



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



**60 years of worship.
St Barnabas' welcomes Bishop Mark**

**Sunday October 4th
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

*Welcome to our churches today.
If you have time afterward the 10.00
service, 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 **NO SERVICE** at Nicholas'
10.00 Parish Eucharist at St Barnabas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Bishop Mark
of Horsham
15.00 Holy Baptism at St Nicholas'
Presiding: Rev'd Gordon Parry

Next week's Readings

Joel 2. 21 - 27
Psalm 126
1 Timothy 6. 6 - 10
Matthew 6. 25 - 33

The Rector writes:

Denis Healey, who died yesterday, was sometimes described as the best Labour Prime Minister we never had. George Bell, who died on the same day in 1958, has been described as the best Archbishop of Canterbury we never had. That is speculation. But we do know that three years before he died Bishop Bell came to Worth Parish to dedicate the new church in Pound Hill to St Barnabas, the encourager. Today we come together to celebrate and give thanks for 60 years of the church's presence and service in our community—witnessing to the church being both a building and the people. Those who invested in establishing St Barnabas' would, I am convinced, be proud of what has been achieved and how their gift has been used and developed; how so many "families of the earth [have been] blessed". Aside from the improvements to the fabric undertaken and planned to mark the 60th Anniversary, we need only consider (e.g.) last week to see the ways in which the church allows people to "taste[d] that the Lord is good": daily worship, 50 for dinner at our Alpha course, more at the *Unforgettable* concert, the hanging of the "Tree of Life" banner created by the Knit & Natter fellowship (thank you!) and, if we add in the Hall and Pastoral Centre, Toddlers', the café, a talk on Israel/Palestine, St Nicholas' Circle, Friday lunch, Plugged In! youth group, the Easter Team meal for the homeless, a Saturday Market and today's Pork Roast - plus the activities of various community groups hiring the premises. Jesus came that we might have life and have it abundantly. It is just wonderful to be able to join with you in welcoming Bishop Mark to a church doing such works in the Father's name and actively working to develop her fabric and ministry to meet the needs of the community.
To God be the Glory!

READINGS for the day.

Collect:

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; 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

Genesis 28. 11 – 18

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, ‘I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.’ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, ‘Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!’ And he was afraid, and said, ‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and

this is the gate of heaven.’

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

Psalm 122

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Peter 2. 1 - 10

A Reading from the First letter from Peter.

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner’, and ‘A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.’ They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

GOSPEL

John 10. 22 – 29

A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.

Post Communion

Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dismissal Gospel

John 4. 23 - 24

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.'

Chichester Diocesan Harvest Appeal

Leaflets are available at the back of both churches for your donations to the appeal, this year enabling our Anglican partners' relief work to continue in Africa and to help with programmes empowering women there.

SERVICES during next week

St Nicholas'

Mon. Wed. & Fri.

07.30 Morning Prayer & Eucharist

Sat. 08.30 Morning Prayer & Eucharist

Tues. & Thurs.

07.30 Morning Prayer

St Barnabas'

Mon. Tues. Wed. Fri. & Sat. only

17.00 Evening Prayer

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

11.00 Home Communion –  
Lanehurst Gardens

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

**Sat.** No weddings –St Nicholas'

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Services next Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

- St Nicholas'

09.45 Harvest Festival & Eucharist

- St Nicholas'

10.00 Harvest Festival &

Family Eucharist - St Barnabas'

12.00 Holy Baptism - St Nicholas'

The Pastoral Centre Café open

Tuesdays, Fridays, & Saturdays 10.30 -

12noon and Mondays 2pm - 4.00pm tea /

drinks, cake & a chat **please, call Phyl**

883362 or Sheila 513469 if you can help.

Following interviews we are pleased to announce that we have appointed **Christine Berger & Mave Eshun** as the **Parish Administrators** on a 'Job share' basis.

UNICEF – Jar of Grace Appeal

Leaflets will be available at our Harvest services on **October 11th** and donations will be collected at all our service on

All Saints' Day November 1st

NOTICES

Friday lunches 12.30pm in the Pastoral Centre - 2 courses plus tea / coffee - £5.50
Please purchase tickets by **October 6th** for Oct. 9th at the Centre or phone **883362**

Sundays Festival Choir rehearsals 4.00pm – 6.00pm at St Nicholas', Mozart's Requiem come and join us.

Tuesdays 7.30pm St Barnabas' Church – Alpha Course, 'Is there more to life than this?' For more information email steve.burston@worthparish.org.uk or phone the Parish Office.

TODAY Sunday October 4th – our Annual Pork Roast will follow the Parish Eucharist, at St Barnabas' concluding the 60th Anniversary celebrations. **£10** per adult, children under 16 FREE.

Thursday October 8th St Nicholas' Julian Group meet in the chapel at 2.30pm, everyone welcome.

Saturday October 10th Mothers' Union invite you to their Coffee Morning at Pastoral Centre 10 -11.45 also cakes and book sale, with a Raffle – donations of cakes, books & prizes welcome too, thank you. See you there!

Sunday October 11th – Harvest Festival services in both churches. Please bring **packets or tins of food** for distribution to Open House and Easter Team. Please invite your family & friends to join us.

Monday October 12th St Barnabas' Julian Group meet at **11.00am** in the Pastoral Centre & upper Meeting Room.

Wednesday October 14th Messy Church at Maidenbower Infants School 3.00pm

Saturday October 17th Parish Quiz at St Barnabas' Church Hall. **£5.00** per person **7.30pm** or **7.00pm** if you wish to bring a

'take away' meal, cutlery provided. Please bring own drinks & nibbles.

Sunday October 18th Congregational Meetings – St Nicholas' after **8.00am** service St Barnabas' after **10.00am** service

Sunday October 18th 1.00pm Lucy (nee Dobson) & Richard invite you to attend the Baptism service of their son Toby, at St Nicholas'.

Sunday October 25th Congregational Meeting at St Nicholas' after the 9.45 service

DIARY NOTES

Remembrance Diary will be available in both churches **from October 11th** for you to review, amend and indicate those you wish to be remembered both on All Saints' Day & on their anniversary date in the following year.

Saturday October 31st Parish Jumble Sale in the Hall 9.30 - 11.15am Start collecting now and please bring it to the Hall on Friday October 30th 6.00 - 7.00 pm or on the Saturday morning from 8.30 am. Thank you.

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