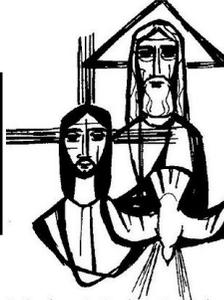


*Trinity Sunday
22nd May*



Holy, Holy, Holy

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

1 Kings 8.22-23,41-43

Psalm 96 1-9

Galatians 1. 1-12

Luke 7 1-10

The Rector writes:

Several times this week I have had cause to reflect on the glue that binds us together as a parish community. Also on what difference the Holy Spirit, whose coming we celebrated last Sunday, makes in our lives (individually and collectively). Looking forward to Trinity Sunday has proved a powerful backdrop to those reflections – reinforcing the experience of God as (or in) relationship. One of the classic images of the Trinity sees the Holy Spirit as the love that flows between the Father and the Son with such intensity that the three are one.

It has been a real joy to see the enthusiasm with which all those who volunteered to take forward particular aspects of 'future development' in our common life that emerged at the recent Vision Day. A tremendous release of people's gifts that blesses us all - the effects of which are already being felt. Yet in the excitement we need to remember that it is a common life - we are all part of a community, in relationship with each other, and that what each does affects the whole. We have a responsibility to consider how our ideas and actions will impact on others – by tidying away this or changing that we may inadvertently create difficulties for another group or person. By the same token those affected have a responsibility for encouraging (offering solutions not just criticism!) those who are volunteering. How we manage accountability and co-ordination as these ideas (the Spirit?) flow and find expression is one of the things the PCC will be considering in the light of discussion about the Parish Plan on Tuesday. But we can be sure that if we ground our relationships in God's love, that has been poured into our hearts, we will promote mutual flourishing – reflecting and being bound into the divine relationship.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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

Proverbs 8 1-4, 22-31

The Gifts of Wisdom

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
'To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

Wisdom's Part in Creation

The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the

face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

Psalm 8

Response: The Lord shall give the blessing of his peace.

O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!
Your majesty above the heavens is praised out of the mouths of babes at the breast. **R**
You have founded a stronghold against your foes, that you might still the enemy and the avenger.
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have ordained, **R**
What is man, that you should be mindful of him; the son of man, that you should seek him out?
You have made him little lower than the angels and crown him with glory and honour. **R**
You have given him dominion over the works of your hands and put all things under his feet,
All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field, **R**
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.
O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world! **R**

Second Reading

Romans 5 1-5

Results of Justification

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.



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Gospel Reading

John 16 12 -15

I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.



Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and forever. 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 (Corpus Christi)
Tues & Wed 17.00 Evening Prayer
Sat 9.00 Morning Prayer and
Eucharist
Sat. 28 May 12.00 Wedding

Wed 15.15 Messy Church

St Barnabas'

Fri 11.30 Chat & Pray, Maidenbower
Pavilion

A Special Parochial Church

Meeting will be held at St Barnabas' Church at **6.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 24th May**. Copies of the agenda and the draft Parish Plan (which will be discussed at the meeting) are available at the back of church.

The 100 Club winners for May'16 are:

£100	No.44	Ian Pallett
£50	No.24	Ann Phillipson
£25	No.29	Gerald Sandwell
£25	No.26	Tony & Margaret Smith

NOTICES & DIARY NOTES

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

The Saturday Market on 7 May raised £90.75 and The Plant Sale raised £364.75 + a generous 20 gift aided donation for church funds. Many thanks to all the supporters.

Friday lunches 12.30 in the Pastoral Centre - 2 courses + tea / coffee - £5.50. Everyone welcome. Please order tickets by **May 25th** for May 27th at the Centre or phone **883362**.

Thursday 26th May 2016 Parish Pilgrimage to Chichester Cathedral on Corpus Christi. Come and join us as we eat our lunch at the Bishop's Palace at 1pm with tea and coffee. Followed by a visit to the Door of Mercy in the Cathedral and ending with a service in the Bishop's Chapel 5pm. Any enquiries ask Revd Steve.

Thursday 26th May 2016 19.30 MU Mother's Union invite everyone to their meeting where the speaker from the women's refuge will be talking about 'Violence in the Home'. Judging from press reports on recent soap story lines this is very topical.

Saturday 28th May, Book Sale 10.00 am - 12 noon in the Pastoral Centre. Please let us have your unwanted books (good condition only) on Friday 27th between 10.30 am and 2.00pm or from 9.00am on the day. There will also be a plant stall. All helpers welcome – Please sign the list at St B's or call Phyl on 883362. Thank you

Sat/Sun 28th/29th May Big Church Day Out - Great Day for all the Family! tickets for all day £18 adult/£14 for children. Come for either one / other or both! Main Church group is going on Sunday.



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.

Sun 12th June Choral Evensong 18.30 pm, St Nicholas'. Please save the date.

Tues June 21st - Sun June 26th Wintershall Open Air Play 'The Life of Christ' order tickets **from 01793 418299** or: www.wintershall-estate.com. A wonderful experience.

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.

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