

**WORTH PARISH**

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



**Lest we forget.**

**Sunday November 9th 2014**  
**Remembrance Sunday**

*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 with

Act of Remembrance at St Nicholas

*Celebrant : Canon Anthony Ball*

*Preacher: Mrs Jill Alderton*

10.00 Eucharist with Act of Remembrance

at St Barnabas

*Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Norman Jones*

12.00 Holy Baptism at St Nicholas

*Presiding : Canon Anthony Ball*

**Next week's Readings**

Zephaniah 1. 7, 12 - 18

Psalm 90. 1 - 8, 12

1 Thessalonians 5 1 - 11

Matthew 25. 14 - 30

**The Rector writes:-**

I spent most of Saturday at the Diocesan Synod meeting in Eastbourne. Rather against my expectations, I found it an encouraging time. Many of the descriptions of life in the Diocese resonated with our experience in this parish. Bishop Martin, reporting on his Visitation (he's now visited every deanery in the Diocese) highlighted the dynamism he noted in those places where the clergy and laity had developed the habit of praying together daily (note to self: let's look again at the timing of Morning & Evening Prayer). There was a daunting yet hugely hopeful presentation from our new Director of Education which reinforced the conviction that the effort we (especially Revd Steve and those who serve as school governors) are putting in to our ministry with local schools is hugely worthwhile. We were told that our Diocese tops the 'Parish Giving Scheme' league with both the highest number of donors and the highest total given. (Thank you to those who have or have undertaken to join the scheme.) Bishop Richard, describing the emerging features of the 'bottom-up' Diocesan strategy observed that "the definition of insanity is to expect different results from carrying on doing the same thing" and "every system is perfectly designed to give the results it currently delivers". On this Remembrance Sunday we can give thanks that, after two horrific World Wars, Europe learned those lessons. We can commit ourselves to honour the memory of those who died by working to change that which undermines peace and human flourishing – at home and further afield.

## READINGS for the day.

### Collect:

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

#### Wisdom of Solomon 6. 12 – 16

*A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.*

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

### Psalm. 70

### SECOND READING

#### 1 Thessalonians 4. 13 – 18

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

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about

those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

### GOSPEL

#### Matthew 25. 1 - 13

*A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.*

‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you

and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

**Post Communion**

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

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O God of truth and justice we hold before you those whose memory we cherish and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. Amen.



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**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 **NO SERVICE** at  
 St Nicholas  
**10.30** Remembrance Service  
 (Royal British legion) – **St Nicholas**

**Thurs** 10.30 Eucharist – St Nicholas

**Sat** NO WEDDINGS – St Nicholas  
 11.00 – 14.30 Quiet Day– St Barnabas  
 15.00 Said Eucharist – St Barnabas

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**Services next Sunday**

**Second Sunday before Advent**

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

**This week's fact**

The Royal British Legion was formed on May 15th 1921 to care for those who had suffered in the Armed Forces during WW1 and their families. The first official Poppy Day was held in Britain on November 11th 1921 and they have raised money ever since to continue their work. Today 50 disabled ex-service personnel are employed all year making what were known as 'Haig' Poppies (named after Field Marshal Earl Haig, the Founder-President of the British Legion) "The Royal" was added as a prefix in 1971.

**POSADA**

If you would like to Host the POSADA this year please enter your name, 'phone No. & dates when unavailable on the List at the back of both churches. Thank you.

## Special Notice

Rev'd James Grant is still waiting for his DBS clearance. Nonetheless, we continue to plan for his licensing (by Bishop Mark) on **November 18th at 7.30p.m.** at St Barnabas and for the 'welcome' reception afterwards. An opportunity to meet the new Archdeacon of Horsham, the Ven. Fiona Windsor too. Keep the date free in your diary!

## NOTICES

### Friday lunches in the Pastoral Centre.

Please purchase tickets by **Tues Nov. 11th** for **Friday November 14th** 01293 883362

Two courses plus tea/coffee **£5.50**

**Remembrance Diary** - there are sheets at the back of the church to record the names of loved ones whose anniversary of death you wish to be remembered in church next year.

**Thank you** to those who supported the Saturday Market on November 1st, **£69.65** was raised for Church Funds.

**Monday November 10th St Barnabas Julian Group** meets at 11.00a.m.  
All welcome to attend.

**Monday November 10th 7.30p.m.** a **Talk at Worth Abbey** by Sister Cathy Jones on 'Mary in the Church Today'

**Tuesday November 11th 10.30a.m. The Royal British Legion Remembrance Service** at St Nicholas, all welcome to attend.

**Tuesday November 11th – Hazelwick Remembers 7.00-8.00p.m** at St Nicholas, Hazelwick School presents an evening of remembrance with music and readings. All welcome. Entry free. Donations to Royal British Legion.

**Thursday November 13th 2.30p.m.** **St Nicholas Julian Group** meets in the Chapel, everyone welcome.

**Saturday November 15th Parish Quiet Day 11.00 – 3.30p.m.** (coffee from 10.30) at St Barnabas "Being the Church in the world" led by Revd Gordon Parry. **Sign-up** sheets are now in both churches for the day and to book lunch. PLEASE DO SO TODAY, (Nov 9th) thank you.

## DIARY NOTES

**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 etc. **Please sign up** on the sheets at the back of church if you can help on a stall.

**Sunday November 23rd Parish Eucharist & Sunday School 10.00am at St Barnabas.**

**From mid November until mid December there will be an Advent Course on dates to be determined.** please complete the Sign-up Form now (in both churches) so that we can plan the dates. Thank you.

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