

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

**'Will you come and follow me,
if I but call your name?'**

Sunday January 18th 2015
Second Sunday of Epiphany

*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 **No service** at St Nicholas

10.00 Parish Eucharist at St Barnabas

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd James Grant

Next week's Readings

Jeremiah 1. 4 - 10

Psalm 67

Acts 9. 1 - 22

Matthew 19. 27 - 30

The Associate vicar writes:-

There are two themes running through the readings this week which are very pertinent to us at this time. First of all we are invited to reflect on God's call and our response to this call to follow Jesus. God has called us in many different ways, sometimes rather persistently, to walk with him. God knows our name and knows our circumstances.

We are still very much at the beginning of a new year; a new year which has brought us a new phase in the life of the parish which I am so very privileged to share with you. Personally, it is the start of a new phase in my own ministry as well as in my family life, as Hengyi and I are expecting the imminent arrival of our first child. In all this change we are asked to ponder and pray about how these changes affect the living out of our calling. How will we as the Parish of Worth respond to our calling – the call first received by Philip and Nathanael among others – which has now been passed on to us? How do we do this in this new setting and with the challenges that lie ahead in the new year.

Secondly, we hear a message of hope. Samuel hears the call twice before anyone is able to figure out that it is God calling him. Nathanael is quite sceptical of the call at first. God keeps on calling patiently. He calls us even if we don't hear him at first and when we get it wrong, perhaps, God keeps on calling – sometimes maybe even nagging us to take up our ministry here in Worth, Pound Hill and Maidenbower so that our communities may hear the message of God's continuing commitment to us.

James.

READINGS for the day .

Collect:

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.

your servant is listening.”’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ And Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’

PSALM 139 1 – 5, 12 - 18

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3. 1 - 10

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ and he said, ‘Here I am!’ and ran to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call; lie down again.’ So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, ‘Samuel!’ Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call, my son; lie down again.’ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, ‘Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, “Speak, Lord, for

SECOND READING

Revelation 5. 1 - 10

A Reading from The Book of Revelation to John.

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, ‘Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?’ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, ‘Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.’ Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp

and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

GOSPEL

John 1. 43 - end

A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Post Communion

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SERVICES during next week

St Barnabas

Mon, Weds, Fri & Sat

08.30 Morning Prayer & Eucharist

Tues & Thurs 8.30 Morning Prayer

St Nicholas

Mon – Sat 17.00 Evening Prayer (BCP)

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**Tues** 10.30 Eucharist at St Barnabas

**Thurs** 10.30 Eucharist - St Nicholas

**Sat.** No weddings.

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Services next Sunday

Conversion of Paul

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

- St Nicholas

09.45 Sung Eucharist - St Nicholas

10.00 Eucharist - St Barnabas

12.00 Holy Baptism - St Nicholas

New look Parish Magazine



Will be ready to read on February 1st !

Any items you wish to be included should be emailed to...

magazine@worthparish.org.uk

by **tomorrow January 19th**, thank you.

Did you know..... at present Fr James' will be taking his rest day on Fridays. Anthony & Steve continue to have theirs on Mondays.

NOTICES

Thank you to everyone who supported James' Licensing last Tuesday, either by attending the service and / or by donating food; it was a special evening.

Thanks to all who supported the Saturday Market on January 10th, **£76.20** was raised for Church Funds.

The Christingle services that were held at St Barnabas & St Nicholas raised **£155.78**. Thank you for supporting the Children's Society Charity.

Friday lunches in the Pastoral Centre at 12.30p.m. Please purchase tickets by **January 20th** for January 23rd. Cost £5.50 (2 courses plus tea/coffee).

Today begins the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18 to 25th. See note below for details of Ecumenical Service – January 25th

Tuesday January 20th 9.30am there will be a meeting for Pastoral Centre volunteers and would-be volunteers, in the Pastoral Centre.

Sunday January 25th 3.00pm Ecumenical service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St John the Baptist, Crawley Town Centre, the theme this year, "The Well is deep" from the churches in Brazil. All are welcome to attend.

Wednesday January 28th Messy Church 3.00pm – 4.30pm meets in St Barnabas Church Hall.

Thursday January 29th, 6.30 pm Service to Commemorate the **60th Anniversary of the Laying of the Foundation Stone** of St Barnabas. Bishop of Lewes to preside. Refreshments after the service.

DIARY NOTES

Sunday February 1st 6.30pm Evensong for Candlemass at St Nicholas.

Tuesday February 17th Shriving Service 11.00am St Alban's Gossops Green (followed by coffee & pancakes) for Mothers' Union Members and **anyone** who wishes to attend. Please contact Mary Fry [410383] or Joan Tick [884695]

Tuesdays from February 24th – March 24th Stations of the Cross 11.30am at St Barnabas followed at 12.15pm with a Lent lunch of soup & roll. Donations to the Parish World Bank.

January 100 Club Draw

17	Alan Quine	£100.00
12	Pam Newley	£ 50.00
1	Shirley Sidaway	£ 25.00
23	Malcolm Booker	£ 25.00

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