



St. Nicholas News



Church Diary February 2010

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 2nd	7.30 p.m.	Taize Evening Prayer
Thursday 4th	6.00 p.m. 8.00 p.m.	Pastoral Committee, Parris Wood Pub CTiB Christ Church Parris Wood
Sunday 7th	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion & Young People's Church
Tuesday 9th	7.30 p.m.	Fundraising Committee Glass Room
Wednesday 10th	2.30 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Meeting
Saturday 13th	10.30 a.m.	Flower League Coffee Morning
Sunday 14th	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion & Young People's Church
Tuesday 16th		Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 17th	7.30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Eucharist ??
Sunday 21st	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	1st Sunday of Lent Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion & Young People's Church
Wednesday 24th	2.30 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Meeting
Thursday 25th	7.30 p.m.	Publicity Committee—Rectory
Sunday 28th	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	2nd Sunday of Lent Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion & Young People's Church
Advance Notice: Church AGM Sunday 28th March (please could all societies give their reports to Rachel by 28th February.)		

Items for the Parish Magazine are most welcome

Please hand Items for the next issue to Rachel by Sunday 14th February

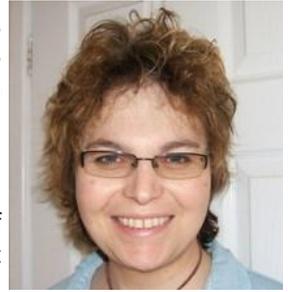
Rachel Writes...

My, oh my, oh my. It's been very cold recently, hasn't it? This winter has had weather forecasters comparing it to 1963 and 1947. Well, the truth is that we've got a very long way to go before this winter compares in severity to those famous times. Indeed, by the time you read this letter, our famously capricious weather may have become almost summery, or very wet. (Though if I had to take a bet on which one, I'd go for wet every time.)

The weather has always been a major topic of conversation for the British. It's hardly surprising given the range of weather this small island can get. But recently the temperature (forgive the pun) of debate about the climate has risen through high profile disputes over global warming. Various scientists have been accused of suppressing evidence which goes against the prevailing view that manmade activity is causing a rise in global temperature. And with our recent cold weather, I've heard many people say, 'Well so much for global warming.' But don't be fooled by a few weeks of icy weather. It still remains the case that what we, as the human race, do has a huge impact on the environment about us. The truth is that human society seems have a gift for pollution, as much as it provides us with immense benefits.

At the end of January we celebrated Candlemas – that feast where we remember the infant Christ being presented in the Temple and being

recognized as the Light of the Lord by Simeon and Anna. However, even if it is unbiblical, I like to think of Christ as not just the light,



but the *warmth* of the world. It helps me remember the kind of light Christ is: his light isn't cold and bright like we sometimes experience on a winter's day. Christ's light brings warmth. The warmth of community, hope, and new life. His light brings people together and renews their hope and faith. Yes, it is bright and shows the way, but it encourages people whose souls are frozen by the demands this sometimes troubling life can bring to any of us.

“Christ’s light brings warmth”

During February we enter that great penitential season of Lent. It is a time for self-examination, for challenge and commitment. Sadly, it is a time which can feel very bleak and austere – it is most closely associated in popular culture with ‘giving things up’. And, frankly it probably isn't such a bad idea to take a break from chocolate or alcohol from time to time. However, my sense is that we should not treat it as a time to get through. It is a time to more fully appreciate that light, that warmth of Christ which guides and cheers us through every living day.

Rachel x

Barnabus News

The Beacon

Unfortunately, the sale of the Beacon fell through, however it has enabled the opening of an evening soup run from the Beacon and the provision of the private rooms upstairs for medical consultations.

New staff

There are two new members – Simon who has taken over the role of manager at 'Barnabus Boutique' and Caroline who is the women's support worker involved in work at Styal Prison and the Red Light Outreach Programme.

The Allotment Project

Two major horticultural firms have agreed to give as many bulbs, seeds and growing media as needed, to continue the project.

Street Soccer Manchester

Three Manchester based participants have successfully completed the F.A. level 1 coaching award. More impressively they are now using their newly found qualifications and skills practically at local coach centres working with marginalised children in the inner city.

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Beryl asks....

Please pray that God will open doors of opportunity for increased funding allowing us to offer even more projects also pray that business and church members may offer up services, products or skills to help take us

Susan Morris



A teacher was finishing a lesson on the joys of discovery and the importance of curiosity.

"After all," she declared, "Where would we be today," she asked, "if no one had ever been curious?"

One child quietly spoke up from the back of the room.

"In the garden of Eden?"

The Vine Project

St Nicholas' supported charity for January to March is 'The Vine Project'.

Since many of you may not know about their work, I thought it was a good idea to introduce them to you. Sonia McCann, who is the local link for the charity writes:

'Vine is a unique venture aimed at creating a fund to support vulnerable children in Kwa Zulu Natal who have lost their parents through AIDS.

'Vine stands for **V**ulnerable children **I**n **N**eed of **E**ducation.

'An estimated 1600 South Africans are infected daily with HIV/AIDS. Of the resulting 14 million orphans world wide, nearly 2 million are in South Africa.

'A group of grandmothers living in Kwa Zulu Natal are making traditional Zulu beaded jewellery which they sell to VINE to create an immediate income. The profit made by selling them abroad is returned for the essential needs of the children. The focus now is on education and training so that the children will be able to support themselves.

'Every penny raised for the Project goes back to the children. The whole project is run by volunteers.'

Rachel x

CTiB News

January 2010

Ian Thompson, Rector St. Margaret's Burnage opened the meeting with prayers and a short reading. Recent events were reviewed. Members felt that the carol singing at Tesco on 12th Dec benefitted from being accompanied by members of Denton brass band but overall we distributed less Christmas cards and the number of singers was down on previous years. The double booking with the rotary club didn't help. We are asked to discuss the Tesco visit with our congregation and the outcome will determine whether we participate next year. Carol singing around the streets of Burnage on 15th December was well received by the community.

Future events and news:

Lent Studies : Wednesday 3,10,17 24 March. Studies will be led by a speaker and followed with discussions. Bishop Mark has been invited to speak (this is to be confirmed), venue will be St Bernard's church hall.

St. Margaret's have a new curate Caroline Thrupe who lives in Didsbury with her family and has attended Emmanuel for many years.

Next meeting : Thursday 4th February, 8pm at Christ Church URC, Parrswood Road.

Alison Mills

A Special Contribution...

After many years of committed and faithful service Roy Cookson stood down as Magazine Editor in January.

On behalf of myself and the whole Church, I'd like to thank Roy for his very special contribution to the life of St Nick's. I know that he has given considerable time and effort to ensuring the quality and consistency of the magazine. He also has my special admiration for wrestling with the complexities of photocopying and printing the magazine. As one who usually thinks that photocopiers are 'out to get me', I'm most impressed that Roy bravely went into battle month after month with sometimes unreliable technology.

He has set the bar high for the magazine. I hope that in the coming months we shall be able to maintain the quality he achieved. I trust that now he has stood down from the magazine, he shall continue to find creative ways to use his many talents.

Rachel x

Lent Group

Lent is an important opportunity to reflect and study. Therefore, in addition to the CTiB evening sessions, I am planning to run a daytime group on Wednesday's for those unable to make the evenings. The theme shall be "*When I SurveyChrist's Cross And Our Own.....*".

The times and dates are as follows :February 24th , March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st. All meetings will be at 2.00 p.m.. I do hope you will consider coming along to at least one session.

Rachel x.

Fairtrade News

Fairtrade Fortnight is from 22nd February to 7th March so look out for special promotions in the shops.

Fairtrade items can also be bought from the Traidcraft stall in the church hall - after the 10.30 Sunday service. A new Traidcraft catalogue will be available from the beginning of March. Thank you to everyone who has supported Traidcraft during 2009.

Jill Lomas

P.S. Did you know that Kit Kats are now Fairtrade? Kit Kat 4 Finger, the UK's most popular chocolate biscuit bar, will be Fairtrade certified in the UK and Ireland from January 2010. This means that Kit Kat 4 Finger will be made with Fairtrade certified cocoa beans, sourced from Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) and Fairtrade sugar.



Prayer for the Month

Lord,

As we enter the rigours of Lent
Grant us the grace to receive your
love and hope.

Free us from the things which keep
us from you.

Inspire us to commit ourselves to
your Way.

Prepare us again to join Jesus on
his journey

towards the Cross and his
resurrection.

For the sake of your love,

Amen

As part of her talk at a banquet, our minister told some jokes and a few funny stories.



Since she planned to use the same anecdotes at a meeting the next day, she asked reporters covering the event not to include them in their articles.

Reading the paper the following morning, she noticed that one well-meaning cub reporter had ended his story on the banquet with the observation: "*The minister told a number of stories, but they cannot be published.*"

One Solitary Life

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

He never owned a home. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself...

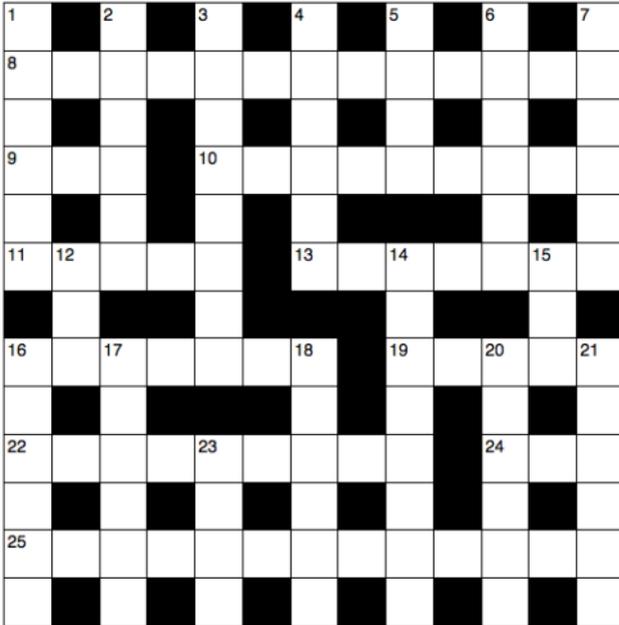
While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. While He was dying His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth – His coat. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen long centuries have come and gone, and today He is a centerpiece of the human race and leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that were ever built; all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life.

This essay was adapted from a sermon by Dr James Allan Francis

Crossword



Across

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
 9 Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
 11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
 13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)
 16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
 19 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
 22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
 24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1) 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

Down

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
 2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
 3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
 4 Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)
 5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
 6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)
 7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
 12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
 14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)
 15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
 16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
 17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
 18 What the prophets do to a wall, with white-wash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)
 20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
 21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)
 23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

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It was bad enough your mobile ringing half-way through his sermon, without the ring-tone being the 'Christians Awake' tune!

The St Nicholas Flower League

Coffee Morning
(In aid of the flower League)

in the Church Hall on
Saturday 13th February

10.30am - Noon

Admission 50p,
including refreshments.



All most
welcome!

I am pleased to report that I was able to send £183.30p to The Children's



Society in December '09, from the collection at the Christingle Service held on 13th December. The receipt will be displayed on the notice board.

Please note that the Coffee Morning due to be held in January will be re-scheduled

On a personal note I would like to add how much I will miss Roy editing our Church Magazine.

The amount of work and time he put in was very much appreciated.

Although we worked to a tight deadline I was always able to have the Magazine in Church for the last Sunday of the month.

Brenda Maclese

Church Duty Rota (February 2010)

Date	Warden 8.30 a.m.	Warden 10.30 a.m.	Alter Server	Lay Assistants	SidesPeople
7th	Fred Murphy	Alison Mills	Jenna Bartlett	Grace Manley Anne Tudor	Olive Huddart Tony Huddart Jane Cawley
14th	Fred Murphy	Jill Lomas	Jenny Cullen	Anne Holmes Enid Harvey	Sybil Gawkrodger Alma Cockshoot Caroline Abiodon
21st	Fred Murphy	Grace Manley	Emily Crossley	Jane Cawley Alison Mills	Anne Tudor Anne Holmes Jane Cawley
28th	Fred Murphy	Alison Mills	Ollie Mills	Brenda Maclese Cliff Stockton	Margaret Vessey Michael Vessey Muriel Clark

Parish Registers—(December 2009)

Week Ending	Communicants	Cash	Envelopes	Total
6th	75	£1.00	£184.00	£185.00
13th	62	£10.00	£433.10	£443.10
20th	84	£13.10	£144.50	£157.60
27th	96	£117.10	£459.20	£576.30
			Total for month	£1362.00

Funerals

29th December: Matt Haygarth
 12th January: John Collins
 15th January: Joyce Robinson
 18th January: Hilda Campbell

'May the blessed departed rest in peace, to rise in your glory.'

The Parish Church of St Nicholas

Burnage

Sunday Services

8.30 a.m	Eucharist (BCP)
10.30 a.m.	Family Service and Eucharist

For Saints and other weekday Services, please see the Diary page inside the magazine.

Holy Baptism on 3rd Sunday of each month at 10.30 a.m.

Holy Communion is take to the housebound by arrangement with the Minister.

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