Isaiah 44. 6 - 8

Psalm 86. 11 - 17

Romans 8. 12 - 25

Matthew 13. 24 - 30, 36 - 43

**The Curate writes:-**

Remarkably I sit here in my study, two weeks into my Curacy, with the boxes unpacked and my head still spinning. Spinning with names, faces and where and what I should or shouldn't be doing in the services! Ideally not falling over my cassock on the steps up to the pulpit! As I pause for a moment I can only feel gratitude. Gratitude for the wonderful house and garden (that a number of you helped clear) God has blessed us with. As often happens when you start thanking God other things spring to mind. I am thankful for the faith you have shown in accepting a curate in training and that curate being me! As a family, we are so thankful for the wonderful welcome and lunch that made it clear to us that we had joined a loving faithful community. My personal tutor at Theological College was an eminent Pauline New Testament Scholar whose ethos was always to start our prayers and thoughts with what we were thankful to God for. This was even when a huge tree fell onto his house, car and garage. His response 'Thank You Lord that I had a house, garage and car for a tree to fall on to! I think I would find it hard to be thankful to God in this situation. This lifting up of our vision to God from the dark places is not easy when things go wrong. It only comes in time when you exercise thanks-giving every day. You can start small with thanking God for the Sunshine and when you get going it's often hard to stop. As Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 'give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you'. A spirit of thanksgiving is infectious to others and such a spirit can often prepare the good soil in the hearts of others that Matthew refers to in today's Gospel reading. So Thank You again Blessings - Steve

## READINGS for the day.

### Collect:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

#### Isaiah 55. 10 - 13

*A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.*

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.



#### Psalm. 65. 8 – 13

#### Response:

*Blessed are they that walk in  
the house of the Lord.*

### SECOND READING

#### Romans 8. 1 - 11

*A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

## **GOSPEL**

### **Matthew 13. 1 – 9, 18 - 23**

*A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.*

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

## **Post Communion**

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **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  
**Thurs** 10.30 Eucharist – St Nicholas  
**Fri** 12.00 Holy Matrimony - St Nicholas  
**Sat** No Weddings

### **Services next Sunday**

#### **Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

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

Did you know... that there are **blue plastic boxes** in both the Pastoral Centre and St Nicholas church for the collection of donated (in-date) tinned & packet food. These items are then passed to the Easter Team for distribution to homeless & less fortunate people in Crawley and help to provide free lunches for them once a week at St Barnabas? Please remember us when shopping - BOGOF. Thank you.

## **NOTICES**

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

Please purchase tickets by July 15th for **July 18th** (01293 883362)

Two courses plus tea/coffee **£5.50**

**Thanks** to all who supported the Saturday Market on July 5th it raised **£56.82** for church funds.

**Monday July 14th St Barnabas Julian Group** will meet at **11.00am** in the upstairs Meeting Room. Everyone welcome.

### **Thursday July 17th or Sept.11th**

#### **DEMENTIA CHAMPIONS TRAINING**

- **CRAWLEY** you must register to attend either session at ---

[www.alzheimers.dementiafriends.org.uk/](http://www.alzheimers.dementiafriends.org.uk/)

**WEBRegisterChampion**

### **Saturday July 19th 7.00pm at CURC,**

**Worth Rd** Sausage & Mash Supper & Quiz night. Adults £10 children £4.

**Sunday July 20th** is the last day to order tickets for Crawley Operatics Society production of 'South Pacific' at the Hawth Theatre in October 2014. We have reserved some seats at £15 each (£12 under 16's) for the 7.30pm performance on Thursday October 16th. If you would like to join us on this evening please let Jan Brooks or Phyl Pennell have numbers and payment by July 20th. Tickets will be distributed in August / September.

**Saturday July 26th** a gardening session at St. Barnabas 9.30 - 11.30am - primarily to tidy the Jubilee Garden for August 3rd Lots of help is needed so please do come along if you can.

**Soft Toys** – are you storing a large black sack of soft toys saved from the Summer Fair ? If so please advise Jane Stanford or Joan Tick. Thank you.

## **DIARY NOTES**

### **Sunday August 3rd 11.30am a “BRING & SHARE Buffet Lunch”**

in St Barnabas Church Hall & Jubilee Garden to say 'Farewell & thank you' to Angela and her family. Please advise the Parish Office if you wish to attend, to aid catering on 03001118150 or [info@worthparish.org.uk](mailto:info@worthparish.org.uk).

### **Saturday August 9th at 5.30pm at**

**St Nicholas** ~ Do you have a “Significant” wedding anniversary this year? Want to renew or affirm your wedding vows? Come and join those married last year in a “thanksgiving for marriage” service. Reception at the Rectory afterwards. Contact clergy or the office for more details by July 17th.

### **Sunday September 14th - Parish Pork**

**Roast 12.30 – 3.00pm** at St Barnabas Jubilee Garden or church hall if wet.

Sign-up sheets are in both churches now, closing date **August 3rd**, 50+ people are required for this event to proceed.

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