



St. Nicholas News



Church Diary November 2010

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 2nd	7.30pm	Taize Evening Prayer
Wednesday 3rd	10.00am	Eucharist
Thursday 4th	7.00pm	Pastoral Committee, rectory
Sunday 7th	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	3rd Sunday before Advent Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Monday 8th	7.30pm	P.C.C. Meeting, glass room
Wednesday 10th	10.00am 2.30pm 7.30pm	Eucharist Women's Fellowship meeting , visiting speaker Bishop Mark's visit to Withington Deanery, St.Chad's
Thursday 11th	7.30pm	Deanery Eucharist, Christ Church Lay Assistant's meeting, St. Clements
Sunday 14th	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	Remembrance Sunday Holy Communion (BCP) All -age Worship
Wednesday 17th	10.00am	Eucharist
SATURDAY 20th	10.30 to 2.00pm	CHRISTMAS FAIR
Tuesday 23rd	8.00pm	Prayer group, Rectory
Wednesday 24th	10.00am. 2.30pm	Eucharist Women's Fellowship, visiting speaker
Sunday 28th	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	First Sunday in Advent Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion

*Items for the Parish Magazine are most welcome
Please hand Items for the next issue to Rachel by Sunday 14th November
or email to editor@st-nicholas-church.org.uk*

Rachel Writes...

What does it mean to be 'Church' in the 21st Century? That is one of the major questions facing all the Christian denominations as congregations continue to shrink, money gets tighter and clergy resources become more strained. It is something that we at St Nick's need to continue to ask regularly as we discern our mission in the years to come.

There have been lots of wrinkled brows, scratched foreheads and a fair few PhDs given over to trying to figure out how the Church can react to the complicated social, political and economic reality which the world now presents. There have been various proposals, some more impressive than others, about how the Church can cope with a world it doesn't understand and is sometimes afraid of.

One thing is clear to me: that we cannot simply continue to

repeat the patterns of being church that may have worked over the past sixty or seventy years, no matter how attractive they may be. Later this month we have our Christmas Fair. I for one am looking forward to it. It is usually a highlight of the year and I look forward to this being a fixture on the calendar for many

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years to come. But we should not pretend that this event appeals to everyone. We need to extend our social and missionary range. Thus in recent times we started having rock gigs at St Nick's. I know they are not everyone's cup of tea, but they may help the church connect with

the community in new and creative ways.

I know change can upset and trouble people and lead them to think, 'Where is my church in all this?' But if we are to be faithful to the gospel we have to face change and say also, 'The church may need to become something quite new if it is to be the Church of Tomorrow.'

At the same time, faithfulness and trust are crucial.



The Good News for today is what it has always been – an unfolding of the Love of God in Christ. And that Love shatters our selfishness and self-centredness and pushes us out into service. It invites us to look upon a world – even a world which might frighten and disturb us – with eyes of compassion and generosity. And no matter how the Church might have to change to deal with this new world of Facebook, Twitter and other modern media, it is in its faithfulness to the Great Love that its quality shall be known.

Rachel
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Fund Raising Committee

The fundraising and Social committee meets every two months or so to plan events at St Nick's.

Recently we enjoyed fellowship and good food at the Harvest Lunch. Then on the 1st October we opened our doors to a Didsbury Arts Festival event. The nationally acclaimed band "This Morning Call" entertained us with electronic and acoustic music including bassoons and a cello. The team were kept busy running a bar and learnt how to use a pre-programmed till!

We would like to extend our thanks to all who have either helped to run or come along and supported these events. As well as being enjoyable and sociable events to which we welcome many new faces. In the past six months we have raised over £1,700 for church funds.

Evening of Magic and Music

We were delighted to welcome 58 people to our fundraising event on Saturday 9th October. Sharon Bartlett providing a delicious meal of chicken in a white wine sauce with vegetables followed by a choice of dessert.

The magic was provided by Adam Dadswell a member of the 'Magic Circle'. Adam introduced the evening with a demonstration during which he had the entire audience mesmerised, he then moved on to table magic so everyone had a chance to watch the 'magician' at work.



Music was provided by Ollie Mills and friends who entertained us with some jazz and musical theatre.



Our thanks to Adam, Ollie, Matt, Sam, Jack, Sharon and the Bartlett's for a very enjoyable evening and another £154 for church funds !

Look out over the next few weeks for further events especially in the lead up to Christmas.

Jill and Alison

If you think we make errors.....

Some stories from Pews News and other church publications. Here is a snippet from the Roman Catholic Holy Spirit Church in Marple, Stockport in the diocese of Shrewsbury.

New Carpet: There will be a discussion in May as to how we might raise funds for the new carpet. All who wish to do something on the carpet should come forward and do so now.

Baptisms: From now on, the North and South ends of the church will be utilised. Children will be baptised at both ends.

What Price a Sermon?

One beautiful Sunday morning, Reverend Barnard announces to his congregation, 'My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons.....
A £100 sermon that lasts five minutes
A £50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes
And a £20 sermon that lasts a full hour.



Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver!

Help Needed.....

The fundraising committee needs your help for the Christmas Fair in several ways :

1. Please donate items for our tombola, gift stall, books and DVDs, children's chocolate tombola (collecting boxes in the church porch)
2. Please help on the day of the fair, we NEED more help, please let Jill Lomas know what time you can offer.
3. PLEASE invite your family, friends and neighbours to come along to the fairthe more the merrier !!

Thank you

Church bulletin bloopers

The Scouts are collecting aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children .

Ladies Bible Study will be held on Thursday morning at 10am. All ladies are invited to lunch in the hall after the B.S. is done.

The rector would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend her their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.

The Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.



Can you use a computer and keep in touch ?

Today when you read newspaper articles or watch a news programme new forms of communication via the internet are often quoted. For example follow this story at our 'blog spot', or follow us on 'twitter'.

WHAT IS A 'BLOG SPOT'?

This is a website that allows users to reflect, share opinions, and discuss various topics in the form of an online journal while readers may comment on posts. Rachel, our rector has started a daily journal where she shares her thoughts and opinions on her chosen topic of the day

This is Rachel's chosen topic of the day (Saturday 23rd October)

'The Morning After', a reflection on the Manchester Literary Festival.

You can follow Rachel's daily journal on her 'blog spot' at a website

<http://www.therachelmannblogspot.blogspot.com/>

SO, WHAT IS 'TWITTER'?

Twitter is a service which allows you to send and read messages known as tweets. You can set up an account and send short messages to someone who also has a twitter account. Tweets are text-messages of up to 140 characters and are displayed on the author's profile page and delivered to the author's subscribers who are known as followers.



Rachel now has a twitter account and you can send her short messages twitter **@metalvicar**.

WHY DON'T YOU HAVE A GO AT KEEPING IN TOUCH?

The BBC are running a campaign at the moment called 'first click' they want to get people, to use a computer and keep in touch. As part of the campaign they have set up a website with lots of good, basic information. .

Why not have a go – all you have to do is go on to the internet and on to the BBC website,

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/connect/howto/>

Here you will find a beginner's guides to using computers, getting online and keeping in touch. Staff in your local library will help and they will advise you about adult computer courses.

Alison

Making the Most of those Two Minutes

By Canon David Winter, former Head of Religious Broadcasting, BBC. He is now a regular contributor to Thought for the Day on Radio 4.

Just before Remembrance Day last year someone remarked to me that they could never work out what to think about during the two minutes' silence. They were much too young to remember the Second World War, and had no relatives or friends who had been on active military service, then or since. So - what to 'think' about?

It's not a problem people of my generation have. Two minutes aren't really long enough to remember my dad, a stretcher bearer in the Flanders battle-fields of the First World War, invalided out after being gassed at Mons. Or my older brother, who drove a lorry up the Normandy beaches under enemy fire. Or my parents, who survived the London blitz while my younger brother and I enjoyed the peace and quiet of rural Wales. Add to that a fervent prayer for peace in our time (Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia and so on) and two minutes are soon gone.

But what for those who don't have those memories? This year, with its anniversary in September of the Battle of Britain, may help us. 'Never in the field of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few' - the memorable words of Winston Churchill. Had it not been for that 'few' - 1800 or so young men in their Spitfires and Hurricanes - we might have been conquered by the evil forces of Fascism.

So, a few seconds to give thanks for them. And a few more to remember those 300 and more young airmen - not much more than boys at the time - who lost their lives in the cause of freedom (for that's what it was). Then a prayer for the equally young men and women of many nations struggling to create a peaceful, stable Afghanistan. And another for those diplomats and negotiators who in a world of conflict, injustice and suffering are genuinely working for justice and peace for all.

I think at that point you will find the two minutes are up.



**St.Nicholas Church, Kingsway,
Burnage**

Christmas Fair

On Saturday 20th November

From 10.00 am to 2.00pm

Café with hot & cold food, drinks

Raffle

**Father Christmas
arrives at 11am**

**Gift & Bottle
Tombola**

Cakes

Books

Games

Fair trade stall

Chocolate

Tombola

Christmas Gifts and Toys

In the Church Hall

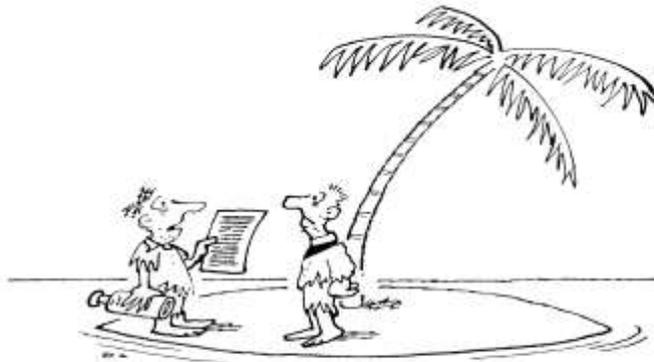
Admission: Adults 50p Children FREE!

Church Duty Rota (November 2010)

Date	Warden 8.30 a.m.	Warden 10.30 a.m.	Altar Duty	Lay Assistants	SidesPeople
7th	Fred Murphy	Grace Manley	Jenna Bartlett	Anne Holmes Enid Harvey	Sybil Gawkrödger Alma Cockshoot Caroline Abiodon
14th	Fred Murphy	Alison Mills	Jenny Cullen	Grace Manley Anne Tudor	Margaret Vessey Michael Vessey Muriel Clark
18th	Fred Murphy	Jill Lomas	Lucy Crossley	Brenda Maclese Cliff Stockton	Muriel Nicol Christine Taylor Elaine Johnson
26th	Fred Murphy	Grace Manley	Oliver Mills	Jane Cawley Alison Mills	Brenda Maclese Amy Haygarth Sue Morris

Parish Registers—(September 2010)

Week Ending	Communicants	Cash	Envelopes	Total
5th	37	£17.00	£533.45	£550.45
12th	45	£9.00	£317.60	£326.60
19th	51	£14.50	£364.80	£379.30
26th	59	£32.05	£329.00	£361.05
			Total for month	£1617.40



It's a letter from your church. They want to know if you've done the flower rota, if you've done the brass-cleaning rota, and have you ordered the mince pies for the carol singers Christmas party?

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.

Apologies



The magazine editing team would like to apologise for the typing errors in the Parish Registers and Church Rota, in last month's issue

Apologies to Muriel Nicol for the three inaccuracies in last month's Pen Portrait: Firstly, Muriel was a member of the Mothers Union for 60 years and not the length of the union as it read. Secondly, Muriel was the treasurer of the Mother's Union at Emmanuel Church,. Finally, Muriel's youngest daughter is Elizabeth not Janet as stated. Thank you.

Church Prize Draws

St Nicholas Club Draw

Drawn Sunday 3rd October

1st Prize 16 Brenda Maclese

2nd Prize 65 Oliver Mills

P.C.C. Raffle

Raised £24 for church funds

