



St Nicholas' Parish Church, Worth & St Barnabas' Church, Pound Hill



Sunday November 22nd 2015
Christ the King

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)
at St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Anthony Ball
09.45 Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas'
Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Anthony Ball
10.00 Family Service at St Barnabas'
Presiding & Preacher: Rev'd Steve Burston
12.00 Holy Baptism at St Nicholas'
Presiding: Canon Anthony Ball

Next week's Readings

Jeremiah 33. 14 - 16
Psalm 25. 1 - 9
1 Thessalonians 3. 98 - 13
Luke 21. 25 - 36

The Rector writes:-

I'd like to start on this, the last Sunday of the Church's year, with a huge thank you to all those who were involved in offering hospitality and otherwise supporting our guests on the Pilgrimage2Paris last weekend. The comments posted on social media gave a very positive image of the parish. And that, perhaps, is a link into some reflections from my own 'pilgrimage' last week in Egypt where time and again I was struck by the way in which the Christian community (about 10-15% of the Egyptian population) lives out its faith through service to "neighbour". Projects to provide education, medical services, micro-loans, relief of poverty, refugee assistance abound and are offered to all, irrespective of faith tradition, in the midst of challenging (and often discriminatory) circumstances. One of my colleagues on the pilgrimage said that he had come expecting to find a church "needing us" and instead came away challenged and encouraged by what we saw. The phrase from the Alpha talk I had given just before leaving that- "we are not saved by good works, we are saved by grace, but we are saved for good works" kept coming to mind. And the Coptic Church's service ("good works") seems to be borne out of, or has itself produced, a remarkable blessing. The church next to where we were staying regularly had over 100 coming for daily Morning Prayer followed by Eucharist (1.5 hours!); one church dug out of the rock in the "garbage city" on Cairo's outskirts has 6,000 (really!) for their Thursday evening bible study; 40 years ago monastic life was dying out with only a few hundred monks - now there are over 15,000 ... and all in context where "mission" is amongst those who are already Christian. You can imagine my prayer for the impact of yesterday's Holy Spirit Day on our parish life

READINGS for the day.

Collect:

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King; keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 7. 9 – 10, 13, 14.

A Reading from the Book of Daniel.

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Psalm 93

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 1. 4b - 8

A Reading from the book of The Revelation to John.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL

John 18. 33 - 37

A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’ Pilate replied, ‘I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests

have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POSADA

It is that time of year again when our Travelling Crib moves around the Parish. If you would like to "host" / "welcome in" to your home the 'travellers' **please sign up TODAY on the sheets** in both churches the **journey begins on Advent Sunday.**

If you need to know more please ask either Joan Tick or Ann Lane, thank you.

100 CLUB – November Draw

1 st	25	Richard Sidaway	£100.00
2 nd	19	Jim Bull	£ 50.00
3 rd	5	Mary Harrison	£ 25.00
4 th	39	Judy Stokes	£ 25.00

Congratulations one and all !

SERVICES during next week

St Nicholas'

Mon. Wed. & Fri.

07.30 Morning Prayer & Eucharist

Sat. 08.30 Morning Prayer & Eucharist

Tues. & Thurs.

07.30 Morning Prayer

St Barnabas'

Mon. Tues. Wed. Fri. & Sat.

17.00 Evening Prayer

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**Tues.** 10.30 Eucharist - St Barnabas'

**Wed.** 15.00 Messy Church

– St Barnabas Church Hall

**Thurs.** 10.30 Eucharist – St Nicholas'

**Sat.** NO WEDDINGS – St Nicholas'

11.30 Burial of Ashes – St Nicholas'

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Services next Sunday

Advent Sunday

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

- St Nicholas'

09.45 Sung Eucharist with Christingle

- St Nicholas'

10.00 Eucharist

- St Barnabas'

15.00 Christingle

- St Barnabas'

18.30 Advent Carols

- St Nicholas'

LAST CHANCE to nominate the **charities the parish will support:**

1. with our **Christmas** collections (one each of local, national and international);
2. with our **regular** giving; and
3. by developing a **long-term** (at least 3 years) relationship, to include advocacy.

Nomination slips can be returned in the 'collection /suggestion box' at the back of church or sent to the Parish Office – by Tuesday please.

UNICEF Jar of Grace Appeal

Thank you to those who took part, **£88.65** was raised this year, most of which was Gift Aided to UNICEF.

NOTICES

Friday lunches 12.30pm in the Pastoral Centre - 2 courses plus tea / coffee - £5.50
Please purchase tickets by **Nov. 24th** for Nov. 27th at the Centre or phone **883362**

Thank you to those who supported and donated cakes for the **Children in Need Cake Sale** last week. **£145** was raised for this appeal.

Thursday November 26th Mothers' Union Meeting & Preparation for Advent Eucharist 7.30pm at St Barnabas' Followed by Mince Pies & coffee & a Hamper raffle. EVERYONE welcome.

Saturday November 28th Advent Fair 12.00 - 3.00pm at St Barnabas'. Volunteers needed for setting up on Saturday morning, to set up and run stalls, help with refreshments and for packing up/clearing away. Sign up sheets at back of both churches and boxes ready to receive any donations towards the fair. For more information please contact
Jane 01293 543045, Filomena Resce 07817 329509, Karen Fly 01293 884763 or Ann Lane 07973 214095 Thank you.

Sunday November 29th Christingle Services --- **St Nicholas' 9.45am** during the main service and **St Barnabas' at 3.00pm.** Please attend either or both services. Collection in aid of The Children's Society.

Thursday December 3rd St Nicholas' Circle Yuletide Evening 8.00pm at the Pastoral Centre, including a raffle.

Christmas is coming !

"www.easyfundraising.org.uk is a great way to raise funds for the Church while you shop on the internet. We receive a small cash reward for your purchase as a donation to the Parish. If you have not already done so then please register. If you are registered please remember to select easyfundraising whenever you shop. Many thanks to those who have already raised over £300 to-date for the Parish this way .

DIARY NOTES

Saturday December 5th 1.00 – 5.00pm
Bishop's Lodge Cottage, Worth, an afternoon of Advent contemplative prayer, led by Rev'd Steve Burston. **Sign-up sheets** in both churches today.

Tuesday December 8th 7.30 p.m.
Fr. James' licensing service at St Julian's church, St Julian's Lane, Kingston Buci, Shoreham and will be conducted by the Bishop of Lewis. Please contact Parish Office if you need or can offer a lift.



Christmas lunches....

...will be served in the Pastoral Centre on **Fridays December 4th & 18th.** The menu will include turkey, accompaniments, Christmas pudding and mince pies, fruit juice, tea/coffee (bring your own
) . **Tickets cost £10.50** each and **must be bought in advance** from the Pastoral Centre or (01293) 883362.

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