



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



**Sunday May 31st 2015
Trinity 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: Rev'd Gordon Parry

09.45 Eucharist at St Nicholas
Celebrant & Preacher: Rev'd Gordon Parry

10.00 Eucharist at St Barnabas
Celebrant & Preacher: Rev'd James Grant

11.30 Nic's All-age service at St Nicholas
Presiding: Rev'd Steve Burston

13.00 Holy Baptism at St Nicholas
Presiding: Rev'd Gordon Parry

18.30 Choral Evensong at St Nicholas
Presiding: Rev'd James Grant

Next week's Readings

Acts 11. 19 - 30

John 15. 12 – 17

The Associate Vicar writes:-

Trinity Sunday is upon us. A final Sunday of white before we enter the weeks of green as we move into "Ordinary Time". To set the tone for the next twenty odd weeks of the Church's year we are invited to engage with the many ways God interacts with us – the many ways in which we experience God. God as giver of life, God who sustains us, God who transforms us! Plenty of food for thought for the next few weeks.

This year the next few weeks aren't quite so ordinary for our parish. Steve will be ordained priest next week on Wednesday and will celebrate his first Eucharist on Thursday at St Nicholas'. We wish him well for this exciting week and next step in his ministry.

Next Sunday we will also be celebrating St Barnabas' Patronal Festival with a Parish Eucharist. It's a special one as well – 60 years of serving the community in Pound Hill. At the service we will conclude our anniversary appeal and give thanks for the many gifts we have received. There is still time to pledge up until the service if you haven't done so already. Cheques should be made out to Worth PCC. Please also join us for the Big Lunch after the service to which we would like you to also invite your neighbours to share in our celebrations.

Hopefully we can gain in confidence that in God we find a place where we are able to flourish. A confidence worth sharing with those we meet.

James

READINGS for the day.

Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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

Isaiah 6. 1 - 8

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Psalm. 29

SECOND READING

Romans 8. 12 – 17

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL

John 3. 1 - 17

A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of

God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Post Communion

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

SERVICES during next week

St Barnabas'

Mon, Wed, Fri. & Sat only

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

**Wed** 19.30 Ordination & Eucharist

- St Mary's, Horsham

**Thurs - Corpus Christi**

10.30 Eucharist with hymns

- St Nicholas'

**Fri** 15.30 Funeral – Jacqueline Wadey

- St Nicholas'

**Sat** 14.00 Holy Matrimony -St Nicholas'

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Services next Sunday

First Sunday after Trinity

St Barnabas' Patronal

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

- St Nicholas'

09.45 **NO SERVICE** - St Nicholas'

10.00 **Parish** Eucharist - St Barnabas'

Did you know.....the first residents of the new Forge Wood development have now moved in? We look forward to welcoming members of this new and growing community.

Happy Birthday !

We wish Frances Reed a very happy **96th** birthday on June 1st

NOTICES

Friday lunches 12.30pm in the Pastoral Centre - 2 courses plus tea / coffee - £5.50
Please purchase tickets by **June 2nd** for June 5th, at the Centre or call 883362.

TODAY - Sunday May 31st Choral Evensong at St Nicholas' 6.30pm. If anyone requires a lift to this service, or is able to offer a lift to someone, please phone Liz Burston 01293 279028 or Elizabeth Wyman 01293 888817 Everyone welcome

Thank you to all who donated to our Christian Aid collection - **£850.35 plus Gift Aid** was raised (£609.35 door -door & £241 St Nicholas' church collection)

Monday June 1st, 9.00 - 9.30am a Bible Study of St Luke's Gospel begins and continues daily Monday – Saturday in the Pastoral Centre during June, with the clergy Everyone welcome.

Wednesday June 3rd Rev'd Steve Burston will be ordained Priest at 7.30pm St Mary's, Horsham (The Causeway RH12 1HE) – all are welcome – drinks and nibbles afterwards in St Mary's Hall. Let Steve know if you need a lift.

Thursday June 4th Corpus Christi. Steve will celebrate his first Eucharist at St Nicholas' at 10.30am.

Thursday June 4th St Nicholas' Circle meets at 8.00pm in the Pastoral Centre for the annual Summer Supper and Raffle.

Saturday June 6th & Sunday June 7th Flower Festival at St Barnabas' to celebrate the 60th Anniversary. If you would like to produce a relevant display or be prepared to help that weekend **& or make cakes** for Saturday, please sign up on the sheets in both churches, Thank you.

Sunday June 7th Parish Eucharist St Barnabas' Patronal Festival 10.00am St Barnabas' Church. Steve will celebrate his first Sunday Eucharist. There will be a 'Bring and Share' lunch in the Hall at 12 noon. **Lists available in both churches**

for people to indicate what they will bring, PLEASE SIGN-UP TODAY, if possible. This event will be in conjunction with the national 'Big Lunch'. Please bring a friend and invite your neighbours and people from the local community. All welcome.

N.B. June 7th - no 9.45a.m. service at St Nicholas'.

Monday June 8th, 7.30 pm. Talk at Worth Abbey. Rev'd Dr James Canvey, is speaking on 'Damned if you don't believe'; focussing on the Vatican II Decree on Religious Liberty. All are welcome.

DIARY NOTES

Sunday June 14th; there will be a **congregational meeting** after the 9.45 service at St Nicholas'.

Sunday, June 21st. We will be offering hospitality to the **"Refugee Tales"** pilgrims at St Nicholas'. Can you help?

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