

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

**Do not waste the talents that
the Lord has given you.**

Sunday November 16th 2014
Second Sunday before Advent

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

09.45 Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas

Celebrant & Preacher:

Canon Meurig Williams

10.00 All-age Worship at St Barnabas

Presiding: Revd Steve Burston

12.00 Holy Baptism at St Nicholas

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Next week's Readings

Ezekiel 34. 11 – 16, 20 – 24

Psalms 95. 1 – 7

Ephesians 1. 15 – 23

Matthew 25. 31 – 46

The Curate writes:-

With the 100 anniversary of the First World War being marked this year Remembrance Sunday seemed to have, if it is possible, even more significance. I visited with my girls the wonderful yet sobering and overwhelming scene of the poppies at the Tower of London; then on the Friday night before Remembrance Sunday, in St Barnabas Church I sat alone looking at another powerful display of poppies in front of the Communion Table and the banner prepared by the 'Knit and Natter' Group. The Banner contains the initials of those who had fallen in the First World War. As I read each set of initials I thought of a young life lost. Yes, I felt sadness about lives cut short and the continued violent conflicts across the world, but most of all the need to keep remembering. Remembering both those who had died and those who came home alive but scarred. Remembering, so that their stories are told to the next generation, so that we continue to strive to avoid such horrors again. At St Nicholas we had over 40 cubs and scouts and the best moment for me (as it so often is!) was at coffee afterwards. I stood with a family with three scouts and two of my girls as I asked Tony Hiscock about his medals. Very humbly he told us of his flying Lancaster's and we saw his Distinguished Flying Cross. The next generation (my girls and the scouts) stood their encapsulated by the real stories right there in our own Church. I was able to thank Tony on behalf of my generation and to then promise that we will remember them.

Steve.

READINGS for the day.

Collect:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:..... where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 1. 7, 12 - 18

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the

whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalm. 90. 1 – 8,12

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5. 1 – 11

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25. 14 - 30

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he

gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more

will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Post Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

SERVICES during next 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

**Sat** 11.00 Burial of Ashes – St Nicholas  
18.00 Marriage Blessing – St Nicholas

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Services next Sunday

Christ the King

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)
- St Nicholas
09.45 **Sung Eucharist** - St Nicholas
10.00 **Eucharist** - St Barnabas

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~ ~ ~ ~ ~ If you would like to Host the POSADA ~ ~ ~ ~ ~
~ ~ ~ ~ ~ this year please enter your name, 'phone ~ ~ ~ ~ ~
~ ~ ~ ~ ~ No. & dates when you are not available on ~ ~ ~ ~ ~
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Special Notice

The Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) are still processing Rev'd James Grant's application. This means the licensing service planned for Nov 18th has to be postponed. We expect Rev'd James' first service to be a Parish Eucharist and therefore the Parish Eucharist next Sunday is also postponed until after his licensing. Dates for both services will be announced once his DBS clearance is through.


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It is with sadness that we announce the death of Bishop Colin Docker, on November 3rd, at the age of 89. Bishop Colin was the Bishop of Horsham from 1984-1991 and a great support to clergy and the parish, especially during the time of the fire at St Nicholas. Our thoughts and prayers are with Thelma and her family.

## **NOTICES**

**Friday lunches in the Pastoral Centre.**  
Please purchase tickets by **Tues Nov. 18th** for **Friday November 21st** 01293 883362  
Two courses plus tea/coffee **£5.50**

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Christmas lunches in the Pastoral Centre, 12.30 December 5th and 12th
Menu includes turkey, trimmings, Christmas pudding, glass of wine, mince pies, tea/coffee, etc.
Tickets, available from the Pastoral Centre, cost £10.50 each and must be bought in advance.
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**Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup>**  **Parish Christmas Fair at St Barnabas from 12 noon to 3.00 p.m.** We are looking for donations of books, home produce, cakes, plants raffle, soft toys etc. **Please sign up** on the sheets at the back of church if you can help on a stall.

**NEXT Sunday November 23rd Normal services at both churches.**

**From Tuesday November 25th until December 16th there will be an Advent Course 7.30pm in the Narthex at St Barnabas,** please complete the Sign-up Form TODAY (in both churches) Thank you.

**Wednesday November 26th Messy Church** 3.00– 4.30pm St Barnabas Church Hall

## **DIARY NOTES**

**Sunday November 30th Christingle at St Barnabas 3.00pm.**

**Sunday November 30th Advent Carol Service at St Nicholas 6.30pm**

**Sunday December 14th Celebration of Christmas & Carols for All 4.00pm at St Barnabas**

**Sunday December 21st Nine Lessons & Carols at St Nicholas 6.30pm**

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