



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



Sunday November 29th 2015
Advent Sunday

Welcome to our churches today.

*If you have time after the services,
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 & Christingle

at St Nicholas'

Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Anthony Ball

10.00 Eucharist at St Barnabas'

Presiding & Preacher: Rev'd Steve Burston

15.00 Christingle service at St Barnabas'

Presiding: Rev'd Steve Burston

18.30 Advent Carols at St Nicholas

Presiding: Canon Anthony Ball

Next week's Readings

St Barnabas'

Malachi 3. 1 - 4

Canticle - Benedictus

Philippians 1. 3 - 11

Luke 3. 1 - 6

St Nicholas'

Isaiah 61. 1 - 3

Timothy 6. 6 - 11

Mark 10. 13 - 16

The Curate writes:-

Right! Liz fears this word in our house. It comes out of lips at the meal table in our kitchen or we are just about to go out as a family or in mid conversation in a coffee shop. I do it sub-consciously (but occasionally consciously). It signifies to Liz and the girls that I have had enough of waiting and this is the time for action. Right! Time to leave a meal table and get on. Right! Time for us to actually try to leave the house somewhere near to the time we actually agreed we would (I live in a house of girls!) or Right! I have just done my mental to-do-list in my head and unless the day has 36hrs I need to get going. 'That is how it feels to me as I enter the season of Advent. Right! Here we go – time for action – if I thought I was busy before Advent then just wait for the next few weeks. There will be lots of 'Rights!' My very summarised to-do-list looks like this – lots of services, Six School Nativities, advertise this and that, last Alpha meal/talk. Oh and Christmas, buy presents, work out what we are eating and write cards! The pew sheet just isn't big enough. I think if Jesus returned as described in Luke this week I might if He was lucky find a slot in my list (but way down the bottom). All these things are important but are they the most important and what should I be saying Right to? In Advent we should be giving ourselves space and time to prepare for the birth of Jesus. The Advent Quiet afternoon on 5th December is much needed time and space in order to re-evaluate my to-do-list, so I can focus on the most important aspect of life in Advent or any other season – my relationship with God through his Son with the power of his Holy Spirit.

Steve

READINGS for the day.

Collect:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 33. 14 - 16

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Psalms 25. 1 - 9



"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Thessalonians 3. 9 - 13

A Reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

GOSPEL

Luke 21. 25 - 36

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Parking at Bishop’s Lodge and access to the Cottage. The Bishop of Maidstone has kindly agreed to us continuing to use the cottage for certain events. Please access the cottage through the gate at the end of the path down from the St Nicholas’ porch. **Please do not park** at Bishop’s Lodge or attempt vehicular access to the Cottage.

St Barnabas’ Vicarage. Please do not use the ‘drive’ of the Vicarage for parking. Contact the clergy or Parish Office to make arrangements for loading/unloading.

From Advent Sunday the weekday Morning Office will take place at St Barnabas’ at 9.00 a.m

SERVICES during next week

St Barnabas’

Wed. & Fri.

09.00 Morning Prayer & Eucharist

Tues. & Thurs.

09.00 Morning Prayer

St Nicholas’

Sat. 09.00 Morning Prayer & Eucharist

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**Tues.** 10.30 Eucharist - St Barnabas’  
11.00 Home Communion -

Lanehurst Gardens

18.00 Hazelwick School

Carol Service - St Nicholas’

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

**Sat.** NO WEDDINGS – St Nicholas’

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Services next Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

- St Nicholas’

09.45 St Nicholas’ Patronal Festival

Sung Eucharist - St Nicholas’

Preacher: The Ven. Fiona Windsor,

Archdeacon of Horsham

10.00 Eucharist

- St Barnabas’

11.30 Nic’s All-age

- St Nicholas’

Parish Office

The Parish Office is closed Monday to Thursday this week (telephones answered as normal). Mave Eshun (see her profile in the Parish Magazine) has resigned from being a Parish Administrator, but will continue as a volunteer in the office on Tuesdays.

PEW SHEET

After 4.5 years the current compiler of the pew sheet is planning to retire. If you are interested in this role please contact the Rector or Joan Tick.

NOTICES

Friday lunches 12.30pm in the Pastoral Centre - - **£10.50** Please purchase tickets by **Dec 1st** for this **Christmas Lunch** on **Dec 4th** at the Centre or phone **883362**.

See separate Notice for details.

TODAY - Sunday November 29th Christingle Services --- St Nicholas' 9.45am during the main service and **St Barnabas' at 3.00pm**. Please attend either or both services. Collection in aid of The Children's Society.

TODAY Sunday November 29th Advent Carols at St Nicholas' 6.30pm everyone welcome.

Thursday December 3rd St Nicholas' Circle Yuletide Evening 8.00pm at the Pastoral Centre, including a raffle.

Saturday December 5th from 9am-11.30am. There will be a **gardening / clearing up session at St. Barnabas'**. Lots of help needed. Do join us if you can. Refreshments provided. Thank you.

Saturday December 5th is the next Saturday Market takes place 10.00am - 11.45am in the Pastoral Centre. There will be a Knit n Natter stall. Do come and support this event.

Saturday December 5th 1.00 – 5.00pm Bishop's Lodge Cottage, Worth, an afternoon of Advent contemplative prayer, led by Rev'd Steve Burston. **Sign-up sheets** in both churches today.

Christmas is coming !

"**www.easyfundraising.org.uk** is a great way to raise funds for the Church while you shop on the internet. We receive a small cash reward for your purchase as a donation to the Parish. If you have not already done so then please register. If you are registered please remember to select easyfundraising whenever you shop. Many thanks to those who have already raised over £300 to-date for the Parish this way .

DIARY NOTES

Tuesday December 8th 7.30 p.m.

Fr. James' licensing service at St Julian's Church, St Julian's Lane, Kingston Buci, Shoreham and will be conducted by the Bishop of Lewis. Please contact Parish Office if you need or can offer a lift.

Wednesday December 9th Messy Church 3.00pm at Maidenbower Infants' School.

PARISH MAGAZINE – new edition available from the back of church.

Christmas lunches....

...will be served in the Pastoral Centre on **Fridays December 4th & 18th**. The menu will include turkey, accompaniments, Christmas pudding and mince pies, fruit juice, tea/coffee (bring your own alcohol). **Tickets cost £10.50 each and must be bought in advance** from the Pastoral Centre or (01293) 883362.

Please buy tickets by December 15th for December 18th.

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