

Seventh Sunday of Easter 8th May 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 - St Nicholas'

Celebrant and Preacher: Canon Anthony Ball

09.45 Sung Eucharist - St Nicholas'

Celebrant and Preacher: Canon Anthony Ball

10.00 Eucharist - St Barnabas'

Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Steve Burston

12.00 Holy Baptism St Nicholas'

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Next week's Readings (Pentecost)

Acts 2.1-21

Psalms 104.26 - 37

Romans 8.14-17

John 14.8-17[25-27]

The Rector writes:

Thank you to the 40+ of you who participated in the Parish Vision Day on Saturday. It was wonderful to hear the animated conversation and listen to the ideas that flowed as a broad range of parishioners contributed their thoughts to how we might develop over the coming years. Our facilitator, Simon, the Rector of Ifield, skilfully provoked and captured the contributions and then challenged us to choose between them as he focused us down to three key goals under each of the headings: our spiritual and numerical growth in Christ; reimagining how we undertake our ministry; and how we will contribute to the common good. Volunteers were provisionally identified to champion each goal and begin thinking through how they can be implemented. Steve and I will spend two and half days this week on retreat to pray through the outcomes of the away day and seek to distil these into a plan that can be discussed in a General Meeting of the Parish and the PCC later this month. So more on that later – meanwhile there is something concrete we can do under the “contributing to the common good” heading you will see in the notices section that Christian Aid Week starts next Sunday. As the longest-running community fundraising event in the UK, CA week unites more than 20,000 churches to achieve incredible things. Thanks to people like you last year Christian Aid raised more than £11m for our global neighbours in need. Do contact Ann or Brenda if you can feel you can help this year. Thank you.

Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading

Acts 16.16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.



Psalms 97

Response:

***The Lord shall
reign for ever***

Second Reading

Revelation 22.12-14, 16, 17, 20, 21

'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Gospel Reading

John 17.20-26

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,* so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'



Services during next week

St Barnabas'

Mon 11.00 Julian Group

Tues. 10.30 Eucharist

Sat 17.00 Evening Prayer

St Nicholas'

Wed. & Fri.

09.00 Morning Prayer & Eucharist

Tues & Thurs. 09.00 Morning Prayer

Thurs 10.30 Eucharist

Tues & Wed 17.00 Evening Prayer

Thurs 14.30 Julian Group

Sat 9.00 Morning Prayer and Eucharist

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Wed 15.15 Messy Church

Maidenbower Infant School

Fri 11.30 Chat & Pray, Maidenbower

Pavillion

## Services next Sunday

08.00 Holy Communion BCP

St Nicholas'

09.45 Sung Eucharist

St Nicholas'

10.00 Eucharist

St Barnabas'

11.30 Nic's All Age

St Nicholas'

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **LOVE every NEIGHBOUR**

This is the week we love every neighbour.

"Jesus calls us to love our neighbour as ourselves, and not just the ones next door or at the end of the street. "  
(see Notices & Diary Notes for details of Christian Aid Week)

## **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 **May 10th** for May  
13th at the Centre or phone **883362**.

**Wednesday 11th May Pastoral  
Assistants' Tea**, 2.30 pm, Pastoral Centre

**Saturday 14th May, Plant Sale and  
Market**, 10.00 am - 12 noon, on the Patio  
(weather permitting) and in the Pastoral  
Centre. Items for sale  
may be brought to the  
Pastoral Centre on  
Friday 13th May  
between 10.15am and  
2.00 pm or on the day  
of the Fair from 8.45  
am.



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**Help needed on the day- please sign  
the list at St. Barnabas or give Phyl a  
ring on 883362. Thank you.**

### **Christian Aid Week 15th - 21st May**

There will be a house-to-house collection in  
Pound Hill and Worth organised by Brenda  
Somerville. Could  
you do your road or  
cover a small street?  
Please speak to her  
or phone 01293  
883452.



**At St Nicholas'** there will be red  
Christian Aid envelopes in the pews during  
Christian Aid Week. Please donate  
generously. Ann Phillipson has spare  
envelopes, if required, and she is co-  
ordinating the St Nicholas' collection.

**Wed 18th May 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm**  
**'Late Spring Clean'** session in the  
Pastoral Centre followed by tea and cakes.  
All helpers welcome.

**Thursday 26th May 2016 Parish  
Pilgrimage** to Chichester Cathedral on  
Corpus Christi. Come and 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  
at 5pm. Any enquiries ask Revd Steve.

**Saturday 28th May, Book Sale** 10.00 am  
- 12 noon in the Pastoral Centre. Please let  
us have your unwanted books (good  
condition only) on Friday 27th between  
10.30 am and 2.00pm or from 9.00am on  
the day. Thank you

**Sat/Sun 28th/29th May Big Church  
Day Out** - Great Day for all the Family!  
tickets for all day £18 adult/£14 for children.  
Come for either one / other or both! Main  
Church group is going on Sunday.

**Sun 12th June Choral Evensong**  
18.30 pm, St Nicholas'. Please save the date.

**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).  
A wonderful experience and day out.

**16th July 2016** Early diary note for our  
forthcoming Charity Cabaret & Silent  
Auction evening on be held at St Barnabas'  
church. Tickets £15.00, including a 2 course  
dinner and a glass of Bucks Fizz on arrival  
and an evening of magical entertainment and  
music. Time TBC.

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