

## WORTH PARISH

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

"Be gone, Satan ! It is written,  
'Worship the Lord your God and  
him only shall you serve.'"

**Sunday February 22nd 2015****First Sunday of Lent**

*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 Barnabas

*Celebrant & Preacher:* Revd Gordon Parry

09.45 Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas

*Celebrant:* Canon Anthony Ball

*Preacher:* Revd James Grant

10.00 **NO Service** at St Barnabas

**Next week's Readings**

Genesis 17. 1 - 7, 15 - 16

Psalms 22. 22 - 30

Romans 4. 13 - 25

Mark 8. 31 - 38

**The Rector writes:-**

I was horrified to read of the beheading of 21 Coptic Christians in Libya this week. It came on top of the chilling message of the Chaldean Archbishop of Erbil who I went to see in the House of Lords last week (and who later addressed our General Synod), reminding us that there were 1.4m Christians in Iraq in 1987 and now there are 350,000 and falling. Having had some experience in the region, part of my way of expressing support and solidarity is through being a Trustee (and Vice Chair) of the Christian development charity Embrace the Middle East. The charity has collaborated with Churches Together in Britain & Ireland to produce some Lent Course materials looking at Christian communities in different countries of the Middle East. At James's suggestion (not mine!) the CTBI resources have been adopted for our Ecumenical Lent Course this year (on Tuesday evenings at Crawley URC – do join us). As we begin our Lenten journey it is good to be reminded, as we are in today's gospel reading, that Jesus went into the desert for 40 days and nights to prepare himself for his public ministry through prayer and fasting. Our Diocese is doing something similar as it prepares for a renewed focus after Pentecost. You should have received today a prayer diary as an invitation to join your clergy (and many others across the Diocese!) in prayerful preparation for the launch of a diocesan strategy (or vision) that has emerged from the consultations over the past year. We can use the time to discern how this will affect our "public ministry" here in Worth, Pound Hill & Maidenbower.

*Anthony.*

## **READINGS for the day .**

### **Collect:**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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**

#### **Genesis 9. 8 - 17**

*A Reading from the Book of Genesis.*

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ‘As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’ God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting

covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.’ God said to Noah, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.’



#### **PSALM 25. v. 1 - 9**

##### **Response: -**

*Remember, Lord, your compassion and love.*

### **SECOND READING**

#### **1 Peter 3. 18 - end**

*A Reading from the First Letter from Peter.*

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

## GOSPEL

### Mark 1. 9 – 15

*A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.*

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

### Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**The Electoral Roll** is to be revised – closing date for Electoral Roll applications or notifications of amendments is March 3rd. Those not on the Roll are encouraged to join. Application Forms at the back of both churches and in the Pastoral Centre.

### A.P.C.M.

**Sunday March 22nd 11.30am**

**St Barnabas. Open to ALL parishioners.**

## 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

11.30 Stations of the Cross

- St Barnabas

**Thurs** 10.30 Eucharist - St Nicholas

19.30 Eucharist (Mothers' Union)

- St Barnabas

**Sat.** No weddings.

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### Services next Sunday

#### Second Sunday of Lent

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

- St Nicholas

09.45 Sung Eucharist - St Nicholas

10.00 Eucharist - St Barnabas

11.30 Nic's All-age service—St Nicholas

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**Volunteers in the Pastoral Centre** - we are always looking for people to join the team - if you can spare a couple of hours once a week or once a month - on either Tuesday, Friday or Saturday mornings or Monday afternoons - serving drinks/snacks, etc please do contact me.  
Phyl 883362 [roger.pennell@zen.co.uk](mailto:roger.pennell@zen.co.uk).  
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### February 100 Club Draw

25	Richard Sidaway	£100.00
12	Pam Newley	£ 50.00
1	Shirley Sidaway	£ 25.00
23	Malcolm Booker	£ 25.00

## **NOTICES**

Les Smith, a local man previously resident in Edgar Close, died last week. His funeral service will be at St Nicholas on Thursday March 5th at 12.00noon.

**Friday lunches** in the Pastoral Centre at 12.30p.m. Please purchase tickets by **February 24th** for February 27th. Cost £5.50 (2 courses plus tea/coffee).

**Mondays -February 23rd to March 30th**  
**2.00 - 4.00pm The Pastoral Centre** will be open for tea, cakes & chat, for a trial period thanks to volunteers, if successful we hope to extend it. Donations of cakes for the Pastoral Centre on Monday afternoons, or on any other day welcomed.

**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.

**Tuesdays from February 24th – March 31st an Ecumenical Lent Course** at CURC, Worth Park Ave.. Gathering & coffee 7.00pm Course starts at 7.30pm.

**Friday February 27th 'Church in a Pub'** on the last Friday every month - **8pm** at the **Coaching Halt** - with Steve & friends.

**Saturday February 28th** Concordia Singers Mozart Requiem workshop 1.45-5.00pm at St Alban, Gossops Green.

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

**Thursday March 5th St Nicholas Circle meets at 8.00pm in the Pastoral Centre**  
Mrs Lisa Philips will talk about the work of Crawley Community Voluntary Services, all are welcome.

**Friday March 6th Women's World Day of Prayer** 10.00 Crawley 19.30 Northgate.

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

## **DIARY NOTES**

**Saturday March 7th 8.30am – 12 noon**  
**Spring Cleaning at St Nicholas** – Please come and help if possible even if only for an hour please bring your own Hoover. Contact Jill Freeborn 01293 883631.

**Saturday March 7th Parish Quiz night**  
St Barnabas church hall 7.45pm. Teams of 6 or join one there. **Tickets £5.00** each. You may bring a fish and chip supper and eat it in the hall before the quiz, **doors will open at 7pm** for supper to be eaten.

**Saturday March 14th, 9.30am Parish Jumble Sale** St. Barnabas Hall, Please save your jumble for us but do not bring it before March 13th - we have nowhere to put it. Helpers welcomed, please let me know if you can help, thank you. Phyl 883362 or roger.pennell@zen.co.uk.

**Saturday May 16th Plant Fair.**

Please think of us as you prepare your gardens and greenhouses in the next few months and consider planting a few extra seeds for us. Thank you.

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