



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



'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

**Sunday September 6th
Fourteenth 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 James Grant
09.45 Sung Eucharist at Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Anthony Ball
10.00 Eucharist at St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Rev'd James Grant
11.30 Nic's All-Age at St Nicholas'
Presiding: Rev'd Steve Burston

Next week's Readings

Isaiah 50. 4 – 9a
Psalm 116 1 - 8
James 3. 1 – 12
Mark 8. 27 - 38

The Associate Vicar writes

First of all, a warm welcome back after the summer break to those of you who have been away over the summer. I hope you have had some rest at some point to enjoy the summer months.

Last Sunday we opened the "Season of Invitation" which will take us through September and a number of special opportunities up to Christmas to invite people to church, a place and community that is important in our own lives.

It is quite providential that we are reading our way through James's letter. James reminds us of the importance of underpinning our faith with action. This Sunday's epistle focuses on the way we treat those who come through our doors. In years gone by churches used to charge pew rents. I haven't been able to find out when these were abolished in St Nicholas, but in my former church they weren't abolished until 1931. People paid to sit in their favourite seats; where one sat signified status within the community. Thankfully, we don't have to worry these days about sitting in someone else's seat. As we, hopefully, welcome people into church who haven't been or haven't been for a while we might want to reflect on our own tendency to "partiality" as James calls it.

Jesus learns, too. Through his encounter with the Syrophonecian woman Jesus' understanding of his own ministry and of God's plan grows. Jesus believed he was sent to Israel but realises now that all will have a part in the salvation he brings.

May our faith be always underpinned by the way we welcome those who come to us.

James

READINGS for the day.

Collect:

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35. 4 - 7a

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Psalms 146

NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 2. 1 – 10, 14 - 17

A Reading from the letter from James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there", or "Sit at my feet", have you not made distinctions

among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

GOSPEL

Mark 7. 24 - 37

A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the

children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Pastoral Centre Café is open every week **Tuesdays, Fridays, & Saturdays 10.30 -12noon** Come and join us for drinks, snacks and a chat. **Monday afternoon** tea / drinks, cake & a chat starts again on September 7th 2pm - 4.00pm.

SERVICES during next week

St Nicholas'

Mon. Wed. & Fri.

07.30 Morning Prayer & Eucharist

Sat. 08.30 Morning Prayer & Eucharist

Tues. & Thrs.

07.30 Morning Prayer

St Barnabas'

Mon. Tues. Thrs. Fri. & Sat.

17.00 Evening Prayer (BCP)

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**Tues. 10.30** Eucharist - St Barnabas'

**Wed. 11.00** Funeral (Tony Hiscock) –  
St Nicholas'

15.00 Messy Church –

Maidenbower Infant School

**Thurs. 10.30** Eucharist – St Nicholas'

**\* see Notices re this service**

**Sat. 12.00** Holy Matrimony–St Nicholas'

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Services next Sunday

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

- St Nicholas'

09.45 Sung Eucharist - St Nicholas'

10.00 Family Eucharist - St Barnabas'

12.00 Holy Baptism - St Nicholas'

13.30 Holy Baptism - St Nicholas'

Parish Administrator

We are recruiting a part-time (3 hours, Mon to Fri) Parish Administrator to be based in the office at St Barnabas'. Salary £23k pro-rata (£11/hr). Job-share applications welcome. If you know a suitable person please encourage them to contact the Parish Office for an application pack (**closing date September 10th, interviews September 17th**).

Flowers for St Barnabas'

If you would like to donate either money or a floral display for the Parish Eucharist at St Barnabas' church the weekend of October 3rd & 4th please contact Jane Stanford 01293 543065. Thank you.

NOTICES

Pam Newley wishes to thank everyone for their love, prayers, cards and letters during this very difficult time; it is very much appreciated by Pam and her family.

Friday lunches 12.30pm in the Pastoral Centre - 2 courses plus tea / coffee - £5.50
Please purchase tickets by **Sept. 8th** for Sept. 11th at the Centre or phone **883362**

Sunday September 6th Festival Choir rehearsals begin 4.00pm – 6.00pm at St Nicholas', come and join us.

Tuesday September 8th, 7.00pm at St Barnabas' Church A meeting for those who lead **intercessions** in church (existing members and new recruits) followed by refreshments. If you are interested in this ministry please speak to one of the clergy.

Thursday September 10th 10.30am
St Nicholas' Eucharist – Parish will mark the Queen becoming the longest reigning monarch in our country's history.

Thursday September 10th St Nicholas' Julian Group meets 2.30pm in the Chapel – all are welcome.

Saturday September 12th Ladies' Breakfast 8.30am Pastoral Centre - last chance to sign-up !

Monday September 14th St Barnabas Julian Meeting 11.00am in the Pastoral Centre. Everyone welcome.

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

Saturday September 19th, Come and Sing... Musicals at St Nicholas' Church. 11.00am start all day workshop (bring lunch & £5 to cover music hire) or come to the concert at 7.00pm (£5 entry, free refreshments for all, details on worthparish.org/comeandsing)

Tuesday September 22nd 7.30pm St Barnabas' Church Hall—starting **Alpha Course**, 'Is there more to life than this?' For more information email steve.burston@worthparish.org.uk or phone the Parish Office. We are looking for volunteers to help serve the meal or setting up. Course **Sign-up sheets** in both churches as well as invitations to distribute to friends and neighbours.

Friday September 25th 7.00pm– 9.00pm
Crawley Interfaith network invite you to an evening of Sufi Poetry, Music & Dance at St Barnabas' Church Hall. See announcements in both churches.

Saturday September 26th a gardening and cleaning session at St. Barnabas' **9.00** - 11.30am. Please help us if you can. Refreshments available.

DIARY NOTES

Sunday October 4th – our Annual Pork Roast will follow the Parish Eucharist, Bishop of Horsham presiding, at St Barnabas' concluding the 60th Anniversary celebrations. **£10** per adult or family ticket **£25** Sign-up sheets in both churches

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