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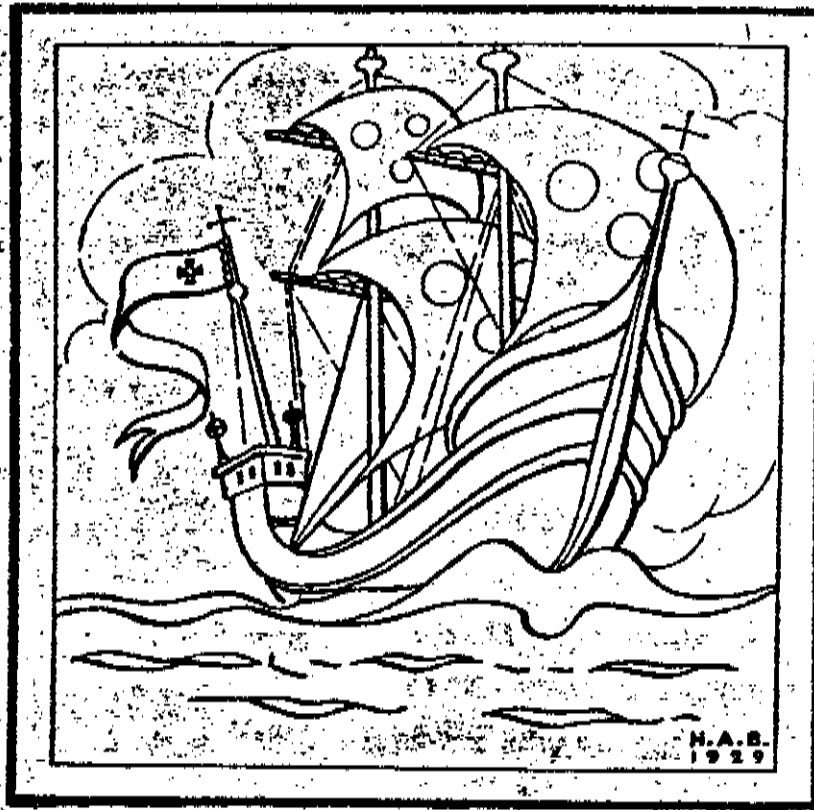
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## DEDICATION

### SAINT NICHOLAS

Nicholas was born in Asia Minor of wealthy parents. In early childhood he showed signs of exceptional grace and as a boy was taught by the Church. When his parents died of the plague, he gave all his wealth to charity and made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Returning to the city of Myra, he was chosen Bishop and served this diocese faithfully until his death during the first half of the 4th century. Few facts of his life are certain but it is known that he was imprisoned under Diocletian and later attended the first great Church Council at Nicea, where he caused a commotion by striking the founder of the Arian heresy.

In 1087 his relics were moved from Myra to Bari in Italy, where they continued to work miracles and become a place of pilgrimage. In the Middle Ages many churches were dedicated to his honour. Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of Russia, Greece, seamen, travellers and children, being known universally to children as "Santa Claus". He is the hero of many popular legends, mostly concerned with his care of the poor and oppressed, and his power of appearing from great distances to rescue those who called on him.



HERBERT  
ARTHUR  
BARNETT  
1929  
(FIRST RECTOR  
OF SAINT  
NICHOLAS  
BURNAGE)  
1928-1938

The Church  
of  
St. Nicholas  
Burnage  
Manchester

"The Ship" Motif (above) appeared on the front cover  
of the Parish Magazine from January 1930 to December 1938



At the sign of  
**St. Nicholas**

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*Front Cover of Parish Magazine*

*"At the sign of St Nicholas"*

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT NICHOLAS  
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## A Dramatic Service

on

Saturday December 12th, 1964

at 8.0 p.m.

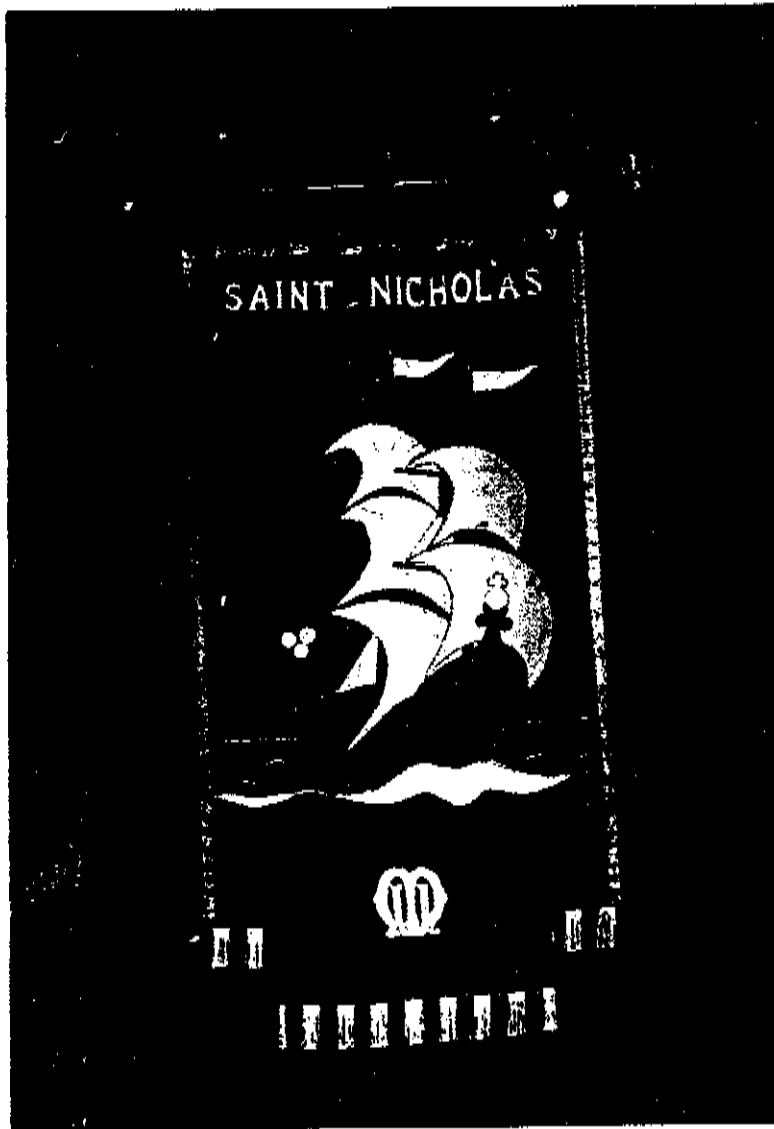
The Play

### "THE BUILDERS"

by R. H. WARD

will be performed by members of the  
Saint Nicholas Amateur Dramatic Society.

*Over the years the detail of the 'ship' changed  
i.e. the rear mast with pennant changed to having three lamps!  
and the three sails with three golden balls became one  
sail with three golden balls*



Mothers' Union Banner in use 1998

Made in 1983 by Mrs. Davis Nilnes, Enrolling Member of St. Luke Benchill and cost £150 to make.



Above post-card from Miss Rachel Tudor in Paris 1990.

Reverse reads :-

NICOLAS

Vient du grec "nike" : victoire  
et de "laos" : peuple.

Ils sont volontaires.

leur couleur : le rouge

leur plante : le saule

leur animal : l'éléphant

leur signe : le Sagittaire

leur fête : le 6 décembre

Patron des Bouchers, des  
Épiciers, des Marchands  
de Vin, des Tonneliers et

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Translation :-

NICHOLAS

derived from the Greek "Nike" :  
Victory  
and "Laos" : People

They are strongwilled.

Their colour : red

Their plant : willow

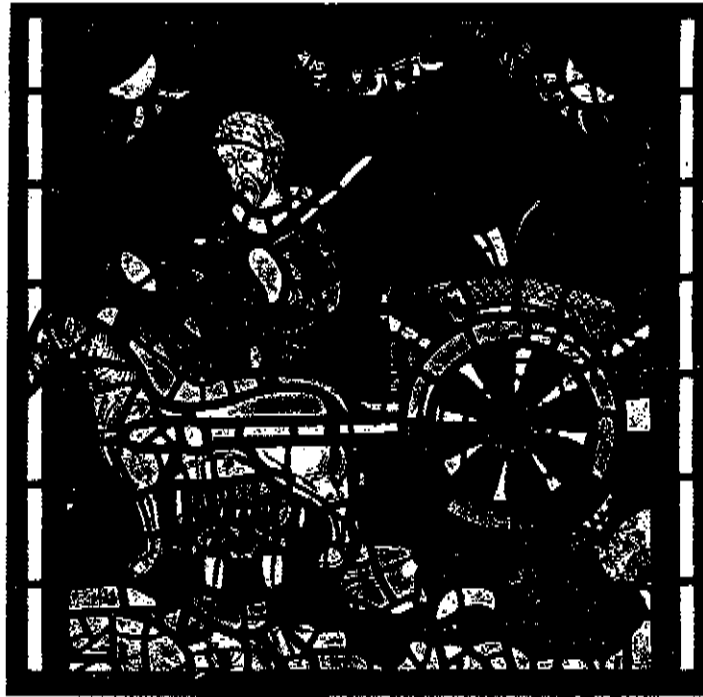
Their animal : elephant

Their sign : Sagittarius

Saints' day : 6th December

Patron saint of butchers,  
grocers, wine merchants,  
coopers and seamen.

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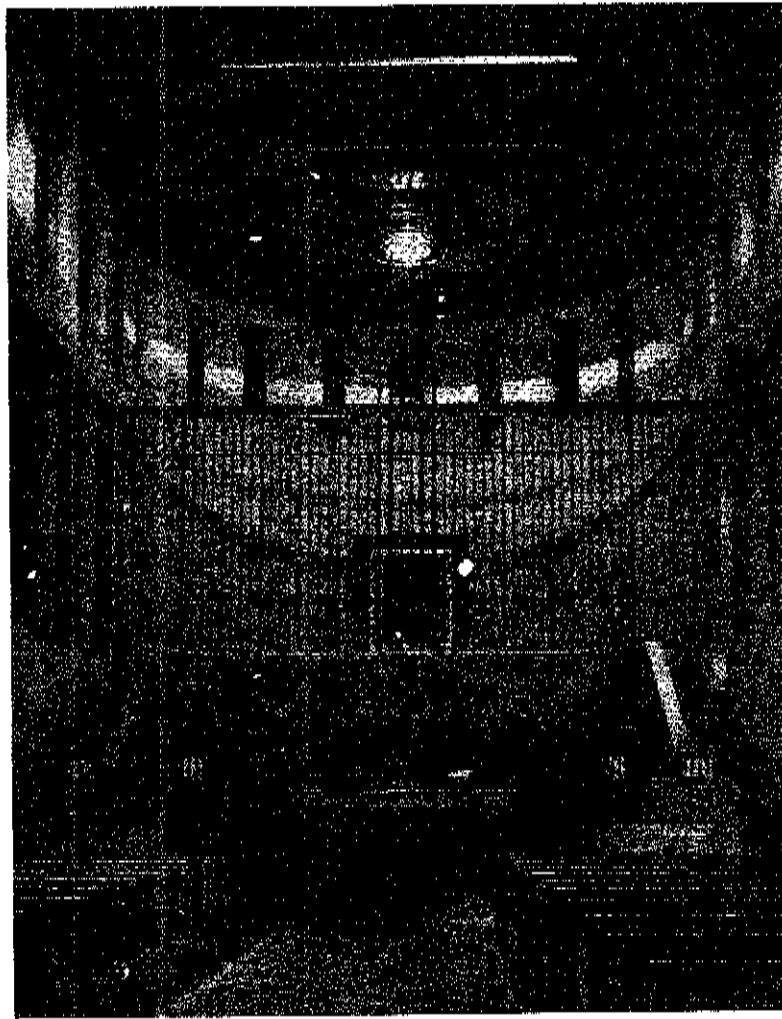
YORK MINSTER A LEGEND OF ST. NICHOLAS

This panel measuring approximately 2 ft. 6 ins. (76 cm) square is one of the finest examples of late 12th Century glass painting in York Minster. It illustrates a scene from a legend relating to one of the posthumous miracles associated with St. Nicholas. In 1970 the panel was exhibited at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

Above post-card from Mrs Jill Lomas in York 1992.

## RECTORS.

- 1st Herbert Arthur Barnett. B.A., B.D. 1928 - 1938  
Licensed as Incumbent 25th March, 1929  
(Died 29th November, 1983. Aged 90 years)
- 2nd Wilfrid Garlick. B.Sc. 1938 - 1944  
Inducted 19th October, 1938.  
(Died 29th October, 1982. Aged 72 years)
- 3rd George Vivian Heyman Elliott, M.A. 1945 - 1951  
Inducted 11th January, 1945.  
(Died 14th July, 1991. Aged 81 years)
- 4th John Edward Russell Williams, D.F.C. M.A. 1951 - 1958  
Inducted 20th April, 1951.  
(Died 12th June, 1981. Aged 62 years)
- 5th David Arthur Edwards, M.A. 1958 - 1965  
Inducted 30th July, 1958
- 6th Dennis Baggaley, B.A. 1965 - 1971  
Inducted 27th October, 1965
- 7th Brian Wallwork Barker, M.A. 1971 - 1985  
Inducted 30th November, 1971
- 8th Ting Suie Roy Chow 1985 - 1995  
Inducted 19th September, 1985
- 9th Lynne Connolly  
Institution and Induction 18th March, 1996



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, BURNAGE

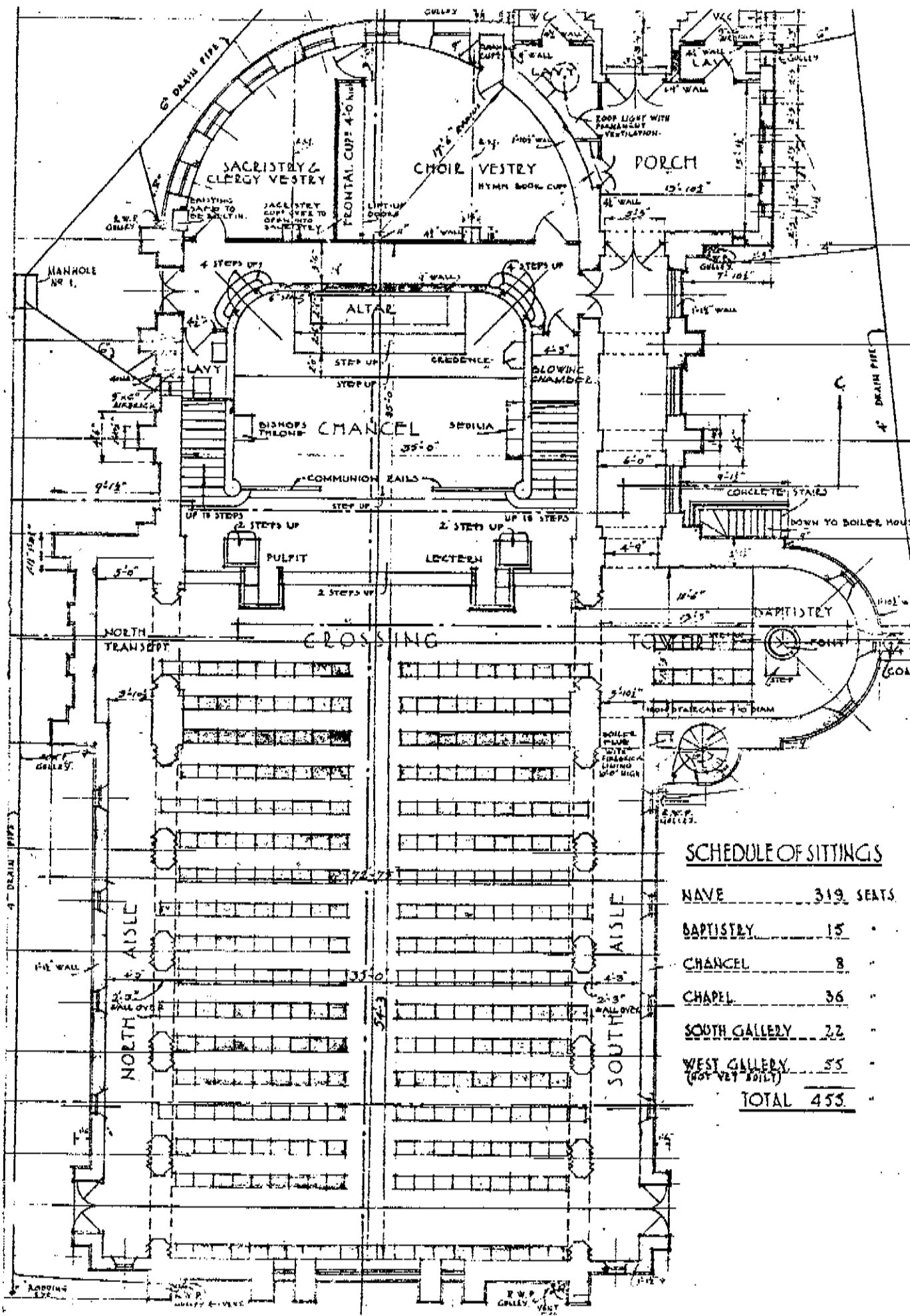
Reverse reads :-

St. Nicholas Church, Burnage, was designed by N.F. Cochemaille-Day, A.R.I.B.A. Consecration of the Church by The Right Reverend Guy Warman, Bishop of Manchester on September 24<sup>th</sup> 1932

Photograph by Raymond Cookley.

Note :-

- (a). Photograph taken in the mid 1950's.
- (b). The Church was declared a Listed Building (Grade II) by the Department of the Environment 10<sup>th</sup> October, 1980.
- (c) Upgraded to Grade II\* on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1994. Reader or PCC not informed as 10<sup>th</sup> ...



**SCHEDULE OF SITTINGS**

NAVE	319 SEATS
BAPTISTRY	15
CHANCEL	8
CHAPEL	36
SOUTH GALLERY	22
WEST GALLERY (NOT YET BUILT)	55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>455</b>

**GROUND FLOOR PLAN. 1932 - 1964**

*(Before completion of West End Choir)*