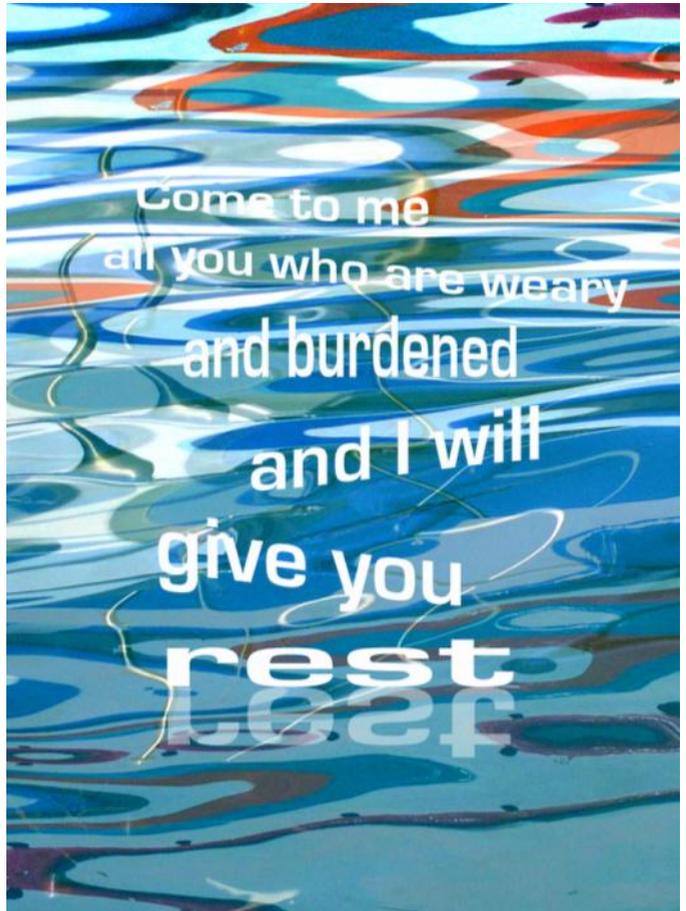




St. Nicholas News



Church Diary August 2010

Date	Time	Event
<i>Sunday 1st</i>	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	9th Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion (BCP) Rev'd Bob Smith Parish Communion Rev'd Albert Radcliffe
<i>Tuesday 3rd</i>	7.30pm	Taize Evening Prayer
<i>Wednesday 4th</i>	10.00 a.m.	<i>No Eucharist</i>
<i>Sunday 8th</i>	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	10th Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Wednesday 11th August	10.00am	Eucharist
<i>Sunday 15th</i>	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	The Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Wednesday 18th August	10.00am	Eucharist
Saturday 21st August	10.30 to 12noon	Sue, Brenda & Jill's COFFEE MORNING
<i>Sunday 22nd</i>	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	12th Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
<i>Tuesday 24th</i>	8.00pm	Prayer Group, Rectory
<i>Wednesday 25th</i>	10.00 a.m.	Eucharist
<i>Sunday 29th</i>	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	13th Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion

*Items for the Parish Magazine are most welcome
Please hand Items for the next issue to Rachel by Sunday 1st August
or email to editor@st-nicholas-church.org.uk*

Rachel Writes...

Gerry Hughes, the Roman Catholic priest and spiritual writer, once suggested that human beings are made for rest, rather than work. This claim might strike you as slightly odd. For, as we grow up, we are typically encouraged to focus on what we will do with our lives – and this usually focuses on work and vocation. As children we were asked, ‘What do you want to be when you grow up?’ And as adults we are commended if we are hard working and have long and successful careers. So it is perhaps curious that this very wise teacher and priest should suggest that rather than being made for work we are made for rest. What on earth can he mean?

Well, at one level, we can read his comment as a corrective to our work-obsessed society. While few people can doubt the benefits that work brings to people and society – not least a sense of identity, direction and purpose – ‘overwork’ is

another matter. And there is a serious problem of overwork in our society. Studies show that most people are working longer and harder now than at any time since the Victorian age. And we in Britain work among the longest hours in Europe and yet we are generally unhappier than many of our

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European sisters and brothers. This is shown in the fact that many people want to emigrate to countries which have slower and more relaxed lifestyles. When Gerry Hughes tells us that we are made for rest he is, in part, reminding us that

when we become obsessed by work we lose sight of who we truly are. We are not meant to be mere robots – we are human beings.

But the importance of rest goes even deeper. The Bible tells us that God created the earth in six days and on the seventh he rested. Now I



trust that none of us take this literally

but rather see this as a story about the importance of rest or Sabbath. At the heart of God's vision is rest as well as work. And if we ignore this, we do so at our peril. If we don't we are in danger of reducing life to a treadmill which has no real quality or enjoyment. And that way is the way of death and depression. God is calling us to fullness of life and that requires rest.

Gerry Hughes also suggests that when we die and come face-to-face with the Living God he shall ask us one question only – not, 'Why didn't you try harder?' or 'What did you do with your life?', but 'Did you enjoy my creation?' I don't know if that's what we'll face, but it is a powerful question. It reminds us that life is for living rather than reducing it to a grim slog. And it reminds us that we are called to be people of celebration and love above all things. 'Did you enjoy my creation?'

How will you answer?

Rachel
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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.



Thank you!

The 18th of July was a truly memorable occasion for me. Not only did I make the grand old age of 90, but I was joined in celebrating it with all the people who mean the most to me.

I was overwhelmed by the gifts, hugs, love and cards that I received from you all. I thank you all sincerely for your good wishes, and tokens of appreciation.

I would particularly like to thank



Sharon for the lovely cake she made which was enjoyed by all. Also, to my special friends in the Fellowship who organized the event in the Hall, serving wine and cake to everyone who could stay. Thanks also to those of you who took pictures - I felt like a celebrity!

A very special thank you to Rachel whose sermon, kind words and presence made this Sunday extra meaningful for both me, and my family who talked about how much they had enjoyed the service.

People have asked me what the secret of my longevity is. For me - it is faith, family and friends.

Muriel Nicol



Prayer & Action for Barnabus

Praise God

Our friends at our centre were really responsive to our medical survey and we are so blessed by their help, which has given us an even greater insight into the problems they face. We are also thankful for our volunteers who conduct the survey and for the way they always seek to respectfully establish and build relationships.

A big thank you to Sarah for running the Manchester 10K and all who sponsored her and because she encouraged people to sponsor through 'just giving' we received donations virtually straight away.

For two young lads 'M' and 'K' on our street soccer project, these lads are such a credit to us knowing the difficulties they've faced we're so very proud that they've bot recently gained employment.

At the time of going to press one of our lads 'C' will be sharing his testimony at our God Slot, join us in praising God for the enormous changes in this young man's life and pray a blessing to him and by the holy spirit a softening of hearts and open ears to all that attend.

Please pray

For 2 new staff/volunteer training days. A Mental Health training day in July and Evangelical training day in September, please pray people will be empowered and equipped to better support and share the gospel among our friends.

For a week of celebrations and activities at our Centre to mark 10 years at the Beacon and also a day trip to the beach for our women. Pray these will be a time of blessing, joy, creativity, sharing the good news and even deeper relationships.

For the Soccer Street Cup 31st July, pray they'll have as much fun and success as they against regional teams.

For our first ever 10K sponsored event at Heaton Park, please pray for God's abundant provision and blessing – please support us all you can.

With love & thanks, Beryl X



Project
Director

The Founder of the Taizé Community : Brother Roger

*Revd Dr Simon Mason, Priest –in-Charge of
St.Peter’s, North Shields, in the diocese of Newcastle
writes about seeing Christ at prayer in others: Brother
Roger of Taizé*



Brother Roger’s prayer has offered us a three-fold challenge. First, to look at and so become like Christ, and then to go on and realise that God is alive within each one of us. Further, he also desires us to want to believe in each other, as the trusting and embodiment of what he calls the Church. That was his final hope. Is it ours too?

Prayer for the week

O Christ, give us the gift
Of looking towards you
at every moment.

So often we forget that you
Live within us, that you are
Praying within us,

That you are loving within us.
Your miracle in us is your trust
And your forgiveness, always offered

In that unique communion
Which is called the Church.

*Brother Roger of Taizé
(1915 – 2005)*

Jill, Brenda & Sue invite you to join them for a

Coffee Morning

Saturday 21st August

From 10.30am to 12noon in the church hall.

***Admission 50p, tea, coffee, biscuits, bric-a-brac, good as new, cakes,
and good company ! Please call in for a coffee & a chat !***

BIBLE BIRDS

There are lots of birds in the Bible - Noah sent them out from the Ark to see if the flood waters had gone down, first a raven and then a dove (Genesis 6: 6-13). Elijah was fed by ravens while he lived in the desert (1 Kings 17: 1-8).

Mary and Joseph made an offering of 'a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons' (Luke 2: 22-24) when they took baby Jesus to the Temple. When Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist, the Spirit of God descended like a dove (Matthew 3:3-17). That is why the Holy Spirit is usually shown as a

dove. The dove is also a symbol of peace.

But my favourite bit about birds is Luke, chapter 12, verses 4-7. 'Aren't 5 sparrows sold for 2 pennies? Yet not one sparrow is forgotten...' It reminds us that God loves and cares for everything, even the smallest part of his creation.

What do you give a sick bird?

Tweetment.



Why can't a duck fly upside down?

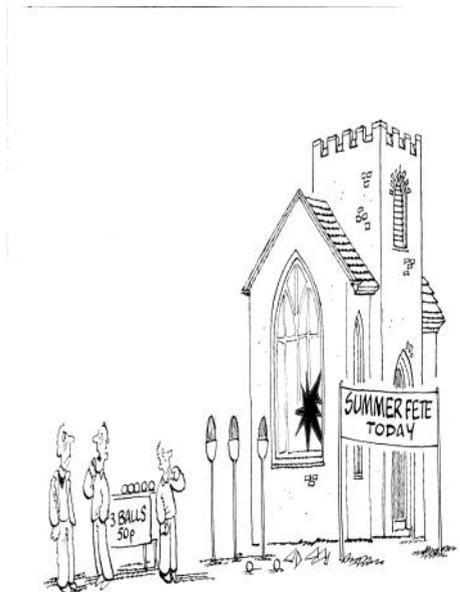
Because he'd quack up

Oh Crumbs!

There has been a big fight in the biscuit tin! A Bandit called Rocky, who was Crackers, hit the Penguin over the head with a Club, tied him to a Wagon wheel, with a Blue Riband and then made his Breakaway in a Taxi.

Police say Rocky was last seen just After Eight by a Viscount from Maryland, Hobnobbing with a Ginger Nut plus 2 accomplices, one known as Gary Baldi, plus the other only known as Rich T.

Unfortunately they don't have a crumb of evidence. so the Jammie godger will get away with it.



Er... now you come to mention it - p'raps it wasn't the best site for the coconut shy!

Church Duty Rota (August 2010)

Date	Warden 8.30 a.m.	Warden 10.30 a.m.	Altar Duty	Lay Assistants	SidesPeople
1st	Fred Murphy	Alison Mills	Jenney Cullen	Anne Holmes Enid Harvey	Muriel Nichol Christine Taylor Elaine Johnson
8th	Fred Murphy	Grace Manley	Lucy Crossley	Louise Hollingsworth Jill Lomas	Brenda Maclese Sue Morris Amy Haygarth
15th	Fred Murphy	Jill Lomas	Clare Lancaster	Grace Manley Jane Cawley	Sybil Gawkrödger Alma Cockshoot Caroline Abiodon
22nd	Fred Murphy	Grace Manley	Oliver Mills	Anne Tudor Anne Holmes	Margaret Vessey Michael Vessey Muriel Clark
29th	Fred Murphy	Alison Mills	Emily Crossley	Brenda Maclese Cliff Stockton	Anne Tudor Anne Holmes Jane Cawley

Parish Registers—(June 2010)

Week Ending	Communicants	Cash	Envelopes	Total
6th	45	£6.49	£344.50	£350.99
13th	48	£31.00	£280.00	£311.00
20th	43	£4.75	£281.00	£285.75
27th	44	£3.00	£331.20	£334.20
			Total for month	£1281.94

A Celtic Prayer

Deep peace of the running waves to you
 Deep peace of the flowing air to you
 Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
 Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
 Deep peace of the son of peace to you.

Funerals

5th July
 Roy Cookson

*'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
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.

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