



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



**‘There is a boy here who has five
barley loaves and two fish.’**

Sunday July 26th
Eighth 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 Steve Burston
09.45 Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Rev'd James Grant
10.00 Eucharist at St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Rev'd Sue Suddaby
13.00 Holy Baptism at St Nicholas'
Presiding: Rev'd Steve Burston

Next week's Readings

Exodus 16. 2 – 4, 9 – 15
Psalm 78. 23 – 29
Ephesians 4. 1 – 16
John 6. 24 – 35

The Associate Vicar writes:

When I started training for the priesthood six years ago this summer I did not know how I would sustain myself along the new path I was about to enter. I had a pretty good idea of the priest I wanted to be. I also knew how much my failing could and probably would be a stumbling block to the formation into the priest I wanted to be. As for most of us I wasn't quite sure if I would cope; and I still do.

God gives as much as we need. Five loaves of bread and two fish seemed nowhere near enough to feed the masses of people that had gathered to hear Jesus. But from the little that was offered Jesus was able to feed all. From the little that we are able to offer we can trust that God will sustain us. This is good news for all those who are on a journey with Jesus. We do not need much to follow but we need to be able to trust that God will provide just enough to sustain us.

A quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer, written in 1943, has sustained me over the years, *"I believe that God will give us in each state of emergency as much power of resistance as we need. But he will not give in advance, so that we do not rely on ourselves but on him alone."*

As we reflect on Jesus feeding 5,000 men and the women and children who had come to listen to him I hope that we will continue and maybe learn anew to trust that God will provide as and when we need it. Bonhoeffer's words written at an immensely difficult time have helped me to focus on how God is sustaining me rather than despairing at the never ending to-do lists. As God fed the 5,000 he is feeding us just as much as we need.

James

READINGS for the day.

Collect:

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4. 42 - end

A Reading from the Second Book of Kings.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left."' He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

Psalm. 145. 10 - 19

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3 14 - end

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I

pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL

John 6. 1 - 21

A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick.

Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his

disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.



Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you 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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**Mon** 19.30 Compline

– St Barnabas' Vicarage

**Tues** 10.30 Eucharist - St Barnabas'

**Thurs** 10.30 Eucharist – St Nicholas'

**Sat** 12.00 Holy Matrimony- St Nicholas'

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Services next Sunday

Ninth 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 with a Baptism

– St Nicholas'



Lord, be close to all travellers, whether on land, on the seas or in the air; we pray for all on holiday, that they will return safe, refreshed and filled with the Holy Spirit. Amen.

NOTICES

Friday lunches 12.30pm in the Pastoral Centre - 2 courses plus tea / coffee - £5.50
Please purchase tickets by **July 28th** for July 31st at the Centre or call 883362.

Leslev Turpie & family wish to thank everyone who sent cards & flowers following the recent death of her father, Theo Ball, and also to those who attended his funeral service and Rowfant House.

TODAY - Sunday July 26th is the closing date for tickets if you wish to go to **"Hairspray"** – performed by the Crawley Operatic Society at the Hawth. Tickets cost **£16** each. A group from the Parish will attend the **7.30pm** performance on **Thursday October 29th**. Payments must be made **TODAY** to Phyl/Roger Pennell (01293 883362) All welcome.

Monday July 27th 7.30pm Drinks, nibbles & Compline at St Barnabas' Vicarage. All are welcome to drop in.

Friday July 31st 8.00pm 'Church in the Pub' at The Coaching Halt – everyone welcome.

DIARY NOTES



Wednesday August 19th. 7.30 pm at St Nicholas'. Refresher training for **Lay Ministers of Communion**. Please confirm attendance with the parish office.

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

Saturday August 29th - A Date to Save !
5.30pm to 8pm Rev'd Steve, Liz and the girls would like to invite you to Maidenbower Vicarage for drinks and nibbles. All welcome.

Saturday September 12th Ladies'
Breakfast 8.30am at the Pastoral Centre – sign-up sheets in both churches now !

Saturday September 19th Men's
Breakfast 8.30am at the Pastoral Centre – sign-up sheets in both churches now !

Wednesday September 30th Open Evening at Holy Trinity school, Gossops Green 5.00 – 8.30pm. See posters for details.

Sunday October 4th – our Annual Pork Roast will follow the Parish Eucharist at St Barnabas'. Please keep this date free.

The Pastoral Centre Café is open **every week** on **Tuesdays and Fridays** 10.30am - 12 noon and **Saturdays** 10.00am - 12 noon. Why not join us for drinks, snacks and a chat. It will reopen on **Monday afternoons** 2.00-4.00pm **September 7th** and continue during **school term time only**.

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