



**St Nicholas' Parish Church, Worth & St Barnabas' Church, Pound Hill**



**Hosanna !**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the  
name of the Lord!'**

**Sunday March 29th 2015  
Palm 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: Revd Gordon Parry*

09.45 Sung Eucharist with

Procession of Palms at St Nicholas

*Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Anthony Ball*

10.00 Eucharist with procession of Palms

at St Barnabas

*Celebrant & Preacher: Revd James Grant*

**Next week's Readings**

Acts 10. 34 -43

Psalms 118. 14 - 24

1 Corinthians 15. 1 - 11

John 20. 1 - 18

**The Curate writes:-**

It must have been an amazing moment for the disciples. They had spent several years waiting for this moment. Their Teacher was entering the city of Jerusalem to the acclaim of the masses – surely this was the time when the Jewish nation would be restored and the Roman occupation ended. At the euphoria, Jesus' prediction of his suffering death must have faded briefly away. However, as we know the cheers of the masses soon disappeared through Holy Week. What the crowd saw as the way to restore the Jewish Nation was not God's plan. In many ways being surprised by God has been the story of my life. I was happy in the police with a career mapped out to retirement and then I came to faith. The plan I had sketched out for myself was gone, God had rather different, exciting and challenging plans. Indeed, when I started Theological College I had a clear vision of the type of Church I would serve my curacy in. Again God had different ideas – Liz, the girls and I found us called to the wonderful Parish of Worth. Likewise, I have no doubt that the new members and existing members of our PCC never expected to be members and for some Church and Deputy Church Wardens. So as they enter their terms of office I would like to thank them for stepping out in faith and ask them and all of us to be continually open that God's plans might not always be our plans.

*Steve*

## **READINGS for the day .**

### **Collect:**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.**

### **Liturgy of the Palms:**

#### **Mark 11. 1- 11**

*A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.*

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, “Why are you doing this?” just say this, “The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.”’ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest

heaven!’ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

### **Liturgy of the Passion:**

#### **FIRST READING**

##### **Isaiah 50. 4- 9a**

*A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.*

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

##### **PSALM 31. v. 9 - 16**

#### **SECOND READING**

##### **Philippians 2. 5 - 11**

*A Reading from the Paul's Letter to the Philippians.*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality

with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **GOSPEL**

#### **Mark 14. 1 – end of 15**

*A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.*

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread.....

..... He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid.

#### **Post Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

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We are unable to store items for Saturday Markets. The next Saturday Market is on April 11th any new or 'as new' items for sale can be brought on the morning from 9.15am or the day before, Friday, between 10.30am -2.00pm. Thank you.

### **SERVICES during Holy Week**

#### **St Barnabas**

**Mon, Weds, Fri & Sat**

**08.30** Morning Prayer & Eucharist

**(not Tues) Thurs 08.30** Morning Prayer

#### **St Nicholas**

**Mon –Thurs 17.00** Evening Prayer (BCP)

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**Mon 11.00** Easter readings, prayers & hymns at Lanehurst Gardens

**Tues 10.30** Eucharist - St Barnabas

**14.00** Funeral [George Spurgeon]

- St Nicholas

#### **Maundy Thursday**

**10.30** Eucharist - St Nicholas

**19.00** Agape Passover Meal & Vigil

- St Barnabas

**20.00** Eucharist, Foot Washing, receiving Holy Oils & Vigil

- St Nicholas

#### **Good Friday**

**10.00** Messy Passion – St Barnabas

**10.30** Walk of Witness - beginning at CURC (followed by Hot Cross Buns)

**12.00** 3 hrs Meditation – St Barnabas

**15.00** Good Friday Liturgy

- St Nicholas

**Easter Eve - Sat.** No weddings.

**16.00** Preparing of Easter Garden

(bring a pot plant) – St Nicholas

**20.00** Easter Vigil Mass – St Nicholas

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### **Services next Sunday**

#### **Easter Day**

**06.00** Dawn Mass – Worth Park Lake

Followed by Breakfast - CURC

**08.00** Holy Communion (BCP)

- St Nicholas

**09.45** Sung Eucharist with Baptism

- St Nicholas

**10.00** Eucharist with Baptism

- St Barnabas

**Morning & Evening Prayer will not** be said in the churches during Easter Week (April 6th – 11th)

## **NOTICES**

**Friday lunches** in the Pastoral Centre at 12.30p.m. Please purchase tickets by **April 7th** for April 10th.

Cost £5.50 (2 courses plus tea/coffee).

**NO lunch April 3rd**

**TODAY - Palm Sunday March 29th** – Hot Cross Buns & coffee after the 9.45am service at St Nicholas.

**TODAY Sunday March 29th** payment required for tickets for **Crawley Operatics Society 'Pirates of Penzance'** at The Haven Centre, Crawley Down on **Thursday May 28th 7.30pm**. Tickets £12 adults, £10 seniors & £8 children. Please advise Phyl now [roger.pennell@Zen.co.uk](mailto:roger.pennell@Zen.co.uk) or 883362

**TODAY** is last chance to book for **Maundy Thursday Supper 7.00 pm and Eucharist at St. Barnabas on April 2nd** If you wish to attend please sign the sheet displayed in the Narthex at St. Barnabas or contact Phyl **today** on 01293883362 or [roger.pennell@zen.co.uk](mailto:roger.pennell@zen.co.uk)

**TODAY** you can collect the latest edition of our **Parish Magazine** from church - £1.

**Easter flowers at St Barnabas** If you wish to donate towards the cost please contact Jane Stanford; also if anyone is willing to help with the flowers on the morning of Saturday April 4th at 10am.

**Monday March 30th 2.00 - 4.00pm The Pastoral Centre** open for tea, cakes & chat. Donations of cakes for these afternoons or any other day welcomed.

**Tuesday March 31st Lent lunch** of soup & roll. **Donations to the Parish World Bank.**

**The Pastoral Centre** will close on Tuesday 31st March at 1.00pm ( following Lenten soups ) and **re-open on Tuesday April 7th** at 10.00 am.

**Tuesday March 31st Ecumenical Lent Course 7.30pm** at **CURC, Worth Park Ave.** coffee 7.00pm.

**Saturday April 4th 4.00pm at St Nicholas** building the Easter Garden. Please bring a small / medium pot plant.

**Thursday April 9th 8pm St Nicholas Circle** meeting in the Pastoral Centre the speaker is Miss Miranda Highfield talking about "The Work of the Society of the Little Flower".

## **DIARY NOTES**

**Wednesday May 6th Parish Outing to All Saint's, Tudeley, Nr Tonbridge, £5** including transport. Sign-up sheets & information leaflets in both churches now.

**Saturday May 16th Plant Fair.**

Please think of us as you prepare your gardens and greenhouses and Sheila Dring would like some empty plant pots, please, deliver to the Pastoral Centre, thank you.

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