



St. Nicholas News



BackToChurchSunday



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September 2010

Church Diary September 2010

Date	Time	Event
Sunday 5th	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	14th Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Tuesday 7th	7.30pm	Taize Evening Prayer
Wednesday 8th	10.00 a.m.	Eucharist
Sunday 12th	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	15th Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Wednesday 15th	10.00am 8.00pm	Eucharist CTIB Executive Committee Meeting, glass room
Thursday 16th	7.30pm	Worship Committee, Rectory.
Sunday 19th	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	16th Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Tuesday 21st	8.00pm. 8.00pm.	Deanery Synod Prayer group, Rectory
Wednesday 22nd	10.00am. 7.30pm.	Eucharist Publicity Committee, Rectory
Sunday 26th	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	Harvest Festival .& 'Back to Church Sunday' Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Wednesday 29th	10.00 a.m.	Eucharist

*Items for the Parish Magazine are most welcome
Please hand Items for the next issue to Rachel by Sunday 12th September
or email to editor@st-nicholas-church.org.uk*



Cover Picture
A New Day by Nigel Done

Part of the 'Back To Church Sunday' Campaign

Rachel Writes...

Sometimes it's done in private; sometimes it's done in public. Some of us do it alone, whilst others insist it's best done in the company of others. I believe many do it in the shower and, in a very famous film, it's done in the bedroom. Can you guess what I'm talking about? Singing, of course! (What else?) Even for those of us with ropey voices, it is an almost irresistible urge. Singing expresses something deep within us, yet can be desperately embarrassing, perhaps precisely because it exposes so much of ourselves. It ranks alongside drawing/painting as the thing which I hear most people say they can't do. While it's true that most of us will never be a Mario Lanza/Maria Callas/Julie Andrews etc., there are very, very few of us who are completely tone deaf.

Many years ago a friend of mine pointed out that church is one of the few public places where people have permission to sing, indeed where it is actively encouraged. This comment struck me as rather astute – for although these days there are karaoke bars

and such like, the fact remains that should one start singing in public one draws rather peculiar looks. (I should know, I'm forever singing to myself!) I'm saddened that more of us do not take up the opportunities the church gives us to sing with others; not only that, but to sing our hearts out without shame or disapproval. It can be a powerful and moving thing to sing with others some of the great hymns.

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On 26th September, St Nick's is participating Back to Church Sunday. This diocese started this event a few years back as a way of encouraging people, who for whatever reason, had stopped coming to church to feel confident about coming back. It's an opportunity for all of us to invite people to come for a relaxed and friendly service, especially as we shall also be celebrating Harvest that day. It's also a chance for us all to sing our lungs out to the Lord!

Sadly, all of us at times can feel that at church we are going through the motions or have forgotten why it really matters that we are there. But if we really give ourselves to our hymn singing I believe we shall soon remember – for at the heart of hymnody is praise, worship and joy. And such things spill over into our



hearts and warm us.

The Church of England doesn't always have a great reputation for hymn singing. We have a reputation for being suspicious of enthusiasm especially in singing. In the weeks to come let's raise the roof and rejoice in the Lord!

Rachel
x

St. Nicholas Club



Old leaf?

Draw

An application form for the 2010/11 club draw is enclosed with this month's edition of the magazine. A one year subscription is £12.50, a contribution towards the upkeep of the church and an opportunity to win a monthly draw. Monthly draw prizes are to the value of £25 and £15.

The first draw for the new season will take place on Sunday 3rd October.

Spare application forms are on the table in the church porch. Please photocopy the enclosed form or take spare copies for members of your family, friends and neighbours. You can also buy a draw ticket as a gift, or donate a number to St. Nicholas Church !

Good luck and many thanks

Fred Murphy

p.s. Don't forget 'You've got to be in it to win it'

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Mum, look what I found!" the boy called out, turning the leaf over and over.

"What is it, dear?" asked his mother.

With astonishment in his voice, the young boy ventured: "I think it's Adam's underwear."

Deliver us...

I had been teaching my three-year-old daughter, Cathy, the Lord's Prayer. Then one evening at bedtime she attempted it solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer. "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some e-mail. Amen."

Barnabus update August 2010

How you can help us, to help others ?

You can now donate on line on our website a secure site in conjunction with the Charity Choice and the Co-op Bank www.barnabus-manchester.org.uk

Please support our 10 years at the Beacon 10K Sponsored Run, sponsor us on line www.justforgiving.com/Team-Barnabus and/or support us practically

Items for our Centre

Please help us by donating items we regularly give out in large amounts and are getting low on ;

Coffee, Tea, Sugar, Strawberry Jam, Peanut Butter, Long Life Milk (we make over 1,000 cups of tea a week) Biscuits, Chocolates, Cakes.

Jeans, T-shirts, Shoes, Trainers, Socks, Underwear (new only please)

Boxers (medium) / knickers (size 10-12)

Shower Gel, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothbrushes

Items for our Charity Shop

Please let us have any unwanted items. Our Charity Shop is on Wilmslow Road in Withington. We can always pick up large items, please call to discuss.

Good quality bric-a-brac, / Kitchen Ware / Household Clothing / Shoes / Hand-bags / Children's Clothes & Toys

We would love to see you, pop in for a chat we have a coffee bar selling delicious coffees and cakes....

Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.

Finding Friends

I want to be friends
I want to be friends
I want to be friends,
I do.
I'll give you my sweets,
I'll lend you my pen
If I can be friends with you.
We'll sit side by side,
You can copy my work,
I'll let you go first into dinner.
You can plait my hair
At story time
And on Sport's Day
I'll let you be winner.
Please be my friend
As I'm new to this school
And nobody likes me I know
I don't want to cry,
But my eyes feel all hot
And my feet are just wanting to go.

I can come to your house -
Your Mum won't mind at all -
I can stay till it's bedtime, you say.
So you *will* be my friend,
You're new here as well,
Then it hasn't been such a bad day!



Sol says:
"We all need a friend. Abraham
had a really good one -
and so can we."

"Abraham believed God ... and he was called God's friend."
James 2:23(NIV)

Poem by Daphne Kitching, Picture by Elaine Hill, Coloured by

St. Nicholas Fundraising Committee



*Invite you to
'An evening of*



MAGIC & MUSIC'

on Saturday 9th October

7.30pm in the church hall.



*Tickets £10 to include three course
meal*

Tickets available from Jill Lomas and Anne Tudor

Pet's Corner

Hi, my name is Charlie and I live with my "Mum and Dad" in Didsbury. I was born on New Year's Day, so I am now just over 7 months old. This is a picture of me in my new bed with one of my favourite toys – my Giraffe. I have a big box full of toys, so I always have something different to play with.

My Mum and Dad have just been away on holiday, so I have been to stay with my Auntie Lyn and family. They have a lovely dog called Dori, who is now my best friend. We had a great time, playing, chasing and running round the garden. We also went out on walks together and I had the time of my life!

I was pleased to see my Mum and Dad when they got back from Spain, and I have now settled back at home, but look forward to staying with Auntie Lyn and the family on many



more occasions - especially seeing Dori and playing with her again.

I think my Auntie Lyn was sorry to see me go home, but I'll be back !

Well I think that's all my news for now, so I will get back to sleep in this lovely new bed.



Charlie x

Prayer for the month

Don't worry about anything,
Pray about everything,
Don't forget to thank God for the answers.

A church bulletin advertised:
POT LUCK SUPPER NEXT SATURDAY AT 8 P.M.
Prayer and medication to follow.



Word Search

September is a month of change – of endings and beginnings. Summer gives way to Autumn, to spider webs wet with dew, to harvest in the fields, to all things mellow and fruitful. Suddenly, the pace of life picks up again – holidays are over, and it is back to work and back to school time. University beckons, with hours of study amid stacks of books in the library. The new season is under-way! Historically, the Church celebrates All Angels Day and St Matthew the Evangelist, among others, this month.

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COOLER

Church Duty Rota (September 2010)

Date	Warden 8.30 a.m.	Warden 10.30 a.m.	Altar Duty	Lay Assistants	SidesPeople
5th	Fred Murphy	Alison Mills	Claire Cawley	Louise Hollingsworth Jill Lomas	Muriel Nicol Christine Taylor Elaine Johnson
12th	Fred Murphy	Jill Lomas	Jenna Bartlett	Anne Holmes Enid Harvey	Brenda Maclese Amy Haygarth Sue Morris
18th	Fred Murphy	Grace Manley	Jenny Cullen	Brenda Maclese Cliff Stockton	Anne Tudor Anne Holmes Jane Cawley
26th	Fred Murphy	Alison Mills	Lucy Crossley	Grace Manley Jane Cawley	Sybil Gawkrödger Alma Cockshoot

Parish Registers—(July 2010)

Week Ending	Communicants	Cash	Envelopes	Total
4th	47	£16.50	£250.70	£267.20
11th	40	£30.00	£248.00	£278.00
18th	61	£26.00	£450.15	£476.15
25th	39	£2.00	£246.50	£248.50
			Total for month	£1269.85



I don't mean to sound ungrateful Fred, but when I asked for something to 'represent farming in the community'...



P.C.C. July
Raffle
Won by Julie Crossley
Raised £22 for Church Funds

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.

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.

The messager wife

A man came home from work and found his three children outside, still in their pyjamas, playing in the mud, with empty food boxes and 20 wrappers strewn across the garden.

The door of his wife's car was open, and so the front door to the house, and there was no sign of the dog. Rushing into the living room, he found an even bigger mess. A lamp had been knocked over, and the throw rug was wadded against one wall. The TV was loudly blaring, and the floor was strewn with toys and various items of clothing.

In the kitchen, dishes filled the sink, breakfast food was spilled on the counter, the fridge door was open wide, dog food was spilled on the floor, a broken glass lay under the table, and a small pile of sand was spread by the back door. He quickly ran upstairs, tripping over toys and more piles of clothes, frantically looking for his wife. She must be very ill, something serious must have happened.

He was met with a small trickle of water as it made its way out the bathroom door. As he peered inside he found wet towels, scummy soap and more toys strewn over the floor. Miles of toilet paper lay in a heap and toothpaste had been smeared over the mirror and walls.

As he rushed to the bedroom, he found his wife still curled up in the bed in her pyjamas, reading a novel. She looked up at him, smiled, and asked how his day went. He looked at her bewildered and stammered: "What – what happened here?"

She again smiled and answered, "You know every day when you come home from work and you ask me what I do all day? Well, today I didn't do it."



Solutions

Church Prize Draws

St Nicholas Club Draw

Drawn Sunday 3rd July 2010

1st Prize Rachel Mann
2nd Prize Brian Whitwell



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 taken to the housebound by arrangement with the Minister.

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