

# *St. Nicholas News*



## *Church Diary April 2010*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Thursday 1st	7.30 p.m.	<b><i>Maundy Thursday</i></b> Agapē Meal
Friday 2nd	10.30 a.m. 2.00 p.m.	<b><i>Good Friday</i></b> Young people's activity An hour at the foot of the Cross
Sunday 4th	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	<b><i>Easter Sunday</i></b> Holy Communion (BCP) All age worship
Tuesday 6th	7.30 p.m.	Taizé evening prayer
Saturday 10th	10.30 a.m.	Women's Fellowship Coffee Morning
Sunday 11th	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	<b><i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i></b> Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion & Young People's Church
Wednesday 14th	2.30 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Meeting
Sunday 18th	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	<b><i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i></b> Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion & Young People's Church
Tuesday 20th	8.00 p.m.	Prayer group
Wednesday 21st	10.00 a.m.	Eucharist
Thursday 22nd	7.30 p.m.	Publicity committee, rectory
Sunday 25th	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	<b><i>4th Sunday of Easter</i></b> Holy Communion (BCP) All Age Worship
Monday 26th	7.30 p.m.	PCC meeting
Wednesday 28th	10.00 a.m. 2.30 p.m.	Eucharist Women's Fellowship Meeting

*Items for the Parish Magazine are most welcome  
Please hand Items for the next issue to Rachel by Sunday 11th April  
or email to [editor@st-nicholas-church.org.uk](mailto:editor@st-nicholas-church.org.uk)*

## Rachel Writes...

**A**pril is a curious month. I always think of it as an in-between month – yes, it's spring, but so often we get rather blustery, wet and unconvincing weather. At the same time, the world is really kicking back into life – flowers and trees are really making the effort to show their colours and achieve new growth. The poet T.S. Eliot famously started his great poem *The Wasteland* with the line '*April is the cruellest month*'. There was a high degree of irony in his use of that line, an echo of Chaucer, but there is something true in what it says: April is a month which I feel both has a connection with winter and yet promises summer too – in a sense it is cruel because it tears us in two directions.

As such Good Friday and Easter's strong connection with the month of April could not be more appropriate.

Easter is the single most important festival for the church for very good reason: it takes us to the very heart of the good news of Jesus Christ. And that good news is that each and every one of us is loved so much that God would lay down his life for us, even when we seek to destroy him. And more than that, that in the resurrection he greets us – his betrayers, his destroyers, his doubters – again as true friends. He offers us a new life based in Jesus which is committed to peace, grace and generosity. But we should remember that to get to Easter, the way of the Cross has to be passed through. It is

a way of pain and loneliness and bleakness. The journey to Easter and into Easter is a journey into the greatest news, but it is also a real one and therefore is shaped by pain and disappointment. There is then, for me, a bittersweet dimension to Easter that gets overlooked. Like the month of April, the 'Easter Event' encompasses both the echoes of past hardships and also the promise of glorious days to come. Like April, Easter can and should tear at us – should not let us forget what we have gone through too quickly, but at the same time also invite us into something new.

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I wish you all great joy during this great feast and season of Easter. May it fill you with the promise of new things, may it help you grow even more into the pattern of the One who died and rose again for us. But may you also never lose sight of the truth that to walk the Way of resurrection is also to walk the Way of

the Cross. Be remade and renewed, but also be real and face all life sends with honesty and faith.

Rachel  
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# Women's Fellowship

## 50th Anniversary

On Sunday , 23rd May, St.Nicholas Women's Fellowship will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary.

There will be a Service in church followed by a celebratory lunch to which all the church family are invited. We hope you will be able to join us on this happy occasion.

Further details will follow shortly but in the meantime we thought you might like to make a note of this date in your diaries !

*Anne Holmes*



# Women's Fellowship

Invite you to their  
**Coffee Morning**

on:

Saturday 10th April  
10.30am - 12 noon.



*Everyone  
Welcome!!*

# Teen Creed

Don't let your parents down,  
They brought you up.

Be humble enough to obey,  
You may give orders some day.

Choose companions with care,  
You become what they are.

Guard your thoughts.  
What you think, you are.

Choose only a date who would make  
a good mate.

Be master of your habits  
Or they will master you.

Don't be a show off when you drive,  
Drive with safety and arrive.

Don't let the crowd pressure you.

Stand for something  
or you'll fall for anything.

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# Pets Corner

## Introducing Molly

Hi I am Molly; I am a miniature Yorkshire terrier and have just had my first birthday. I was born in Barnsley and have a sister and a brother. I have a great time living with my new family although I do keep in touch with my mum. We take photographs when I am in my best gear, so they can see how much I have grown. I love going on short walks and rides in the car.

Emily takes me out when she comes home from school but I am not keen on going out when it is cold and rainy, she makes me wear a coat to keep me warm and dry.

I can be recognised with my grey head, brown /tan legs and dark grey body and I always have my Disney world collar on.

I visited St. Nicholas at the end of the Christmas Fair and when setting up the hall for special occasions I love to walk around free but everyone looks

so big.  
I went to puppy training classes which was great fun although



but I was by far the smallest in the class. Other class members were golden retrievers, labradors, cocker spaniels and many others. I tended to watch the big ones play so then I could have my turn, I soon realised if I did well with the tricks I got more treats, if I did very well others also gave me treats.

I passed through the class and left with a rosette and certificate. I now can shake paws, beg and lie down and wait (I do anything for a treat.)

Hope to see you around bye for now  
Molly

*Molly's owners are  
Lucy and Emily  
Crossley.*



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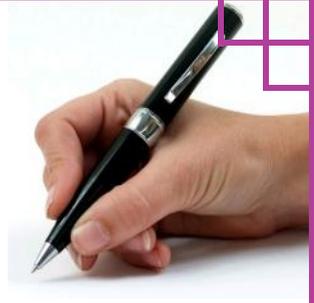
## What would Jesus do?

While waiting in line to check out at a Christian bookshop, a man in front of me asked the clerk about a display of hats with the letters WWJD on them. The clerk explained that WWJD stands for "What would Jesus do?" and that the idea is to get people to consider this question when making decisions. The man pondered a moment, then replied, "I don't think he'd pay £9.99 for that hat."





## Pen Portrait



In the first of a new occasional feature, Jane Cawley interviews one of our parishioners about their life at St. Nicks.

This month Jane has spoken to Margaret Vessey.

Margaret is married to Michael, has 3 sons and 1 granddaughter.

*Do you have a role at St.Nicks?*

Yes I am a member of the Parochial Church Council, sidesperson and have been a member of the congregation for over 40 years.

*What interests you?*

I have many interests which include reading poetry, listening to music of which I have an eclectic mix of musical tastes. The theatre is a love of mine both acting [in my younger days] and visiting the theatre.

*Favourite T.V programmes?*

Comedy is a favourite as a good laugh is good for your health. I marvel at science and nature programmes and enjoy period dramas.

*What does your faith mean to you?*

To me faith is about questioning, I agree with the bible quote "kingdom of heaven is within" I also feel that that my journey of faith is one of re discovery. By reading books on spirituality I find it nourishes my spiritual life.

*Do you have advice for our young people?*

I would recommend Rudyard Kiplings poem 'If', it has some helpful suggestions for living a good life.

*What are your favourite hymms?*

Oh there are so many! but if I have to choose then at the top of the list would be, 'Be still for the prescence of the lord' and 'Psalm 23', but I also love celebratory hymms such as 'Shine Jesus Shine', 'Come on and Celebrate' and 'Majesty'.

*About St.Nicks?*

I have always found the congregation to be very friendly and supportive. It is good to see the young people making such a great contribution to church life. I like to feel that St.Nicks future will be safe in their hands.

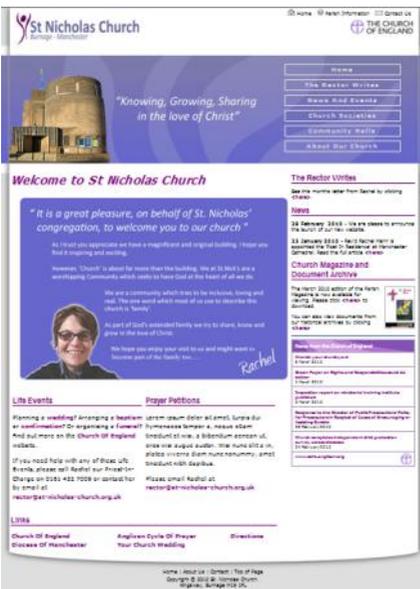
Thank you Margaret and God Bless!



"Why is it that no matter where we sit, the vicar always seems to be looking right at me all through the sermon?!"

## New Web Site!

Please visit our new look web site at [www.st-nicholas-church.org.uk](http://www.st-nicholas-church.org.uk)



## MPs in heaven?



At the pearly gates, St Peter greeted a minister and a member of Parliament and gave them their room keys. "Vicar, here are the keys to one of our nicest single rooms. And for you, Mr MP, the keys to our finest penthouse suite."

When the vicar objected, St Peter explained: "Listen, ministers are ten a penny up here, but this is the first MP we've ever seen."

## Hymns for the over 60's

Give Me the Old Timers' Religion

Precious Lord, Take My Hand, And Help Me Up

Just a Slower Walk with Thee

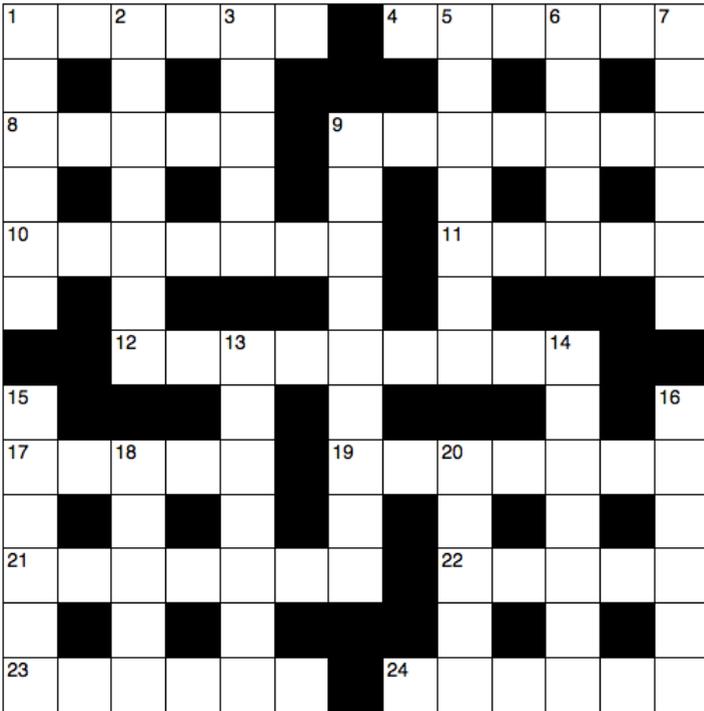
Go Tell It on the Mountain, But Speak Up

Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing

Guide Me O Thou Great Lord God, I've Forgotten Where I've Parked The Car

Count Your Many Birthdays, Count Them One By One

# Crossword



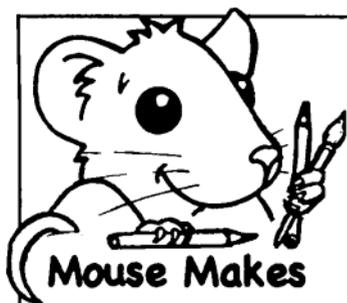
### Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3–4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

### Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 3 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

Solution on page 11.



**Mouse Makes**

On the cross Jesus opened wide his arms for us, Jesus put an end to death by dying for us and showed us the resurrection to come by rising to new life. **HAPPY EASTER!**



**Jesus is risen**



The angel said: "Jesus...is not here, for he has risen, just as he said"

Matthew 28:6



**Jesus will come again**



Jesus said: "I will come back and take you to myself so that you will be where I am"

John 14:3



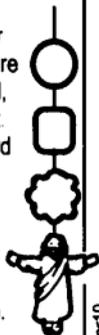
**Jesus is here**



Jesus said: "Where two or three come together in my name I am there with them."

Matthew 18:20

To make an Easter mobile glue the picture of Jesus to thin card, colour, then cut out. Cut around the word panels and glue together along a length of thin string or wool. Tie end to the top of Jesus and hang up.



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## Church Duty Rota (April 2010)

Date	Warden 8.30 a.m.	Warden 10.30 a.m.	Altar Duty	Lay Assistants	SidesPeople
4th	Fred Murphy	Grace Manley	Emily Crossley	Brenda Maclese Cliff Stockton	Sybil Gawkrödger, Alma Cockshoot, Caroline Abiodon
11th	Fred Murphy	Alison Mills	Claire Cawley	Louise Hollingsworth Jill Lomas	Margaret Vessey, Michael Vessey, Muriel Clark
18st	Fred Murphy	Jill Lomas	Jenna Bartlett	Grace Manley Anne Tudor	Muriel Nicol, Christine Taylor, Elaine Johnson
25th	Fred Murphy	Grace Manley	Jenny Cullen	Anne Holmes Enid Harvey	Brenda Maclese, Sue Morris

## Parish Registers—(February 2010)

Week Ending	Communicants	Cash	Envelopes	Total
7th	59	£9.60	£358.00	£367.60
14th	60	£12.00	£384.00	£396.00
21st	58	£46.00	£245.50	£291.50
28th	48	£5.00	£349.60	£354.60
			Total for month	£1409.70

### *Under His Wings!*

*An article in National Geographic several years ago provided a penetrating picture of the Lord's love for us...*

After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park, forest rangers began their trek up a mountain to assess the inferno's damage.

One ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of a tree. Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, he knocked over the bird with a stick. When he struck it, three tiny chicks scurried from under their dead mother's wings. The loving mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that the toxic smoke would rise.

She could have flown to safety but had refused to abandon her babies. When the blaze had arrived and the heat had scorched her small body, the mother had remained steadfast.

Because she had been willing to die, those under the cover of her wings would live.

Psalm 91:4 "He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler."

Praise the Lord for his goodness and protection for all those who put their trust in him.

# Organisations

**The Maker's Club (Sunday School)**  
Mrs. Margaret Witty (0161 432 2933)

For all children aged 3 years upwards in the Vestry at 10.15 a.m.

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**Women's Fellowship**  
Chairman: Mrs Ann Holmes (0161 434 2245)

Second and Fourth Wednesdays at 2.30 p.m.

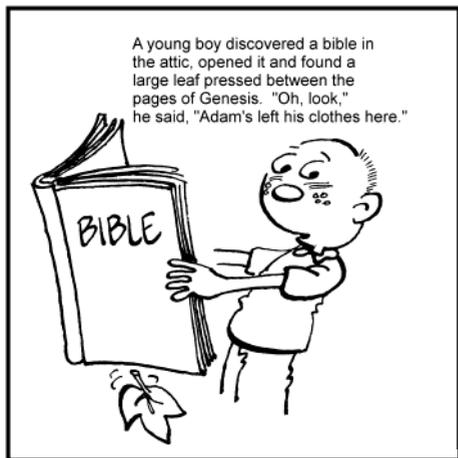
## Confirmation Classes

For young people and adults by arrangement with the Minister.

**Church Lads' & Church Girls' Brigade**  
Mrs. Margaret Witty (0161 432 2933)

Every Friday in St. Nicholas Church Halls

Martins (5-6 years) 6.30—7.30 p.m.  
The "Y" Team (7-9 years) 6.30—7.30 p.m.  
JTC (10-12 years) 7.30—8.45 p.m.  
Seniors (13+ years) 7.30—8.45 p.m.



## Solutions

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## Church Prize Draws

St Nicholas Club Draw

Drawn Sunday 7th March 2010

1st Prize            72    Louisa Barry  
2nd Prize            23    Sybil Gawkrödger

PCC Monthly Raffle for Church Funds  
Raised £40 towards Church funds.

Norma Cookson

