



*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
after Trinity  
5<sup>th</sup> June 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: Revd Steve Burston*

10.00 Eucharist - St Barnabas'  
*Celebrant and Preacher: Canon Anthony Ball*

11.30 Nic's All Age  
*Presiding – Revd Steve Burston*

## **Next week's Readings**

2 Samuel 11.26 – 12. 10, 13-15

Psalms 32

Galatians 2.15-21

Luke 7.36 – 8.3

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

My first reading of today's passage from *Galatians* left me a little uneasy about the model of church leadership it presented. Where would we be as a community if everyone – or even just the leaders – decided what needed to be done and then simply went ahead and did it without any consideration of or consultation with others in the leadership team? Or, as St Paul claims, waiting three years before checking-in that it was O.K.? Great, you might think. No committees, no negative comments, just action. But, to be banal, imagine the seating in church being constantly rearranged to the personal taste of whoever feels like moving it! In reality, a balance is needed between the freedom to get on with things and the value of ensuring that activity is directed towards a common purpose. That purpose is giving glory to God and enabling lives to be transformed by an encounter with Jesus Christ. When Paul's letter is read in context and with an understanding of his life and ministry we quickly see this is the purpose on which he focuses. When he says (as in today's reading) God has set him apart before he was born, he is expressing his profound sense that in meeting Jesus he is 'coming home'. He responds with a life of service in which he experiences all manner of hardships, disappointments and persecutions – as did his Saviour – but always directed towards the building up of individuals and communities in faith and witness to the gospel "received ... through a revelation of Jesus Christ". As you offer yourself in response to God's call, please pray for, and help, the leadership team (clergy and wardens) as they seek to encourage and co-ordinate all those responses and keep them focused on God.

## Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## First Reading

*1 Kings 17:17-24*

### **Elijah Revives the Widow's Son**

After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. She then said to Elijah, 'What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!' But he said to her, 'Give me your son.' He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. He cried out to the LORD, 'O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?' Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the LORD, 'O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again.' The LORD listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, 'See, your son is alive.' So the woman said to Elijah, 'Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.'

*Weeping*  
MAY ENDURE FOR THE NIGHT,  
BUT *joy* COMETH  
IN THE MORNING.  
PSALM 30:5

## Psalm 30

## Second Reading

*Galatians 1:11-24*

### **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.

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him for fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, 'The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy.' And they glorified God because of me.

## Gospel Reading

Luke 7:11-17

### Jesus Raises the Widow's Son at Nain



Soon afterwards Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the

town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, 'Do not weep.' Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, 'Young man, I say to you, rise!' The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, 'A great prophet has risen among us!' and 'God has looked favourably on his people!' This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

### Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son; sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in Heaven and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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The Pastoral Centre always welcomes home made cakes. If anyone is willing to bake any items for us these will be gratefully received. Reimbursement can be arranged for ingredients used.

Thank you.  
Phyl Pennell.

### Services during the 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  
Tues & Fri 17.00 Evening Prayer  
Thurs 13.00 Funeral Service  
Thurs 14.30 Julian Group  
Sat 9.00 Morning Prayer and Eucharist  
Sat 11 June 16.00 Wedding Blessing

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Tues 11.00 Home Communion,  
Lanehurst Gardens

Wed 15.15 Messy Church  
Maidenbower First School  
Fri 11.30 Chat & Pray,  
Maidenbower Pavilion Café

### Services next Sunday

08.00 Holy Communion BCP St Nicholas'  
10.00 Joint Parish Eucharist St Barnabas'  
(followed by bring and share lunch)  
12.00 Holy Baptism St Nicholas'  
18.30 Choral Evensong St Nicholas'

## NOTICES & DIARY NOTES

**Friday lunches** 12.30 in the Pastoral Centre - 2 courses + tea / coffee - £5.50. Everyone welcome. Please order tickets by **8<sup>th</sup> June** (to help with catering) for 10th June at the Centre (pay on the day) or phone **513496**

**NEXT SUNDAY 12th June** 10.00 am **Parish Eucharist** at St Barnabas' followed by a **Bring and Share lunch** in the Hall to **celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**. Everyone welcome at lunch – especially your guests. Please indicate on the list at the back of church TODAY or call the Parish Office by Wednesday if you are able to bring some food and/or coming. There will be a small commemorative 'birthday gift' for those coming.

### **Sun 12th June Choral Evensong**



at 18.30. Join us for a celebratory Choral Evensong with music by Dyson, Monteverdi,

Smith and Hiam. If you could offer or need a lift to this event, please email [parishmag@outlook.com](mailto:parishmag@outlook.com) or call 01293 888817.

**Mon 20th June** There will be a meeting for Pastoral Centre volunteers and would be volunteers on Monday 20 June at 9.30 am in the Pastoral Centre. All welcome.

**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.

## Parish Communication

If you did not receive an e-mail from the parish 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).

## Parking at St Barnabas'

Pound Hill Junior School have kindly arranged for their Premises Officer to open the barrier on Sunday mornings so that we can use their car park. Please park in front of the Junior School rather than the Infant Academy spaces at first.

Thanks to everyone who supported the Book Sale & Plant Stall on 28 May; a magnificent £197.25 was raised for church funds.

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