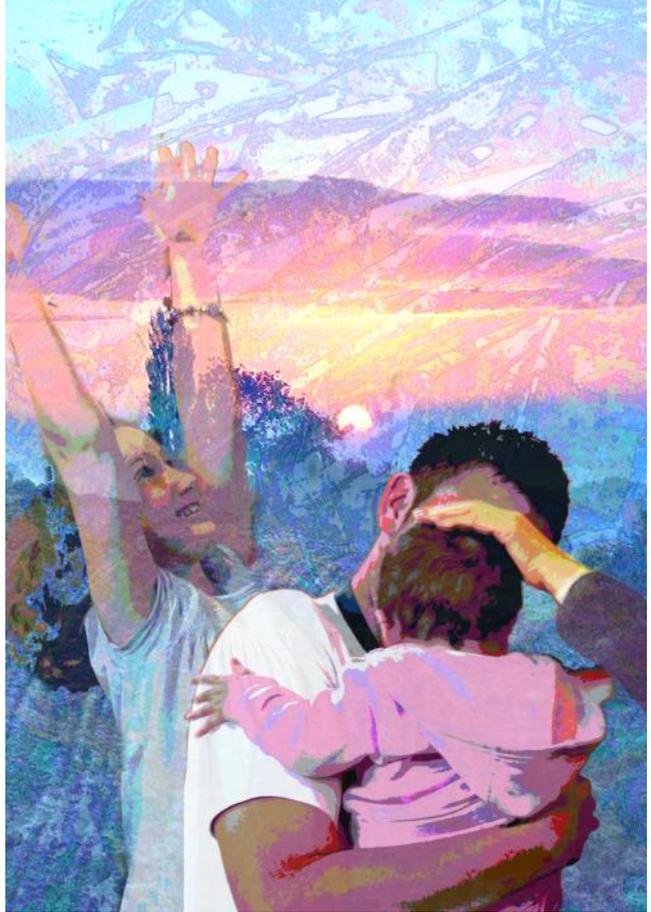




# *St. Nicholas News*



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## *Church Diary October 2010*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
<i>Friday 1st</i>	8pm	DIDSBURY Arts Festival Concert with .....licensed bar  <b>'That Morning Call'</b>
<i>Sunday 3rd</i>		<i>Trinity 18</i>
	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30 a.m.	Parish Communion
<i>Tuesday 5th</i>	7.30pm	Taize Evening Prayer
<i>Wednesday 6th</i>	10.00 a.m.	Eucharist
<i>Saturday 9th</i>	7.30pm	<b>Evening of 'Magic and Music'</b>
<i>Sunday 10th</i>		<i>Trinity 19</i>
	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30 a.m.	Parish Communion
<i>Wednesday 13th</i>	10.00am	Eucharist
	2.30pm	<b>WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP</b>
<i>Thursday 14th</i>	6.00pm	Pastoral Committee, Parrswood Pub
<i>Sunday 17th</i>		<i>Trinity 20</i>
	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30 a.m.	Parish Communion
<i>Sunday 24th</i>		<i>Last after Trinity</i>
	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (NO MAKERS CLUB)
<i>Tuesday 26th</i>	8.00p.m	Prayer group
<i>Wednesday 27th</i>	10.00a.m	Eucharist
	2.30p.m	<b>WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP</b>
<i>Wednesday 28th</i>	7.30pm	Fundraising committee, glass room
<i>Sunday 31st</i>		<i>All Saints Day</i>
	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (NO MAKERS CLUB)
	3.00pm	<b>SERVICE OF GLAD REMEMBRANCE</b>

*Items for the Parish Magazine are most welcome  
Please hand Items for the next issue to Rachel by Sunday 10th October  
or email to [editor@st-nicholas-church.org.uk](mailto:editor@st-nicholas-church.org.uk)*

## Rachel Writes...

This month I thought I'd tell you about my recent unexpected adventures in 'media land'. I thought this might be especially interesting to those of you who don't use the internet and, therefore, have perhaps missed some of the strange events that happened to me in the last week of August. Here's what happened.

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August I published an article in *The Church Times* reflecting on what I thought the church might learn from one of my favourite types of music, Heavy Metal. For those of you who don't know, Metal is a very loud form of popular music which some Christians have wrongly labelled as evil and satanic. I was pleased with the article, but thought nothing more about it.

Then on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August, the whole media world went mad. *The Daily Telegraph* published a major feature on my article and my phone began ringing off the hook. By the end

of that day, I'd done interviews on *BBC Radio Five Live*, *BBC Wales*, *BBC West Midlands* and *BBC World Service*, as well as turning down several others. On Wednesday, *The Guardian* ran a feature and *The Telegraph* ran another. By this time, interest was coming in from around the world and I was interviewed by

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Australian and Irish radio; I was also interviewed for the rock press and this story was featured on countless websites. By the end of the week, I'd been written about in countless countries and on every continent except Antarctica!! And all because of a modest and, in my opinion, rather measured and academic article that had appeared in a small national church newspaper.

There are some very interesting things to be learnt from this experience. Firstly, about the speed of modern communication. The internet is, I'm increasingly beginning to think, one the most remarkable inventions of all time – perhaps even equivalent to the invention of



printing or the wheel. Assuming our world does not suffer some sort of catastrophic collapse, the internet and its offshoots will soon become as essential to human living as any basic of life. If you have not explored its power and possibilities can I recommend you do? But an equally important lesson lies in the way the internet is used. What happened to my article was (in internet parlance) that it 'went viral'. Rather like a virus can multiply and breed at an exponential rate, an internet story can do the same thing. Within hours one person's story can be sent around the globe to millions. It is a sobering

thing. It is also sobering to discover how people who one has never met can hold incredibly strong, indeed hateful, views about you, just because of what they've read on the net or heard on the news. While I've received massive support for what I wrote, I've also received a fair amount of hate. I'm glad to say I'm robust enough to laugh such views off, but I must say I've achieved new respect for those people whose lives are led in the glare of the public lens. I suspect it is a fun but s o m e t i m e s challenging life!

Rachel  
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## *Churches Together in Burnage.*

Report from executive meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> Sept at St.Nick's

St.Bernard's representative, Pat Jones shared the sad news that Father Pat Keane had passed away in Ireland after a brave battle with cancer. Father Keane had been Parish Priest at St.Bernard's, Burnage Lane for 20 years.

We reviewed event from the summer including the week of prayer for Pentecost, St Margaret's 'Love Burnage' event, the ordination and induction of Rev.Andy Hall to Christ Church and the Holiday Special for older people held during the first week of August.

In September St.Margaret's welcomed the comedian 'Bobby Ball' to speak on his journey to faith, St.Nick's and St.Margaret's both participated in 'Back to Church Sunday' on 26<sup>th</sup> September.

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*Patricia Kenneally – my sister  
by Brenda Maclese*



Patricia did voluntary work for Barnabus for a number of years.

Patricia met Peter and Beryl Green ( who founded Barnabus) when she started to attend the Community Church, All Saints, Manchester. Patricia helped at local women's prisons teaching them craft work and helping with their correspondence. Also Patricia accompanied Peter and Beryl at night offering help to anyone who needed it. One day my sister Rosemary and I visited Barnabus Centre where we were made very welcome.

In 2006 Patricia, Peter, Beryl and another lady were invited to Buckingham Palace to represent Barnabus at a garden party. Barnabus had received an award for their work amongst homeless young people in Manchester. This was a very memorable day for Patricia.

Sadly, Patricia died suddenly in 2007.

Representatives from Barnabus attended Patricia's funeral and along with some of the young people she had helped along the way. One of the ladies spoke of Patricia's generous giving of time and wonderful support for Barnabus. They spoke of their gratitude for all she had done. This was a very proud moment for me to think that my younger sister had helped and touched the lives of so many people.

*Brenda Maclese*

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Looking ahead Rachel informed the meeting of future events at St.Nick's including the service of glad remembrance which will take place on 31<sup>st</sup> October this year. The committee also discussed Christmas events including carol singing at Tesco, Burnage and around the neighbourhood and our Christmas service. Dates and times will follow.

We invited the CTiB to our music evening as part of Didsbury festival, on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October. On 15<sup>th</sup> October St.Margaret's is holding a gospel evening. There is an all day event at Manchester Cathedral on 16<sup>th</sup> October about music in the parish.

*Alison, Jill and Rachel*



## Pen Portrait



In the next in a series of occasional features, Jane Cawley interviews one of our parishioners about their life at St. Nicks. This month Jane has spoken to Margaret Vessey.

*Muriel recently celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday with her friends at St Nicks and family so I took the opportunity to find out a little more about Muriel and her life of 90 years.*

### *What role do you have at St.Nicks?*

I was an enrolling member of the mothers union for many years and when this folded it became known as the MUMS. The meetings were held at my house and in total spanned 60 years.

I send out a baptism card to each child baptised at St.Nicks on the anniversary until they reach the age of four. They are then invited to join the makers club.

I regularly read the lesson in church and I am a side's person.

I was also the treasurer at Emmanuel for many years.

I met my husband Stanley when he was playing the organ and we got married on a special license as he was going off to the forces the day after. We were married for 49 years. I have 2 daughters and 1 son along with 5 grandchildren. 2 of my grandchildren are living in Australia and recently a 7<sup>th</sup> great grandchild was born.

### *What interests do you have?*

My great interest is one of working as a volunteer in the children's society charity shop on Fog Lane. I helped to open the shop and have been involved in its day to day running for the past 15 years. Before this I worked at Renold Chains in the drawing office during the war. I was also the book-keeper for my husband Stanley and was also a cashier at the Post office on Fog Lane

I became involved with St. Nicks when the then vicar Brian Barker asked my husband to be the organist which he did for 3 years, this was in 1980. My youngest daughter Janet attended the brownies and I supported her in that.

### *What would you say to any person young or older to inspire them?*

Take advice that is offered, be faithful to church and remember that God is your friend and he will always be there for you whatever you do.

### *What is your favourite hymn?*

How Great Thou Art.

### *Favourite music?*

Classical music and middle of the road also I like Aled Jones.

### *Favourite T.V Programmes?*

I enjoy watching Songs of Praise, University Challenge and Mastermind.

### *What does your faith mean to you?*

As I get older you need god so much and he always gives me the help I need.

*Muriel totally enjoyed her birthday celebrations where her children were able to take communion with her.*

*This is only a snapshot of Muriel's 90 years, and I thank her very much for her time.*

*Thank you Muriel God Bless.*

# There's An App For That.....

A new iPhone app for the Church of England has been developed in partnership with the Diocese of Guildford. Available for download from Apple's App store, it enables individual dioceses to put their news into the hands of iPhone and iPad users.



'myDiocese' is a first for the Church of England and offers church-related news stories, upcoming events and community information. The new app also links to central worship resources including the daily office from the Church of England website that has been used to provide morning and evening prayer on diocesan and parish websites for several years.

The new app can even provide iPhone users with details of their nearest church, using their exact phone location while on the move, or a simple postcode. Download the App at:

<http://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/mydiocese/id379603394?mt=8>



## *The Difference*

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day,  
I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task,  
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered.  
He answered – "you didn't ask".

I wanted to see Joy and beauty, but the day toiled on grey and  
bleak;  
I wondered why God didn't show me –  
He said – "but you didn't seek".

I tried to come into God's presence; I used all my keys at the lock.  
God gently and lovingly chided – "My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day;  
I had so much to accomplish, that I had to take time and pray.

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## *St. Nicholas Club Draw*

### *REMINDER*

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'

The Didsbury Arts Festival 2010

Celebrating the Arts & Creative Talent of Didsbury

25th September—2nd October 2010

St. Nicholas Church are proud to be a venue supporting the festival. On Friday 1st October 'This Morning Call' will be performing live at 8.00 p.m in the Church.

Tickets £6.00 on the door.

Licensed Bar.

## This Morning Call

£6.00

Described as "Portishead on anti-depressants" This Morning Call offer an antithesis to the plethora of sloppy guitar punk-rock bands that Manchester has become accustomed to in recent years. Instead, they use instruments like cello, sax and oboe, alongside the more conventional band instruments and a hint of electronica to create multi-layered and tuneful pop hits.

Fri Oct 1 at 8:00PM

VENUE : St Nicholas Church



# SUDOKU

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## Church Duty Rota (October 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 Caroline Abiodon

### Parish Registers—(August 2010)

Week Ending	Communicants	Cash	Envelopes	Total
1st	47	£18.00	£271.20	£299.20
8th	32	£12.00	£291.50	£303.50
15th	49	£30.40	£312.00	£342.40
22nd	51	£17.00	£321.00	£338.00
29th	38	£5.50	£209.50	£215.00
			<b>Total for month</b>	<b>£1498.11</b>



*St. Nicholas Fundraising Committee*

*Invite you to  
'An evening of*

*MAGIC & MUSIC'*

*on Saturday 9th October*

*7.30pm in the church hall.*

*Tickets £7.50 to include two course meal*

*Tickets available from Jill Lomas and Anne Tudor*



# 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.

## Say again?



Three elderly church ministers, all hard of hearing, were playing golf one sunny spring morning. The Methodist minister observed, "Windy, isn't it?" "No," the Baptist pastor said, "it's Thursday." The Anglican vicar agreed: "So am I! Let's go get a pint."



...before I begin my sermon, let's hear it for my warm-up act!

## Church Prize Draws

### St Nicholas Club Draw

Drawn Sunday 1st August 2010

1st Prize                      Roy Cookson  
 2nd Prize                      St. Nich's c/o  
                                         Winifred Murphy  
 P.C.C. Raffle                won by Christine Taylor

## Solutions

### SuDoKu

#### Easy

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#### Intermediate

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# 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

Rev'd Rachel Mann  
0161 432 7009

### Organist

Mr. Stephen Delves  
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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