

**St Thomas
 the Apostle
 3rd July
 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 Gordon Parry
 10.00 Eucharist - St Barnabas'
Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Steve Burston
 11.30 Nic's Service - St Nicholas'
Presiding Revd Steve Burston

Next week's Readings (St Nicholas')

Deuteronomy 11.13-22

Romans 12.1-16

Luke 10.25-37

(St Barnabas' – Sea Sunday)

Deuteronomy 30.9-14

Psalm 25.1-10

Colossians 1.1-14

Matthew 8:23-27

The Rector writes:

In the church services this morning you will hear something of St Thomas' story and have the chance to reflect on it. I'd like to use these few inches to draw attention to our "Charity Cabaret" on 16 July (see ad overleaf – tickets available in church today!). This will be a great event to invite some friends and show them that we have fun together whilst also taking seriously our commitment to the wider community. The "Cabaret" reference in the evening's title is pretty obvious – and one of the reasons it is a "can't miss" event. The "Charity" reference has, I gather, given rise to some confusion. So, to explain one aspect of that ... The PCC puts aside a 'tithe' (10%) of its income each year (not counting any given for a specific purpose and after the deduction of certain costs) to give to other charities. This is one of the means by which we seek to be friends and "constantly there" (Cf Joan's prayer overleaf) for those beyond our church family. Each person who comes to the Charity Cabaret evening will have a part in distributing up to £2000 of this money amongst a range of charities – local, national and international. There will be display boards on show at the Cabaret evening giving information about these charities. The boards will also be on display at St Barnabas' after the event until the end of July to allow those who were not at the Charity Cabaret to have a chance to have a say in which charities we support this year. Do, please, take part and use your vote!

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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**

First Reading

Habakkuk 2.1-4

I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Psalm 31.1-6



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pewsheet@worthparish.org.uk or
phone 0300 111 8150 Sue

Second Reading

Ephesians 2.19-22

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.



Gospel Reading

John 20.24-29

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."



A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see

my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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, Thurs & Fri 17.00 Evening Prayer

Fri 14.00 Wedding

Sat 9.00 Morning Prayer and Eucharist

Sat 14.00 Wedding

Tues 11.00 Home Communion,
Lanehurst Gardens

Fri 11.30 Chat & Pray, Stepneys,
Maidenbower Playing Fields

Services next Sunday

08.00 Holy Communion BCP St Nicholas'

09.45 Sung Eucharist (+ thanksgiving for
Sunday School Ministry) St Nicholas'

10.00 Eucharist St Barnabas'

12.00 Holy Baptism St Nicholas'

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.

Parking at St Barnabas'

Pound Hill Junior School have kindly offered their car park on Sunday morning. Please park in front of the Junior School rather than the Infant Academy spaces at first.

Joan's Prayer

Lord, there have been times when I have doubted you, when I have felt you were not with me, not beside me.

I thought I was alone, abandoned and then I remembered... you chose me, you called me, I am a child of yours, you love me, no matter what !

You send your angels to watch over me, in the form of my friends, you are constantly there for me, thank you Lord. Please, forgive me my doubtfulness and renew my faith. Amen

CHARITY CABARET

SATURDAY 16TH JULY 2016

TIME: 7PM

St Barnabas Church
Worth Road
Pound Hill
RH10 7DY

Come Along & Enjoy An Evening Of




Live Music

Magical Entertainment

Silent Auction

Tickets £15

Include 2 Course

Dinner

Glass of Bucksfizz

on arrival

Contact: Jane Stanford 07967 139168
Karen Fly 07767 795744
For Ticket Sales

NOTICES & DIARY NOTES

Friday lunches 12.30 in the Pastoral Centre - 2 courses + tea / coffee - £5.50. Everyone welcome. Please order tickets by **6th July** (to help with catering) for 8th July at the Centre (pay on the day) or phone **0300 111 8150**

Silent Auction

During the Cabaret Evening a silent auction will be held. Please would you be able to pledge or donate something. Anything would be welcome, but something different would be great – such as an hour's ironing, cleaning an oven or car, a week of dog walking. In order to make a good variety of auction items it would be helpful if you let Jane Stanford or the Office know what you are planning.

Parish Communication

If you have not receive an e-mail from the parish recently then you are not on our parish mailing list. If you would like to be included please call or email Sue Perry in the Parish Office. If you are not on e-mail and would like to be linked with someone who is this can be arranged.

Coffee Shop

The Pastoral Centre is open 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm Monday afternoons (term time only) and 10.30 am- 12 noon on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Lunches served on Fridays at 12.30 pm. All welcome.'

Sat 9th July 11 am & 5.30 pm and

Sun 10th July 11 am & 4 pm

The Hawth Theatre – Genesis: the Creation of Our World in dance

Sun July 10th 9.45am at St Nicholas'

A service of **Thanksgiving for Sunday School** to be held. Everyone who has had any connection with the Sunday School over the past 40 years are invited as Joan and the team of teachers 'retire'.

Sat 16th July 2016 at 19.00 Charity Cabaret & Silent Auction evening 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. Contact Jane Stanford 0796713916 or Karen Fly 07767795744 for tickets.

Tuesday July 26th 10.00 - 15.00 at Chichester Cathedral - Family Activities, Going for Gold; no need to book. Cost £2.50 per child ages 3 - 12 years must be accompanied by an adult. Full details on posters in both churches.

Sun 4 Sept. - Parish Eucharist 10.00

at St. Nicholas followed by BBQ/Bring and Share lunch and farewells to Anthony and Steve on the Rectory Lawn. Further details to follow. Offers of help please to the church wardens. Thank you.

Sat 10 Sept Westminster Abbey – If

would be interested in attending and/or in **travelling by coach** to see Canon Anthony installed please contact Sue 0300 111 8150

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