

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

The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!"

Sunday August 17th 2014
Ninth 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 Meurig Williams

10.00 All-age Worship at St Barnabas

Presiding: Canon Anthony Ball

12.00 Holy Baptism at St Nicholas

Presiding: Canon Meurig Williams

Next week's Readings

Isaiah 43. 8 - 13

Psalm 145. 1 - 7

Acts 5. 12 - 16

Luke 22. 24 - 30

The Curate writes:-

Woody Allen famously said, 'If you want to make God laugh tell him your plans.', and this is pretty much how it's been for me. I know that 'God has got good plans' for us all and when I think I can see what they are I've then worked out how I (Steve) would make it happen. Then..... no surprise - my striving doesn't always achieve what I want as I take my own path. I can almost feel God smiling at me knowingly, saying 'Steve I have got great plans for you, but not quite the way you think.' If anyone had said ten years ago you will be standing in a pulpit, wearing a collar and a rather lovely piece of red material over a dress - it would have been me laughing rather than God. For me it was all set out before me - I was in the Police ready to retire at 53 years old with a good pension, but I had to lift up my vision to God and press into Him. As Martin Luther King once said 'Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase'. The paths I had in mind were not quite the paths God had in store for me. Rather like the disciples, who found the Woman in today's Gospel reading a distraction to their plans - they needed Jesus to show them that the woman was in fact a demonstration of faith. God always surprises us with the good plans He has for us. Prepare to be surprised!

Blessings,

Steve

READINGS for the day.

Collect:

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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

Isaiah 56. 1, 6 - 8

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—

these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.



‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.’

Psalm 67

SECOND READING

Romans 11. 1 – 2a, 29 - 32

A Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Romans.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

GOSPEL

Matthew 15. 21 - 28

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, ‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.’ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, ‘Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.’ He answered, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’ But she came and knelt before him, saying, ‘Lord, help me.’ He answered, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the

dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Post Communion

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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Loving God, may your Church throughout the world show your love for all peoples and nations. Bless all who seek to heal divisions and to do away with prejudice. Give courage to all who reach out to those in need and who seek to welcome the rejected. May your Church reflect your saving love. **Amen.**

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Heavenly Father, open our eyes to see you, our ears to hear you, our hearts to love you and our hands to received you; that together we may grow in faith and share your way of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



SERVICES during nest week

St Nicholas

Mon – 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

**Sat 14.00** Holy Matrimony – St Nicholas

16.00 Renewal of Vows -St Nicholas

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Services next Sunday

Feast of St Bartholomew

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

Next week's Fact

Tuesday August 20th

The day we remember

Bernard of Clairvaux.

Bernard of Clairvaux was a French abbot and the primary builder of the reforming Cistercian order. He was born in 1090 and died on August 20th 1153.

Did you know... 'red letter days' are feasts or festivals of the Church – so called because they were (and often still are) printed in red in the calendar & lectionary? There is always a celebration of the Eucharist in the parish on those days.

NOTICES

PARKING AT ST NICHOLAS

Please ensure that you park your cars in the roadway and **NOT on the footpath** at any time along either Church Rd or Street Hill and surrounding roads or blocking driveways. This notification has been received from the local police. Thank you.

Friday lunches in the Pastoral Centre.

Please purchase tickets by **August 19th** for **August 22nd** (01293 **513421**)

Two courses plus tea/coffee **£5.50**

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

If you wish to attend **please sign up TODAY** 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. 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.**



could this be your ticket ?

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. To be led by Revd Gordon Parry. **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. Please come & support us.

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 ?

Finance knowledge. Charing Skills.

Buildings/Project Management knowledge

Auditing skills. Background in education.

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