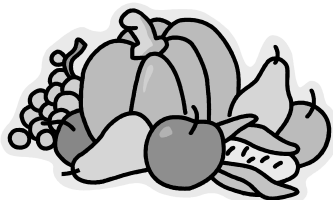


WORTH PARISH*St Nicholas, Worth & St Barnabas, Pound Hill*

Sunday September 28th 2014
Harvest Thanksgiving

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 at St Nicholas

Preacher: Revd Steve Burston

10.00 Eucharist at St Barnabas

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Gordon Parry

12.00 Holy Baptism at St Nicholas

Presiding: Revd Gordon Parry

Next week's Readings

Isaiah 5. 1 - 7

Psalms 80. 8 - 16

Philippians 3. 4b - 14

Matthew 21. 33 - 46

The Rector writes:-

I can't but begin by offering a huge thank-you to all who took part in the St Nicholas Open Day on Saturday afternoon – whether by coming along to contribute to the fantastic atmosphere, by working on the stalls and displays, by helping set-up and pack-up or being part of the organising group over the last few months (these categories are not mutually exclusive!) The day, like our Fairs at St Barnabas, witnessed to our commitment to reach out, welcome and be a blessing to the community around us. It also gave neighbours the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to the local community (e.g. the Coaching Halt – didn't Steve & Sam do a great job on the BBQ?). As many said to me during the afternoon, it is really appreciated. That spirit of generosity and being there for others, as well as wanting the best for 'our family', was evident in discussion at the PCC on Tuesday about our youth ministry. Steve presented some exciting initial plans. As well as the 7-2-9 Club running at St Barnabas we are starting a new group at St Nicholas on Sunday morning for the older children, building on our Sunday Schools at both churches and forging new partnerships for our engagement with local schools. Whilst resourcing these initiatives will be challenging (not least finding them a "home" in our buildings) we take heart from Wednesday's Messy Church session being full to capacity. An encouraging reminder of the truth in today's readings that our "sowing bountifully" will allow us to reap in similar measure. Whilst blessing others we find ourselves blessed.

READINGS for the day.

Collect:

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season; grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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

Deuteronomy 28. 1 – 14

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

If you will only obey the LORD your God, by diligently observing all his commandments that I am commanding you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth; all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the LORD your God: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb, the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your livestock, both the increase of your cattle and the issue of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading-bowl.

Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you; they shall come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways. The LORD will command the blessing upon you in your barns, and in all that you undertake; he will bless you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. The LORD will establish you as his holy people, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in his ways. All the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you. The LORD will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit

of your ground in the land that the LORD swore to your ancestors to give you. The LORD will open for you his rich storehouse, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and to bless all your undertakings. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow. The LORD will make you the head, and not the tail; you shall be only at the top, and not at the bottom—if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I am commanding you today, by diligently observing them, and if you do not turn aside from any of the words that I am commanding you today, either to the right or to the left, following other gods to serve them.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 9. 6 - 15

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

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through

the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

GOSPEL

Luke 12. 16 - 30

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’ He said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of

little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

Post Communion

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom; by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through 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 at St Barnabas  
**Thurs 10.30** Eucharist at St Nicholas  
**Sat 12.00** Holy Matrimony  
at St Nicholas

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Services next Sunday

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)
- St Nicholas
09.45 Sung Eucharist - St Nicholas
10.00 Eucharist at St Barnabas
11.30 Nic’s All-age service for animals
- St Nicholas

Did you know... that the Public Notice for the replacement of the Pastoral Centre doors & windows is now displayed? This is the final stage before formally seeking approval (a “faculty”) for the project. Thanks to the donors who raised the approx.. £12,000 needed.

Friday lunches in the Pastoral Centre.

Please purchase tickets by **Sept. 30th** for **October 3rd** [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 **TODAY** thank you.

TODAY- September 28th is our Harvest Thanksgiving services at **St Barnabas & St Nicholas** donations of either **packets or tins of food** for distribution to the Easter Team & Open House are being accepted. If you wish to make a contribution towards **flower costs** for either church please hand to Phyl Pennell or Rosemary Cordan. Thank you.

Thanks to those who supported the Coffee Morning and Market in aid of **Macmillan Cancer Care**. £190.30 was raised plus £85 in donations - a total of **£275.30**.

And thanks too to all who returned the **Parish Questionnaire** (responses have been collated and will be acted on!)

Thursday October 2nd St Nicholas Circle meeting at 8.00pm in the Pastoral Centre – Peter & Gill Gusterson are giving an illustrated talk about three Parish Pilgrimages - Oberammergau, Iona & Assisi. Everyone welcome.

Saturday October 4th is the next **Saturday Market** in the Pastoral Centre from 10.00am. We look forward to seeing you there.

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 TODAY**

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

DIARY NOTES

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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