

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

“‘Lord, save me!’ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him.”

Sunday August 10th 2014
Eighth 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: Canon Anthony Ball

9.45 Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas

Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Anthony Ball

10.00 Eucharist at St Barnabas

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Susan Suddaby

12.00 Holy Baptism at St Nicholas

Presiding: Canon Anthony Ball

Next week's Readings

Isaiah 56. 1, 6 - 8

Psalms 67.

Romans 11. 1 - 2a, 29 - 32

Matthew 15. 21 - 28

The Rector writes:-

After the “did you know” note last week and the introduction of the two icons at St Nicholas several people have suggested I write ‘a word about icons’. A big and, at times, controversial topic but I’ll try in a few lines. Icons date back to the earliest beginnings of the church – the first, of the Virgin and Child, reputedly painted by St Luke. Archaeological finds date back to 200AD. They are associated with the Eastern/Orthodox tradition (the Western/Catholic church being more associated with statues). For many Anglicans icons are a variation on stained glass - decorative and educational, an attractive addition to the fabric of our churches, bringing an ecumenical flavour to them. However, others find meaning in the theology of the icon and its use in prayer. Orthodox Christians reverence icons because they are a particular way in which the presence of God is made known. Icons have been described as “windows to heaven.” When praying in front of an icon, it is said that a person looks *through* the icon to the heavenly reality behind it. For them, showing reverence to an icon is to worship God. The orthodox understanding of icons, carefully distinguishes between worship, which may be given to God alone, and reverence, which may be shown to icons and other symbols which direct us to God. The Orthodox describe the process of painting an icon as “writing” because icons are an expression of the Gospel, a medium by which the Word made flesh is proclaimed to the world. Depicting Christ is seen as a means of affirming that he was a human being.

READINGS for the day.

Collect:

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19. 9 - 18

A Reading from the First Book of Kings.

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and

killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

Psalms 85 8 – 13.

Response:- Show us your mercy O Lord

SECOND READING

Romans 10. 5 - 15

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to

shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

GOSPEL

Matthew 14. 22 - 33

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, ‘It is a ghost!’ And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’ Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’ When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.
Amen.

SERVICES during nest week

St Nicholas

Mon - Thurs 08.30 Morning Prayer
Fri {B.V.M.} 08.30 Eucharist
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  
12.00 Holy Matrimony –  
St Nicholas  
**Fri** 12.30 Funeral (Julia Hughes) –  
St Nicholas  
**Sat** 12.00 Holy Matrimony – St Nicholas  
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Services next Sunday

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

Did you know... a new 500-home development has been approved on the edge of Copthorne, separated from Forge Wood by the M23? The development’s ‘business area’ (but no homes) will be in our parish

NOTICES

Friday lunches in the Pastoral Centre.

Please purchase tickets by **August 12th** for **August 15th** (01293 883362)

Two courses plus tea/coffee **£5.50**

Monday August 11th at 11.00am Julian Group meets at St Barnabas. Old and new friends welcome.

Thursday August 21st 7.30pm Holy Trinity, Forest Row, Angela's Licensing.

If you wish to attend **please sign up** so we can advise numbers also if you either require a lift or are willing to be a chauffeur please indicate on the sheets at the back of either church. **ASAP.** Thank you.

We are looking for someone to look after the **St Barnabas Vicarage Garden** during the vacancy. This can be one, two or a small group of people – if you are interested please contact Phyl 01293 883362 as soon as possible. Thank you.

Raffle Tickets in aid of church funds are on sale NOW - don't forget to buy yours. £1 per ticket, £5 per book.

Draw takes place on September 27th at **St Nicholas Open Day.**

DIARY NOTES

Saturday September 6th 10.00 – 11.45

Saturday Markets return in the Pastoral Centre

Sunday September 7th 4.00pm

Festival Choir rehearsals begin in **St Nicholas** church, sign up sheet at the back of churches. Concert will be on the eve of Saturday, November 1st and is in commemoration of the start of WW1.

Saturday September 13th – Parish Quiet Day “Being the Church in the World” 11.00 - 3.30 at St Barnabas (coffee from 10.30 in the Pastoral Centre) Ploughman's Lunch will be available. **Sign-up** sheets in church now.

Saturday September 20th Coffee

Morning & Market in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care. 10.00 - 11.45 in the Pastoral Centre.

Sunday October 5th Rachmaninov's

Vespers performed at Holy Trinity church **Cuckfield** at **2.30pm** by the Armonico Consort & soprano Eloise Irving. Tickets in advance only cost £20 call 01444 454298

The Holy Trinity Secondary School, Gossops Green, is looking for **Governors.**

It is a church school seeking to improve the quality of its educational provision and further develop its strong Christian roots and ethos.

Do you have any of the following skills ?
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Buildings/Project Management knowledge
Auditing skills. Background in education.

For enquires or additional information please contact the Chair of Governors

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