

Easter Day
27th March 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

06.00 Dawn Eucharist, Worth Park Lake
(followed by 7.00 breakfast - Pastoral Centre)

08.00 Holy Communion BCP
St Nicholas'

Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Anthony Ball

09.45 Sung Eucharist with Baptism, First
Communion & Children's Egg Hunt -
St Nicholas'

Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Anthony Ball

10.00 Family Eucharist with Baptism, First
Communion & Children's Egg Hunt -
St Barnabas'

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Steve Burston

Next week's Readings (Easter 2)

Acts 5.27-32

Psalms 150

Revelation 1.4-8

John 20.19-31

The Curate writes:

Lent is over and Christ is Risen! Happy Easter! Rip open the chocolate eggs and carve the leg of lamb. Is that all that Easter is now? Just a 2000 year old quaint story – a myth that has little meaning. Obviously, given my profession, I don't think that is all it is. The eggs, family meals and lamb are all an added bonus. However, what we celebrate today is the single most important date in history. In short it is a game changer. It is what we celebrate in the baptisms of Renex, Noah, Stanley and Lucy and with Alex, Christian, Lily and Andy taking their first bread and wine at the Eucharist. For in Baptism and the Eucharist we enter into a relationship with the person of Jesus Christ who was the game changer. Humanity is built with an awareness that it is cut off somehow from God through its ability to continually mess up and every other religious code starts from a position that humanity will try to bridge the gap to God in its own efforts. Christianity rather looks to God to help bridge the troublesome chasm between humanity and God. God bridged the gap by sending his only begotten Son because he loved the world so much – who opened his arms on the cross and breached the gap between us and God – then, now and forever. That is what we celebrate. Happy Easter - **Steve**

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Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Acts 10:34-43

You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He

through his name.

John 20 1-18

Then Peter and the other disciple set

But Mary stood weeping outside the

She said to them, "They have taken

away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.



Post Communion Prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Services during next week

St Barnabas'

Wed. & Fri.

09.00 Morning Prayer & Eucharist
Tues. & Thurs. 09.00 Morning Prayer
Tues. 10.30 Eucharist
Sat 8.30 Morning Prayer and Eucharist

St Nicholas'

Thurs 10.30 Eucharist
Thurs 13.00 Funeral

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### Services next Sunday

08.00 Holy Communion BCP  
St Nicholas'  
09.45 Sung Eucharist - St Nicholas'  
  
10.00 Informal Family Eucharist  
St Barnabas'  
11.30 Nic's – All age St Nicholas'

**A Revision of the Electoral Roll** is taking place. Please contact Jane Stanford or the Parish Office with any amendments or applications to join (forms are at the back of church) before 6 April.



Dear Lord still us and calm us,  
like the peace of a mountain lake.  
Cleanse us and release us,  
from the stormy winds of life.  
Renew us with your Spirit,  
as we rejoice in your resurrection  
and the joy that it has for us.  
Enfold us and sustain us,  
every day with your never-failing love.

**Amen.**

## NOTICES & DIARY NOTES

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 **Mar 29<sup>th</sup>** for Apr  
1st at the Centre or phone **883362**.

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> April St Nicholas Circle**  
**20.00** at Pastoral Centre. Kevin  
Gordon, who has worked for British  
Transport Police for 35 years, speaks  
on the *History of Policing the Railway*.

**Everybody Welcome Course. 4**  
**sessions.** All parishioners are  
encouraged to attend. Please sign up at  
the back of church for either Tuesday  
(19.30-21.00 at St B's starting 12<sup>th</sup>  
April) or Thursday (11.30-13.00 at St  
N's starting 14<sup>th</sup> April).



**Saturday 23rd April 2016 Birthday**  
**Tea at St B's** to celebrate The Queen's  
90<sup>th</sup>. Tea starts at 3.00 pm sharp. Tickets  
£5:50 per person. Tickets available from  
either Sheila Dring, Ann Lane or the  
Pastoral Centre (numbers are needed ASAP  
for catering). Musical entertainment  
included.

**The APCM** which was scheduled for 13  
March will now take place on (Weds) **27**  
**April** at 6.30 p.m.

**26th May 2016 Parish Pilgrimage**  
**to Chichester Cathedral on**  
**Corpus Christi.** Join us as we eat our  
lunch at the Bishop's Palace at 1pm  
with tea and coffee. Followed by a visit  
to the door of mercy in the Cathedral  
and ending with a service in the  
Bishop's Chapel 5pm. Ask Revd Steve.

**7<sup>th</sup> May (Sat)– Parish Away Day -**  
10.00-15.30 - to develop a vision for the  
future shape of our mission and ministry.  
Venue tbc (transport will be available).  
Please keep the date free in your diary and  
sign up at the back of church to indicate

The next Saturday Market takes place  
on 2nd April, 10.00 am - 11.45am in the  
Pastoral Centre. Please join us for  
refreshments and possible bargains.

**Tuesday June 21st - Sunday June 26th**  
Wintershall Open Air Play 'The Life of  
Christ' order tickets **from 01793 418299**  
or: [www.wintershall-estate.com](http://www.wintershall-estate.com).

**One parish or two?** is one of the  
questions raised about Worth Parish in  
the Crawley Review. Please let us have  
your views (by e-mail or letter) on  
whether we should split the parish or  
remain as one. Replies to the Rector  
or Parish Office **by 22 April** please.  
The Apr/May edition of the Parish  
Magazine will have a short piece on  
arguments for & against. There will be  
a report back to the APCM (27 April)  
and the responses will inform  
discussion at the Away Day (7 May).

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