

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

'Hesent them out two by two.'

Sunday July 5th

Fifth 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: Canon Roger Brown
09.45 Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Anthony Ball
10.00 Eucharist at St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Rev'd James Grant
11.30 Nic's All-age service - St Nicholas'
Presiding: Rev'd Steve Burston

Next week's Readings

Amos 7. 7 - 15
Psalm 85. 8 - 13
Ephesians 1. 3 - 14
Mark 6. 14 - 29

The Curate writes:

In the past few weeks the headlines have been filled by two terrible acts of violence - a white supremacist gunman entered a Church Bible Study and shot dead 8 people and then an Islamic terrorist murdered 38 tourists on a beach (30 of which were British). And this coming week will mark the 10th anniversary of the 7/7 London Bombings. At 8.49am three bombs were detonated on three tube trains and almost an hour later a fourth bomb was set off on a bus in Russell Square, 56 people lost their lives. As a serving police officer at the time, the events of 7/7 and its subsequent investigation changed me forever. It was from the amazing privilege of leading a body recovery team into the tube tunnels that in the darkest place I found the light of Christ dimly (I have to say) shining, but nonetheless shining. It was this recognition of God presence in the darkest places that convinced me to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. Yes, it is always shocking the capacity of cruelty that a human being can show towards another human being, but I firmly believe that our capacity to love one another (as Jesus taught us) will always outstrip our capacity to harm each other. The stories of hope and a defiance to carry on that have emerged (and we remember this Tuesday at Morning Prayer 8.30am at St Barnabas) from 7/7 should inspire us to love more rather than retaliate in hatred, as will I pray similar stories from Charleston and Tunisia in years to come. The pain is too sore right now and the time is to grieve. It is often in this pain that God uses our weakness (as Paul writes) to make us strong if we place our trust and hope in God –

Steve

READINGS for the day.

Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; 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

Ezekiel 2. 1 - 5

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Psalm. 123

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12. 2 - 10

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

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third

heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

GOSPEL

Mark 6. 1- 13

A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this

wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DIARY NOTE

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

SERVICES during next week

St Barnabas'

Mon, Wed, Fri. & Sat only

08.30 Morning Prayer & Eucharist

Tues 08.30 Morning Prayer &

Remembrance of 7/7 victims

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

16.30 7/7 Remembrance &  
Evening Prayer – St Nicholas'

**Wed** 15.00 Messy Church –  
Maidenbower Infant's school

**Thurs** 10.30 Eucharist – St Nicholas'

**Fri** 10.30 Funeral [Jean Winter]  
- St Nicholas'

**Sat** 16.00 Holy Matrimony-St Nicholas'

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Services next Sunday

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)
- St Nicholas'

09.45 Sung Eucharist - St Nicholas'

10.00 Eucharist - St Barnabas'

12.00 Holy Baptism - St Nicholas'



Thank you.

Frances Reed would like to thank all her friends at St Nicholas' who sent her the most beautiful flowers and cards for her birthday, "They are still so lovely and fresh."

Did you know..... Canon Anthony has his right arm in plaster after fracturing his wrist (falling off a ladder whilst doing some work in the Rectory garden)? I am grateful for all the support and offers of help - and the understanding - I have received. Anthony

NOTICES

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Jean Winter will take place at St Nicholas' on **Friday July 10th at 10.30am**. All welcome to attend.

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Theo Ball on Monday June 29th, a long time member of St Nicholas' congregation. Our thoughts and prayers are with Doreen, Lesley & family. There will be a **Celebration & Thanksgiving** service at St Nicholas' **Tuesday July 14th 11.00; please dress brightly (wearing yellow)** then on to Rowfant House, please advise Lesley Turpie if you will be attending, to assist with catering numbers.

Friday lunches 12.30pm in the Pastoral Centre - 2 courses plus tea / coffee - £5.50 Please purchase tickets by **July 7th** for July 10th at the Centre or call 883362.

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

Thank you to all who attended the 'Music for a Summer's Evening' concert at St Nicholas' last Saturday. An amount of **£511** was raised for Parish Funds.

Thank you to the Choir too, for a great Concert.

Wednesday July 8th Messy Church **3.00pm** at Maidenbower Infants school, everyone welcome.

Saturday July 11th 10.00 - 12 noon a Saturday Market in the Pastoral Centre Do join us for refreshments, chat and hopefully a bargain !

Monday July 13th 11.00am Julian Group at St Barnabas. Everyone welcome.

Wednesday July 22nd Mothers' Union Outing to Forest Row & Ashurst Wood

churches with an Afternoon Tea. Names to Mary Fry - 410383 by July 11th please.

Sunday July 26th 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 29th October**. Payments must be made to Phyl/Roger Pennell (01293 883362). All welcome.

DIARY NOTES

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

Saturday September 12th Ladies Breakfast **8.00am** at the Pastoral Centre - sign-up sheets soon !

Saturday September 19th Men's Breakfast **8.00am** at the Pastoral Centre - sign-up sheets soon !

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