



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



**'Come away to a deserted place all  
by yourselves and rest a while.'**

**Sunday July 19th  
Seventh 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:* Rev'd Steve Burston

10.00 Family Service & Holy Baptism

at St Barnabas'

*Presiding:* Rev'd James Grant

11.30 Nic's All-age at St Nicholas'

*Presiding:* Rev'd Steve Burston

**Next week's Readings**

2 Kings 4. 42 – 44

Psalm 145. 10 - 19

Ephesians 3. 14 – 21

John 6. 1 - 21

**The Curate writes:**

Over a year since we arrived as a family in Worth Parish (I know, how time flies!) it is probably a good time to rest and reflect on 'What kind of priest am I or will I become?' Jeremiah's reading this morning offers a sobering warning about shepherds (or priests) that get things wrong, who scatter rather than unite (as the Ephesians reading calls us to do) God's people. I pray that I might be one of the latter shepherds that God will raise up for his people, that will keep the branch of David – Jesus Christ as the cornerstone of theirs' and the people's under their care, lives. I know I won't be able to do this under my own strength and as my Home Group this week discussed I will need the guidance, gifts and power of the Holy Spirit to help. What does that actually mean? These are all grand words but how do I live a life connected to God through the Holy Spirit? How do I discern what is God's will and what is just my will? How do I know when not to pander to people's desire in order to 'people please' and when to disciple with integrity and authenticity to the Gospel with words that might be come from love but might be uncomfortable and difficult to hear. I think that the answer might lie at the heart of all our responses to God. To be a Christian I have to be willing to open my heart to the Holy Spirit and equally willing to let go of the worldly things I hold tightly onto in order to be transformed, spend time reflecting on the teachings of Jesus from the Bible, to spend time in prayer both talking and listening to God, to regularly rest and to know that I am loved for who I am not what I do. Then, and only then, might I be used by God to be a priest that unites people in Christ rather than scatters. – Steve

## READINGS for the day.

### Collect:

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

#### Jeremiah 23. 1 - 6

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

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

### Psalm. 23

### SECOND READING

#### Ephesians 2. 11 - 22

*A Reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.*

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

## GOSPEL

### Mark 6. 30 – 34, 53 - 56

*A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.*

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

### Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, 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'

**Wed** 15.00 Messy Church  
- St Barnabas' Church Hall

**Thurs** 10.30 Eucharist – St Nicholas'

**Sat** No weddings.

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#### Services next Sunday

#### Eighth Sunday after Trinity

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

- St Nicholas'

09.45 Sung Eucharist - St Nicholas'

10.00 Eucharist - St Barnabas'

13.00 Holy Baptism - St Nicholas'

Did you know..... the Rector is now on leave, in Spain, until August 7th (and then on retreat from Aug 10th to 14th). Steve will be on leave from August 7th to 21st and James (tbc) from Aug 11th to Sept 5th.

### 100 Club July Draw

1st	- Alan Quine	£100
2nd	- Pat Childs	£ 50
3rd	- Joan Tick	£ 25
4th	- Jan Brooks	£ 25

## **NOTICES**

**Friday lunches** 12.30pm in the Pastoral Centre - 2 courses plus tea / coffee - £5.50  
Please purchase tickets by **July 21st** for July 24th at the Centre or call 883362.

**Thank you to all who supported** the Saturday Market on July 11th, we raised **£31.35**. We are looking for ways to improve the Markets and / or other ways of encouraging people to come to the Centre on Saturday mornings. Please let me have your ideas. Phyl Pennell (01293) 883362 or roger.pennell@zen.co.uk.

**Saturday July 25th 9.00 am - 11.30am** a gardening and clear up session at St. Barnabas'. If you are able to help us during any of this time please do join us. Refreshments provided.

**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) by **July 26th**. All welcome.

**Monday July 26th 7.30pm** Drinks, nibbles & Compline at the 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 !

**Anyone** who has purchased plants from Sheila Dring please return the empty pots to her for future use. Thank you.

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

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