

WORTH PARISH

St Nicholas, Worth & St Barnabas, Pound Hill



St Matthew

Sunday September 21st 2014

Feast of St Matthew

Welcome to our churches today.

If you have time afterwards, please stay for refreshments after the service.

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 Roger Brown

09.45 Sung Eucharist + Holy Baptism

at St Nicholas

Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Anthony Ball

10.00 All-age worship at St Barnabas

Presiding: Revd Steve Burston

14.00 Holy Baptism at St Nicholas

Presiding: Revd James Rodgers

Next week's Readings

Deuteronomy 28. 1 - 14

Psalm 65

2 Corinthians 9. 6 - 15

Luke 12. 16 - 30

The Curate writes:-

Well, I have survived my first clergy conference and by all accounts I did well to miss the last one that was held in a Butlin's Night Club – it could only happen in the Church of England! What did I learn? Did I learn, as most people have told me, that Clergy are like manure, best thinly spread rather collected into one large pile? No, what I learnt was that Chichester Diocese is achieving what most men (although I believe that this is an urban myth – as right now I am listening to football on the radio and typing!) apparently struggle with, and that is multi tasking. For the Diocese is both going places whilst also remaining rooted in Christ and its own rich heritage. I also learnt that our Bishops Martin, Mark and Richard are committed to this journey to bring God's Kingdom closer by being active in the Mission of God. How do we achieve this? By looking out for others, the marginalised, the voiceless, the lonely, by truly and actively loving these kinds of neighbours despite the cost, to be Christ's hands and feet, to be the embodiment of the Good News of Jesus Christ. We come together to Worship on Sunday to sustain us so that we can receive God's mercy, so that then in the rest of the week we can go serve and love others, to be Christ's light in the darkness.

Blessings Steve

READINGS for the day.

Collect:

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son 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

Proverbs 3. 13 – 18

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs.

Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her.

Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honour.

Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called happy.

Psalm 119. 65 - 72

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4. 1 - 6

A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced

the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL

Matthew 9. 9 - 13

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

Post Communion

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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**This week's fact**

**Today is the feast day of**  
**St Matthew the Apostle**

Matthew is the Patron Saint of:-  
accountants; bankers; bookkeepers;  
customs officers; security guards;  
stock brokers and -  
tax collectors !

St Matthew is often portrayed holding a book and pen and sometimes with an angel beside him. It has been said that he is keeper of the Records in heaven, who knows ?

Matthew may, it is believed, have been martyred in Ethiopia where he spread the Good News and he was a devoted follower of Christ.

Did you know.... that next Sunday is Back to Church Sunday, as well as our Harvest Sunday celebration?

Can you invite or bring a friend with you?

Invitation cards are being distributed.



**Raffle Tickets in aid of church funds are on sale NOW** - don't forget to buy yours. £1 per ticket, £5 per book. Draw will take place on September 27th at **St Nicholas Open Day**.



Lord, you chose a tax collector to share the dignity of the apostles, by his devoted example and prayers, help us to follow you and remain as faithful in your service as Matthew. 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 at St Barnabas

Wed 15.00 Messy Church

at St Barnabas Hall

Thurs 10.30 Eucharist at St Nicholas

19.30 Eucharist –Mothers' Union

at St Barnabas

Sat No Weddings

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**Services next Sunday**

**Harvest Thanksgiving**

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

- St Nicholas

10.00 Sung Eucharist - St Nicholas

10.00 Eucharist at St Barnabas

**100 Club Draw Results September**

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| <b>3</b>  | <b>Alastair Wells</b>  | <b>£100.00</b> |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>Rose Wells</b>      | <b>£ 50.00</b> |
| <b>15</b> | <b>Rosemary Cordan</b> | <b>£ 25.00</b> |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>Sheila Sellar</b>   | <b>£ 25.00</b> |

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**A plea for help**

If anyone has an old fashioned wooden wheelbarrow they could lend to Jane Stanford for the Harvest weekend please call her on 01293 543065. Thank you.

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## NOTICES

### Friday lunches in the Pastoral Centre

Please purchase tickets by Sept. 23rd for September 26th [01293 883362]  
Two courses plus tea/coffee **£5.50**

UNICEF Jars of Grace if you have not been able to participate in the 'Jar' collection but would like to make a donation this can be done during the services at both churches on September 28th Please also **bring your jars to these Harvest Thanksgiving services (at either church) next week**, thank you.

Tuesday September 23rd Pilgrim Course restarts at 7.30pm in the Rectory Garden Room.

Wednesday September 24th Messy Church 3.00pm – 4.30pm at St Barnabas church hall, everyone welcome.

Thursday September 25th Mothers' Union Meeting 8.00pm in the Pastoral Centre, preceded by a Eucharist at 7.30pm in St Barnabas. Our speaker is Elsie Sanmogan telling of her visit to Tanzania.

Sunday September 28th Harvest Thanksgiving services at St Barnabas & St Nicholas please bring either **packets or tins of food** for distribution to the Easter Team & Open House....St Barnabas will be decorated on Sept. 27th from 10.00; help would be appreciated, as would contributions towards flower costs for either church to Phyl Pennell or Rosemary Cordan. Thank you.

Thursday October 2nd St Nicholas Circle meeting at 8.00pm in the Pastoral Centre – Peter & Gill Gusterson showing slides from three Parish Pilgrimages. Everyone welcome.

Saturday October 4th 7.30pm Parish Quiz at St Barnabas Hall. Teams of 6 or join one on the night. Tickets £5 each. Bring your own drinks & nibbles Tickets available from Jan Brooks, Sheila Dring, Karen Fly, Ann Lane, Phyl Pennell or Jane Stanford. **Please buy tickets by September 28th**

## DIARY NOTES

Saturday October 18th – Mothers' Union Coffee Morning with Book & Cake sale & a raffle 10.00 –11.45am in the Pastoral Centre.

Sunday October 19th – St Nicholas 'congregational meeting' will take place after the **9.45am** service, everyone welcome.

Saturday October 25th Parish Jumble Sale 9.30am at St. Barnabas Church Hall. Please do not bring any jumble before October 24th as we are unable to store it.

Saturday November 1st – Festival Choir Concert "*If ye break faith - we shall not sleep*"- St Nicholas **7.00pm**. Tickets £4 from 03001118150.

Saturday November 1st 2.00pm Holy Trinity Forest Row 'Poppy Appeal' Recital given by Claire Watkins, Gareth Morris & Simon Morris. Retiring collection & refreshments.

Saturday November 15th Parish Quiet Day 11.00 – 3.30(coffee from 10.30) at St Barnabas "Being the Church in the world" led by Revd Gordon Parry.

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