



*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
after Trinity  
29<sup>th</sup> 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: Revd Gordon Parry*  
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 Baptism - St Nicholas'  
*Presiding: Canon Anthony Ball*

## **Next week's Readings**

I Kings 17:17-24  
Psalm 30  
Galatians 1:11-24  
Luke 7:11-17

## ***The Rector writes:***

Parishioners who were at the Special Parochial Church Meeting on Tuesday will have heard me announce that I shall be moving to a new role in September. That role is as the Canon Steward at Westminster Abbey, and copies of the announcements from the Abbey and No10 are on the church notice board.

It has been a wonderfully rich time being a parish priest here in Crawley and I am deeply grateful to all of you who have supported my family and me in so many ways in the past five years. There will be time over the coming months for me to express that gratitude in person - and I do hope you will be able to come to the 'farewell' on 4th September. That farewell is likely to be for both the Burston and Ball families as, following my departure, Steve will be assigned a new training incumbent. For 4th September we are planning a Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas' at 10.00 a.m. followed by lunch on the Rectory lawn.

Our move comes at an exciting time for the parish as we work to deliver the vision expressed in our Parish Plan, *Growing through 2016 & 2017*. The energy and commitment that so many of you have already displayed to taking forward that vision of growth in Christ, re-imagining ministry and serving the common good is a huge encouragement to both Steve and me as we focus our efforts on supporting and enabling you to flourish during this time of change and, of course, some uncertainty. Your contribution to that shared endeavour, individually and collectively, using your God-given gifts, will be decisive for the future. *Every blessing.*

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you in both will and deed; 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 forever. **Amen**

### First Reading

*1 Kings 8:22-23,41-43*

#### Solomon's Prayer of Dedication

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart,

'Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name — for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays towards this

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1 Kings 8:42*

house, then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Psalm 96 1-9



### Second Reading

*Galatians 1. 1-12*

#### The letter of Paul to the Galatians

#### Salutation

Paul an apostle—sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—and all the members of God's family who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### There Is No Other Gospel

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed! As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed!

Am I now seeking human approval, or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

## Paul's Vindication of His Apostleship



For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by

me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

## Gospel Reading

*Luke 7 1-10*

### Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant

After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, 'He is worthy of having you do this for him, for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us.' And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house,



the centurion sent friends to say to him, 'Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, "Go", and he goes, and to another, "Come", and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this", and the slave does it.' When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, 'I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.' When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

## Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope and make us grow in love; for the sake of 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 17.00 Evening Prayer

#### **St Nicholas'**

Thurs 10.30 Eucharist  
Sat 9.00 Morning Prayer and Eucharist  
Sat. 4 June 14.00 Wedding

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| 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' |

## 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. Everyone welcome. Please order  
tickets by **1<sup>st</sup> June** for 3<sup>rd</sup> June at the  
Centre or phone **883362**.



Plastic milk bottle tops,  
used postage stamps,  
unwanted mobile  
phones and used  
printer inkjet cartridges can be used by  
various charities. Please bring to the  
Pastoral Centre. Thank you.

**Thurs. 2 June 20.00 St Nicholas Circle**  
Cheese and Wine. New people always  
welcome come and have a chat and find  
out who we are and what we do.

**Saturday Market 4 June**  
10.00 – 12.00 Pastoral Centre – please  
come and support us.

**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.

I would like to send many thanks to so  
many people who have been kind and  
helpful during John's hospital stay and  
my surgery. It is greatly appreciated.  
*Patricia Welsh*

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### Parish Communication

If you did not receive an e-mail similar  
to the *Rector writes* contribution this  
week then you are not on our parish  
mailing list. If you would like to be put  
on the list for inclusion in future e-mail  
communications about parish activities  
please call Sue Perry in the Parish  
Office and let her have your address. If  
you are not on e-mail and would like to  
be linked with someone who is so they  
can print off or telephone you with  
news then please tell Sue (and if you  
have already made a link with someone  
it would be helpful for her to know).

At the **PCC** meeting on Tuesday it  
was resolved to i) seek the re-  
establishment of a St Barnabas'  
Conventional District (giving greater  
autonomy); look to fill the Associate  
Vicar vacancy as soon as possible, with  
a priest from the evangelical tradition  
of the CofE; shelve plans for a Youth  
Leadership Hub (based in St B  
Vicarage) and instead investigate  
employing a Families & Children's  
worker from September (to resource  
Messy Church, other family  
congregations and work in our  
primary schools); begin the process to  
have new double-glazed windows  
installed in the St Barnabas' Hall.