

WORTH PARISH*St Nicholas, Worth & St Barnabas, Pound Hill***Sunday February 1st 2015
Presentation of Christ
in the Temple***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 Anthony Ball

10.00 Eucharist at St Barnabas

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd James Grant

11.30 Nic's All-age service at St Nicholas

Presiding:- Revd Steve Burston

18.30 Evensong - Candlemass at St Nicholas

Presiding:- Revd James Grant**Next week's Readings**

Proverbs 8. 1, 22 - 31

Psalm 104. 26 - 37

Colossians 1. 15 - 20

John 1. 1 - 14

The Rector writes:-

Thursday's Thanksgiving Service to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Laying of the Foundation Stone of St Barnabas Church was a wonderful occasion. It was fitting that Bishop Richard of Lewes should come and mark the occasion – the stone was laid in the presence of his predecessor - and thus inaugurate St Barnabas' 60th Anniversary celebrations. As he reminded us, back in 1955 the see (Bishop) of Horsham did not exist, it was Bishop George Bell (of Chichester), who came to dedicate the newly built church, on October 8th 1955. We are grateful that Bishop Mark (of Horsham) has agreed to Preside at the Parish Eucharist on October 4th to conclude the Anniversary celebrations. The bracketing of the anniversary year by the Bishops of Lewes & Horsham in some way symbolises the continuity and change that is (and has been) characteristic of our common life - the strong foundation and gifts of the past on which we build and the reality of ministry and witness in our current context. Bishop Richard's powerful sermon about St Barnabas' characteristics of encouragement and bridge-building in the service of the gospel (and the service of those amongst whom he lived) reminded us of this. The same motivation lies behind the Anniversary Appeal that we are launching for the St Barnabas fabric - to continue the renovations begun with the new windows in the Pastoral Centre (have you seen them?) and the refurbishment of the old downstairs Church Office (permission to proceed now received). I trust you will enjoy being part of our celebration of St Barnabas' 60th Anniversary!

Anthony

READINGS for the day .

Collect:

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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

Malachi 3. 1 - 5

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

PSALM 24. 7 - 10

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2. 14 - end

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

GOSPEL

Luke 2. 22 - 40

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that

he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.



“ For my eyes have seen your salvation.”

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.**

SERVICES during next week

St Barnabas

Mon, Weds, Fri & Sat

08.30 Morning Prayer & Eucharist

Tues & Thurs 08.30 Morning Prayer

St Nicholas

Mon – Sat 17.00 Evening Prayer (BCP)

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**Tues** 10.30 Eucharist - St Barnabas

11.00 Home Communion –

Lanehurst Gardens

**Thurs** 10.30 Eucharist - St Nicholas

**Sat.** No weddings.

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Services next Sunday

Second Sunday before Lent

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

- St Nicholas

09.45 Sung Eucharist - St Nicholas

10.00 Eucharist - St Barnabas

12.00 Holy Baptism - St Nicholas



Sunday February 22nd

9.45am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas.

8.00am BCP service of Holy Communion
at St Barnabas Church.

No 10.00am service at St Barnabas.

Hengyi would like to thank all those who contributed to the wonderful surprise Baby Shower last Saturday.

NOTICES

Friday lunches in the Pastoral Centre at 12.30p.m. Please purchase tickets by **February 3rd** for February 6th. Cost £5.50 (2 courses plus tea/coffee).

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

Monday February 2nd at 9.30am
St Nicholas churchyard group will be removing the Christmas trees from inside the church, help would be appreciated, please. Thank you, Ian Pallett.

Thursday February 5th St Nicholas Circle meets at **8.00pm** in the Pastoral Centre when Christopher Sole will speak about "The day that changed my life". All are welcome.

Thursday February 5th, 7.00-9.00 p.m.
A talk by Henry Smith, MP on "State, Politics & Religion" at Holy Trinity School, Buckswood Drive. Organised by Crawley Interfaith Network.

Saturday February 7th a Saturday Market 10.00 – 11.45am in the Pastoral Centre. also a stall selling good quality greetings cards, do come and support us.

Monday February 9th 11.00am Julian Group meets at St Barnabas in the Narthex. Everyone welcome to attend.

Thursday February 12th 2.30pm Julian Group meets at St Nicholas, in the chapel. Everyone welcome to attend.

Saturday February 14th Quiz Night 7.30pm with refreshments at The Scout Centre, Borsers Arms Road, Copthorne in aid of St John's Church, Copthorne. Contact 01342 712063 for tickets.

Sunday March 1st – St Barnabas Congregational Meeting after the service.

Sunday March 8th – St Nicholas Congregational Meeting at 11.15.

DIARY NOTES

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. **N.B.** **Lent lunches** will continue **until March 31st.** **Donations to the Parish World Bank.**

An **Ecumenical Lent Course** begins **Tuesday February 24th** for 6 weeks at **CURC.** Gathering & coffee 7.00pm Course starts at 7.30pm.
Sign up sheets in both churches now !

Friday February 27th 'Church in a Pub' on the last Friday every month - **8pm Coaching Halt** - no hymns, no creeds, no confession, just a pint down the pub with friends, in the Coaching Halt, Maidenbower. Steve says "Don't leave me lonely!"

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