



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



“Your faith has made you well.”

Sunday June 28th

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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 Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas'

Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Anthony Ball

10.00 Eucharist at St Barnabas'

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev'd James Grant

12.00 Holy Baptism - St Nicholas'

Presiding: Rev'd Steve Burston

Next week's Readings

Ezekiel 2. 1 - 5

Psalms 123

2 Corinthians 12. 2 - 10

Mark 6. 1 - 13

The Rector writes:

The profile of the parish has certainly been raised this week. Last Sunday we welcomed around 120 of the *Refugee Tales* pilgrims on the final leg of the walk from Canterbury to Crawley. As noted elsewhere in the pew sheet there are some wonderful photographs of them arriving and enjoying refreshments in the churchyard. Several people have written to thank us for the hospitality. On Monday, Steve played in the quarter finals of the Church Times' Inter-Diocesan Cricket Cup. Chichester clinched victory against Lichfield (last year's champions) off the last ball as Steve caught out one of their bishops (adding to his previous wickets). The match report is in the Church Times. Then on Thursday came the news that a photograph from our Facebook page (of the inaugural Messy Church service in Maidenbower) had been chosen as the Church of England's "photo of the week". And last night the *Music for a Summer Evening* concert enchanted a packed St Nicholas'. Some of these are more prominent / public than others (just as in today's gospel passage there is a contrast between Jesus' public and private actions) but they all have an aspect of sharing our "present abundance" (in St Paul's words). Another way in which we share our present abundance in responding to the needs of others is through the ministry of our Pastoral Assistants. They are a group who have been commissioned (after training) to share in the pastoral care of parishioners (whether regular members of our congregations or not). Their work is sometimes public and sometimes private – if you or someone you know would like a visit at home or an invitation for fellowship at one of their monthly tea gatherings, please speak to one of the clergy. *Every blessing.*

READINGS for the day.

Collect:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Wisdom of Solomon 1. 13-15; 2. 23, 24

A Reading from the Book of the Wisdom of Solomon.

God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living. For he created all things so that they might exist; the generative forces of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them, and the dominion of Hades is not on earth. For righteousness is immortal. God created us for incorruption, and made us in the image of his own eternity, but through the devil's envy death entered the world, and those who belong to his company experience it.

Psalms. 30

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 8. 7 - end

A Reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you — so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—now finish

doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, 'The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.' But thanks be to God who put in the heart of Titus the same eagerness for you that I myself have. For he not only accepted our appeal, but since he is more eager than ever, he is going to you of his own accord. With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his proclaiming of the good news; and not only that, but he has also been appointed by the churches to travel with us while we are administering this generous undertaking for the glory of the Lord himself and to show our goodwill. We intend that no one should blame us about this generous gift that we are administering, for we intend to do what is right not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of others. And with them we are sending our brother whom we have often tested and found eager in many matters, but who is now more eager than ever because of his great confidence in you. As for Titus, he is my partner and co-worker in your service; as for our brothers, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ. Therefore, openly before the churches, show them the proof of your love and of our reason for boasting about you.

GOSPEL

Mark 5. 21- end

A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd

gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.' While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and

took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Post Communion

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
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'

**Thurs** 10.30 Eucharist – St Nicholas'

**Sat** 14.00 Holy Matrimony- St Nicholas'  
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Services next Sunday

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

- St Nicholas'

09.45 Sung Eucharist - St Nicholas'

10.00 Eucharist - St Barnabas'

11.30 Nic's All-age - St Nicholas'



Please pray for the Rev'd Jill Alderton, who did a placement in the parish last year and was ordained as deacon in Chichester Cathedral yesterday. Pray too for the people of Crawley Down, where she will serve as a curate.

NOTICES

NOTICES for the Pew Sheet to Joan Tick by Wednesday midday, please.
tickjoan@gmail.com

It is with sadness that we report the death of Jean Winter on Thursday June 18th. Jean had been a regular member of the Thursday 10.30am service at St Nicholas.

We also report, with sadness, the unexpected death of the Rev'd Michael Pearson, who served in this parish as non-stipendiary Deacon & Priest 1998/2000. Michael's funeral will take place Thursday July 2nd at 11.00am St Giles', Horsted Keynes.

Friday lunches 12.30pm in the Pastoral Centre - 2 courses plus tea / coffee - £5.50
Please purchase tickets by **June 30th** for July 3rd at the Centre or call 883362.

TODAY - Sunday June 28th 8.00am
there will be a congregational meeting after the 8 o'clock service. Open to all.

Thank you to Mary & David, Maureen, Mark and Celia for welcoming and helping provide the hospitality for the 120 or so **Refugee Tales** pilgrims who were welcomed at St Nicholas' last Sunday afternoon. See photos on the parish's Facebook page.

June 29th & 30th 9.00 - 9.30am Bible Study of St Luke's Gospel Monday – Saturday in the Pastoral Centre, with the clergy Everyone welcome. Last two days
Saturday July 4th 11.00-15.00 Parish Summer Fair Please sign-up today, we need your help, sheets at back of both churches. Please donate towards the stalls, raffles & home-made cakes etc. Please speak to Ann Lane, Karen Fly, Filomena Resce or Jane Stanford or the clergy.

Sunday July 5th. There will be a congregational meeting at **St Barnabas** after the 10 o'clock service. All are welcome.

→ A photo of our first Messy Church service in Maidenbower features as the Church of England's "**photo of the week**". You can see it on our facebook page.

DIARY NOTES

Wednesday July 22nd Mothers' Union Outing to Forest Row & Ashurst Wood churches with an Afternoon Tea. Names to Mary Fry – 01293 410383 by July 11th please.

Saturday August 22nd St Nicholas' Fete 12 noon – 4.00pm – refreshments, stalls, games, choir & lots more. Put the date in your diary.

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Did you know..... that the interior of the Garden Room (at the Rectory) has been painted? A notable achievement as internal decoration of the facility has been repeatedly delayed since its construction in 2008.