

**First Sunday
in Lent
14th February
2016**



*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: Canon Anthony Ball

09.45 Eucharist at St Nicholas'

Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Anthony Ball

10.00 Eucharist at St Barnabas'

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Gordon Parry

Next week's Readings (Lent 2)

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

The curate writes

I preached a couple of weeks ago about how genuine encounters with God will change us; and that genuine encounters with God only happen when we give Him space in our lives. Hopefully, as you read this we have successfully arrived as a family in Cornwall – to a flat rented for church workers to have space and time with God away from their ministry. Space to spend time in reading the scriptures, in prayer and in some (but not guaranteed!) silence. I have read that Waterloo was won in the classrooms of Eton – meaning that our officers had formed the right habit to lead well. So also, as Christians we must form the right habits in order to live Christ like lives. Jesus' response to his three tests in the wilderness shows that he had formed the right habits – for he responds by quoting scripture and awareness of the Spirit. Jesus' ministry is defined by this knowledge of scripture and prayer. Perhaps this Lent we might give God space (maybe start with 15 mins) by reading a short passage and then praying each day – then we might be better equipped to face the trials of life – Steve

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

First Fruits and Tithes

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great

nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction,

our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.



Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

Psalm 91:11

New Testament reading

Romans 10:8b-13

But what does it say?
'The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart'
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

The Temptation of Jesus

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to



him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Services during next week

St Barnabas'

Wed. 09.00 Morning Prayer & Eucharist
Tues. & Thurs. 09.00 Morning Prayer
Tues. 10.30 Eucharist
Fri. 12.00 Stations of the Cross

St Nicholas'

Fri. & Sat. 09.00 Morning Prayer
15.00 Interment of Ashes
Thurs. 10.30 Eucharist

Services next Sunday

Second Sunday of Lent

08.00	Holy Communion BCP	St Nicholas'
09.45	Sung Eucharist	St Nicholas'
10.00	Eucharist	St Barnabas'
11.30	Nic's Service	St Nicholas'

Monday 15th Feb 2016 1.30pm

Funeral of Duncan Stanford - Jane and Richard's son - St Richard's Chapel at the Surrey & Sussex Crematorium

NOTICES

Please send pew sheet notices to
pewsheet@worthparish.org.uk or phone 0300
111 8150 Sue

Friday lunches 12.30 in the Pastoral
Centre - 2 courses + tea / coffee - £5.50.
Please **buy** tickets by **Feb 16th** for Feb.
19th at the Centre or phone **883362**

Thanks to those who supported the Sat. Market
on 6 Feb - £66.96 was raised for church funds.

Key Amnesty. Bob Musselwhite is
compiling (and will maintain) a register of
parish key holders. If you have any parish
keys please contact the parish office to let
him know. Or, if you don't need it/them
any longer, hand in to Bob, the Parish Office
(at St B) or the one of the clergy. Thank
you.

Lenten soup lunches will be served in
the Pastoral Centre at 12.15 pm on
Tuesdays during Lent, 16 and 23 February,
1,8,15 and 22 March. Donations to the
Parish World Bank. **Please support us**

**Ecumenical Lent Course - Opening
Doors** – held at Crawley URC (Worth Park
Road) on **Tuesdays in Lent** from 16 Feb
to 15 Mar. Meet at 7.30p.m. for
refreshments. Course starts at 7.45p.m.
Leaders: *Pound Hill clergy.* **All welcome.**

Friday Feb. 19th 12.00 St Barnabas'
Stations of the Cross

DIARY NOTES

**Wednesday Feb. 24th 15.15 St
Barnabas' Church Hall** - Messy Church

Friday Feb. 26th 12.00 St Barnabas' Stations
of the Cross, everyone welcome to attend.

Friday Feb. 26th 20.00 onwards
Church in the Pub – Coaching Halt

**Sat Feb. 27th 1.00 - 2.00pm in the St
Barnabas Meeting Room** the Mothers'
Union invite you to join their Wave of
Prayer, including prayers for Chichester
Diocese and their Links with Africa
Dioceses & South Korea, everyone
welcome.

Mon Feb 29th 7.30pm at The Barn, The
Causeway, Horsham - an **"Evening of
Flower Demonstration"** with Raffle,
refreshments & free parking on site, to
celebrate 140 Years of the Mothers' Union
in aid of Away From It All Holidays for
those in need. Tickets £10 from 01403
253762. Everyone welcome.

Parish Jumble Sale, in the Parish Hall, 9.30-
10.30 am, Saturday 12 March. Please save
your jumble. Do not bring it until that
weekend as we have nowhere to store it.
Thank you.

The APCM which was scheduled for 13
March will now take place on (Weds) **27
April** at 6.30 p.m. as the PCC's accounts
will not be ready for presentation in March.
**The Parish Eucharist and Bring &
Share lunch** on 13 March will go ahead as
planned.

Sidespeople & welcomers: There will
be a meeting (and training session) for all
involved in this ministry in either church
(and any who are thinking of joining the
teams) on **13 March** after the Parish
Eucharist (and before the shared meal).

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