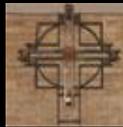




# *St. Nicholas News*



## *Church Diary July 2010*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sunday 4th	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	<b>5th Sunday after Trinity</b> Holy Communion (BCP) All age worship
Tuesday 6th	7.30pm	Taize
Wednesday 7th	10.00 a.m.	<i>No Eucharist</i>
Sunday 11th	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	<b>6th Sunday after Trinity</b> Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion & Young People's Church
Monday 12th	7.30pm	Deanery Pastoral Committee
Tuesday 13th	7.30pm	Fundraising Committee Meeting, glass room.
Wednesday 14th	10.00 a.m.	Eucharist
Sunday 18th	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	<b>7th Sunday after Trinity</b> Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion & Young People's Church (last Maker's Club meeting for summer term)
Tuesday 20th	8.00 p.m.	Prayer group
Wednesday 21st	10.00 a.m.	Eucharist
Sunday 25th	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	<b>James, The Apostle</b> Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Wednesday 30th	10.00 a.m.	Eucharist

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

## Rachel Writes...

**A**s I'm sure you all know by now I love watching films. On my day off you can often find me at the cinema trying to take in the new releases, but at heart I am what might be called a 'comfort viewer'. That is, if I like a film I can happily watch it again and again, drawing comfort from familiarity, feeling built up by being able to repeat the lines of the script almost before they are spoken on screen. Recently I couldn't resist watching Peter

Jackson's magisterial 'Lord of the Rings' trilogy again. It is mythic, moving and magnificent cinema on the grandest scale and I cannot recommend it to you highly enough.

At the centre of the story is the attempt to destroy the Ring of Power which has brought great evil into the world. However, the thing which leapt out at me this time is the performance by Sir Ian McKellen as Gandalf the wizard. He plays Gandalf in two different incarnations - Gandalf the Grey and Gandalf

the White. The former is wise, gentle, and subtle, a wizard who disguises his power. The latter is direct, impatient and obviously powerful. Sir Ian handles the differences with characteristic aplomb.

Gandalf the Grey and Gandalf the White are two different stages on the journey of one character. Each of us has to face the fact that our life journey will go through different stages and this may lead to different 'incarnations' of ourselves. I think this is true of where I'm at currently. I suspect that if I asked

*life throws up things outside of our control which, if we are wise, we seek to come to terms with*

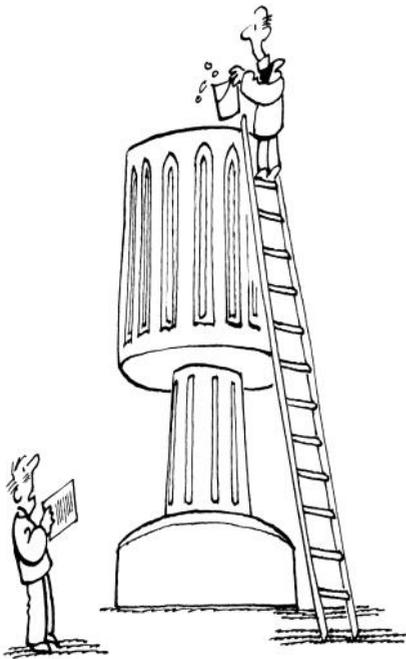
many of you to sum up who 'Rachel' is, you might (once you stopped teasing me!) use words like 'passionate', 'enthusiastic', 'positive' and 'smiley'. If I'm honest, I'm not always feeling any of those at the minute. Sadly, I've been having one or two issues with my Crohn's Disease recently – nothing too



serious I hope, but enough to slow me down a bit. It's as if before my illness flared up, I was 'Rachel the lively', whereas right now it's like I've come back as 'Rachel the tired'. I hope, like you, this is not a long term thing, but that's how it is.

Why do I tell you this? Well, because it seems important to acknowledge the following basic feature of life: that whether we have a chronic illness or not, whether we be young or old, life throws up things outside of our control which, if we are wise, we seek to come to terms with. Doing so can feel impossibly hard and frustrating; doing so may involve giving up cherished beliefs about who we are and coming to terms with a new idea about who we will be. But failure to do so, ultimately leads to deeper unhappiness and pain. Instead of that, I'll take reality any day.

Rachel  
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...er, Vicar, when I said 'It would help in our church publicity if we used a larger font..'!...

## Christians Together in Burnage

The annual and very popular

*'Holiday special week  
for older people'*

Will take place from 2nd to 6th August  
at St.Margaret's Church, Burnage  
Lane.

The theme for this year is 'books' and  
will include a coach trip to Llandudno.





## Pen Portrait



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

This month Jane has spoken to Caroline Abiodun .

Caroline has been a member of St Nicks for the past 22 years, came to England 45 years ago from Ondo in Nigeria to join her husband. She has 2 sons and 1 daughter with 5 grandchildren. Caroline was married for 40 years before her husband passed away in 2003

She has brothers and sisters who still live in Nigeria, we at St Nicks were lucky enough to meet them recently when they visited the church with Caroline for her birthday.

*What role do you have in church?*

I am a member of the congregation and a sides person. I also usually help run the cafe at the fairs. (I can vouch for that as Caroline makes a good cup of tea!)

*What inspires you Caroline?*

Having my family and friends around me and also coming to St. Nicks where i feel very welcomed and part of the church community.

*Can you tell me what your favourite hymn would be?*

That would be " Jesus good above all other"

*What would you say to inspire the young people of our church?*

To join in groups and follow in the footsteps of their family and elders at church, but also to read the bible which is full of inspiration for today's world.

*You have recently had your picture in the paper, why was that?*

That was for my 70th Birthday, i thought i was going to a house warming party. It was a lovely evening and such a surprise from my family.

*What does your faith mean to you?*

Faith means a lot to me it gives me trust to follow god and obey his words and to love others and of course it gives me strength.

*And finally what do you want to do in the next 5 years?*

Just carry on with my faith and enjoy my family and friends.

*Thank you Caroline God Bless*





# Traidcraft

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**You buy – we trade:** We're all consumers in one way or another and trade which is done fairly is the most effective way of helping people work their way out of poverty. Every time you buy a fair trade product you're helping someone you don't know and will probably never meet, build a better life for themselves, their family and their community.

## Don't believe those who say it can't be done!

In the village of Kapasule, Malawi, women and children had to carry water in containers for 1.5 kms from the nearest village with clean water. Now, they have their own borehole and pump supplying them with clean, safe water, thanks to the fair trade premium Traidcraft pays for the sugar it buys from local farmers.

Choosing fair trade may add a few coppers to your bill (but not always!) but it will change someone's life for the better.

**You give – we support:** Even for hard working producers, making a living isn't easy. They often lack the know-how and skills to access national and international markets. Providing them with that vital knowledge through training and information resources is what our charity, Traidcraft Exchange, does. Raising money to help pay for that work, is one of the really important ways you can help change someone's life for the better.

## Don't believe those who say it can't be done!

Landmines, the legacy of years of conflict, have left large numbers of Cambodian people disabled and struggling to earn a living. Peace Handicrafts, a group working with disabled craft workers, is now finding new customers thanks to training provided by Traidcraft.

**You campaign – we influence:** Imagine trying to play a game where the other

side not only writes the rules but either keeps them secret or keeps changing them in their favour. That's what global trade is like for many producers in developing countries. By joining in trade justice campaigns, you put pressure on governments and business to change the rules of world trade so they benefit the poor.

## Don't believe those who say it can't be done!

Tens of thousands of Traidcraft supporters backed our campaign for the introduction of an ombudsman to ensure UK supermarkets treat their suppliers fairly. In the last few months, both the Government and the Opposition have announced their support for the proposal.

Last word: Paulo Friere, the great Brazilian educationist and human rights activist said: "In the struggle between the weak and the strong to do nothing is not to remain neutral – it's to give victory to the strong."

So who's side are you on?

For more information about Traidcraft, its products and its work, talk to Jill Lomas or go to [www.traidcraft.co.uk](http://www.traidcraft.co.uk).

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### Say a prayer

Young James and his family sat down to

Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house. When James received his plate, he started eating right away.

"James! Please wait until we say our prayer," said his mother.

"I don't need to," the boy replied.

"Of course, you do," his mother insisted. "We always pray before eating at home."

"That's at our house," James protested. "This is grandma's house, and she can cook!"

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## *Silk Brass Entertain....*



On Sunday 20th June. 'Silk Brass' from Macclesfield entertained an audience of well over 100 people with a varied programme of music to suit all tastes. The concert began with the band's rendition of a piece called Knights Templar which filled the church with music. Other music in their programme included Disney Fantasy, Pirates of the Caribbean, Out of Africa, Coming to America, Love Unknown, Cry Me a River, I'll Walk with God, Forgotten Dreams, Hymns of Praise and concluded with Breezin Down Broadway. During the interval the audience enjoyed a glass of wine and nibbles.

We are grateful to Paul and Silk Brass for an excellent concert. The concert was dedicated to Tom Tudor who worshipped at St.Nick's for many years. Tom organised an annual concert with the help and support of his wife Anne and Mark Davies his nephew who plays the cornet with Silk Brass.

The Fundraising Committee would like to thank Anne for continuing the tradition and organising this concert. The evening raised £380.90 for church funds.

*The Fundraising Committee*



## *SUMMER FAIR*

We were blessed with glorious sunshine for our .....

Summer Fair on Saturday 26th June from 1.30 to 3.30pm., with a 'World cup theme' great fun was had by all and we raised the splendid sum of £720



Thanks to everyone who helped to organise the event and who came along on the day to join in the fun.....



## Word Search



### Word search for July

Yes, those summer days are here for us (we hope), but in South Africa our football team is "enjoying" more wintry weather as the players battle the best in the world for the most sought-after trophy – the World Cup. In this month's word search are words that are associated with football, the "beautiful game".

Referee, penalty, goal, pitch, corner, kick, goalkeeper, team  
Score, stopwatch, result, draw, sideline, handball, midfield  
Striker, trophy, save, rebound, winner, flag, offside  
Substitute, final

# Church Duty Rota (July 2010)

Date	Warden 8.30 a.m.	Warden 10.30 a.m.	Altar Duty	Lay Assistants	SidesPeople
4th	Fred Murphy	Alison Mills	Clare Lancaster	Louise Hollingsworth Jill Lomas	Brenda Maclese Amy Haygarth Sue Morris
11th	Fred Murphy	Jill Lomas	Emily Crossley	Grace Manley Jane Cawley	Sybil Gawkrödger, Alma Cockshoot, Caroline Abiodeon
18th	Fred Murphy	Grace Manley	Clare Cawley	Katy Mills Alison Mills	Anne Tudor Anne Holmes Jane Cawley
25th	Fred Murphy	Alison Mills	Jenna Bartlett	Brenda Maclese Cliff Stockton	Margaret Vessey Michael Vessey Muriel Clark

## Parish Registers—(May 2010)

Week Ending	Communicants	Cash	Envelopes	Total
2nd	49	£13.10	£280.90	£294.99
9th	38	£26.50	£262.00	£288.50
16th	36	£67.00	£331.20	£398.20
23rd	64	£60.95	£303.00	£363.95
30th	41	£16.00	£313.00	£329.00
			<b>Total for month</b>	<b>£1673.65</b>



### *Walk out*

After church, the woman at the door was embarrassed before the minister. "I hope you didn't take it personally when my husband walked out during your sermon."

"I did find it rather disconcerting," the preacher admitted.

"It's not a reflection on you at all," she assured him. "Ralph has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child."

*Peace be with you*  
(Jn 20:24-31, 14:5, 11:16)

Through absence,  
Through doubt,  
Through questions  
And fears,  
Through locked doors  
And longing  
Jesus comes.

His risen presence  
Bringing blessing,  
Hope and healing,  
Restoration  
And his precious,  
Faith-affirming  
Gift of peace.

*By Daphne Kitching*

# 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.



Cecily suddenly realised how they had sliced so many eggs for the sandwiches.

## Solutions



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## Church Prize Draws

### St Nicholas Club Draw

Drawn Sunday 6thnd June 2010

1st Prize 72 Louisa Barry

2nd Prize 20 Rachel Barry

### PCC Monthly Raffle for Church Funds

Raised £55.50 towards Church funds and was won by Christine Anderson.

# The Parish Church of St Nicholas

## Burnage

### Sunday Services

8.30 a.m  
10.30 a.m.

Eucharist (BCP)  
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 taken to the housebound by arrangement with the Minister.

### Minister

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0161 432 7009

### Organist

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0779 338 4025

### Churchwardens

Mrs. Jill Lomas (0161 432 5426)  
Mrs. Grace Manley (0161 442 2535)

### Assistant Wardens

Mr. Fred Murphy  
Mrs. Alison Mills

### Hon. Treasurer.

Mrs. Elaine Jess

### Minutes Secretary

Mrs. Anne Ackerman

### Deanery Synod

Mrs. Grace Manley  
Mrs. Enid Harvey

### Elected on PCC

Mrs. Lyn Rimmer,	Mr. Fred Murphy,
Mrs. Margaret Witty,	Mr. Tony Witty,
Mr. Michael Vessey,	Mrs. Margaret Vessey,
Mrs. Anne Holmes,	Mrs. Eunice Wilshaw,
Mrs. Jane Cawley,	Mrs. Sue Morris

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