

**Trinity 12
14th August
2016**



**Welcome to our services at
St Nicholas' in Worth and St
Barnabas' in Pound Hill.**

This sheet details the readings in today's services and notices about our community. Please do take it home.

If you are here for the first time, please do introduce yourselves. We'd also love you to join us for refreshments after the service. Please feel free to use the soft toys and books at the back of the church for your children. At Communion, everyone is welcome to come up and receive a blessing or, if baptised, share the bread and wine.

SERVICES TODAY

08.00 Holy Communion St Nicholas'
Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Gordon Parry
10.00 Eucharist St Barnabas'
Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Steve Burston
12.00 Baptism Service St Nicholas'
Presiding: Revd Steve Burston

The Pew Sheet

If you would like to have a go at making the pew sheet once a month please phone Sue Walshe on 01293 887997 or use email below. We now have a team of three, one more and this would mean that we would take it in turns once a month. Tuition is available!! .
pewsheet@worthparish.org.uk

The Burstons Write:

So here we are – not our last Service in the Parish – and having looked at our diary with several Weddings and the odd baptism in the coming months at St Nicholas' – you won't be getting rid of Steve completely for a while! But today is our last service at St Barnabas'. It wasn't the wow of St Nicholas' or the smooth words of Anthony that wooed us to the Parish. When we first visited it was the rather less salubrious setting of St Barnabas' Church Hall. It was Liz who stood in it and said 'What potential!' And we – the Burston family - have been privileged in the past 2+ years to see God release only fraction of that potential – Messy Church and the Youth Club have been highlights for us – and we couldn't have led them without the amazing volunteers many of you are. It is always dangerous to highlight one individual over another – however – we will in our last pew sheet. Not because this person is any better than anyone else, but because he embodies the quiet way many of you associated with St Barnabas' go about his or her business. Mark Dobson has volunteered at Youth Club since it began, every other Friday, wholeheartedly, quietly, humbly and loyally. After a busy week he turns up and serves 30 plus kids with love and encouragement. And that is the story and the potential of St Barnabas'. Clergy as you know - and probably on occasions are relieved to know – come and go, but all you Mark Dobsons (because there are many of you) are the air that breathes life into a place we dearly love and will dearly miss. Steve, Liz, Grace, Alice, Lily and of course – Digger!!

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve: pour on us the abundance of your mercy, forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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

Jeremiah 23.23-29

Am I a God nearby, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Psalms 82

*You are children
of the Most High.*

Psalms 82:6

Second Reading

Hebrews 11.29 - 12.2

The Faith of Other Israelite Heroes

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel & the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, & in caves & holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

The Example of Jesus

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12. 49-56

Jesus the Cause of Division

'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

Interpreting the Time

He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?



Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy, in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tues	09.00 Morning Prayer 10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas' St Barnabas'
Wed	09.00 Morning Prayer & Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Thurs	09.00 Morning Prayer 10.30 Eucharist	St Barnabas' St Nicholas'
Fri	09.00 Morning Prayer & Eucharist	St Barnabas'
Sat	09.00 Morning Prayer and Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	12.00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
	14.00 Wedding	St Nicholas'
Sun 21 st Aug	08.00 Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
	09.45 Parish Eucharist	St Nicholas'
	11.30 Nic's – all age worship	St Nicholas'

Readings for Sunday 21st August (Trinity 13)

Isaiah 58.9b-14

Psalm 103. 1- 8

Hebrews 12. 18-29

Luke 13.10-17

I'LL DO IT MY WAY! A Modern-Day Parable of the 'Lost Son' is being presented as a dance, drama and singing Summer School at St Elizabeth's Northgate! 22-25 August, open to all aged 7-16. No experience necessary. The summer school will end in a performance at the Hawth on 25th August! Contact Louise on 07721416323 or email lryrie@aol.com

'Prayerful Pilates' is a workshop for adults on Tuesday 30 August 7-8pm at St Elizabeth's Northgate. Men & women welcome. No experience necessary. Strengthen and relax your body and mind, with a focus on God accompanied by relaxing Christian music. Book through Louise on 07721416323 or lryrie@aol.com

NOTICES AND DIARY NOTES

Friday lunches 12.30pm in the Pastoral Centre - 2 courses + tea / coffee - £5.50. Everyone welcome. Please order tickets by **17th Aug** (for catering) for 19th Aug at the Centre (pay on the day) or phone **0300 111 8150**.

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.

The Coffee Shop is open 10.30am-12 on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays only throughout the summer hols. Why not pop in for friendly chat, coffee, tea or delicious home-made cake.

Sat 20th August 9.00 am - 11.45am

There will be a gardening and clear up morning at St. Barnabas. All offers of help welcome. We also welcome offers of help in taking garden rubbish etc to the tip. There is a sign up list at St. Barnabas - or just turn up on the day. Refreshments provided.

Friday August 26th 10.00am-3.00pm - Children's Activity Day (Bold and Beautiful) at Chichester Cathedral for ages 3-12 years (£2.50 per child). No need to book.

Sunday September 4th 10.00am - Parish Eucharist at St. Nicholas' followed by BBQ/Bring and Share lunch and farewells to Anthony and Steve on the Rectory Lawn. The sign up lists for the 'bring & share' element are now displayed in both churches. BBQ items will be provided- burgers, sausages, rolls etc- donations towards the cost of these will be welcomed on the day. Offers of help please to the church wardens. Thank you.

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

Saturday September 10th 3pm - Anthony's Installation at Westminster Abbey. Coach money is now due as soon as possible, £13 per seat in a named envelope to Sue or one of the church wardens.

Saturday September 17th 8.30am - Ladies' Breakfast at the Pastoral Centre with guest Speaker from Open House. Please sign the sheets at the back of Church.

Tuesday 20th September @ URC Speaker & discussion World Week of Peace for Israel/Palestine

29th September 2016 from 5pm - 9pm OPEN EVENING: Holy Trinity C of E Secondary School.

Maidenbower Messy Church Only

There will be no Messy Church at Maidenbower School in September. All back to normal from October. A notice will be sent out to parents by the school office.

Book / Reading Club

If anyone would be interested in joining a monthly book club at the Pastoral Centre or has any questions about such a venture please contact the parish office or Liz Gallagher on 07779166464 – books available on loan

Please note: The Parish Hall will be out of use from Mon 15 Aug to Fri 19 Aug incl. Whilst the new double glazed units are installed.

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