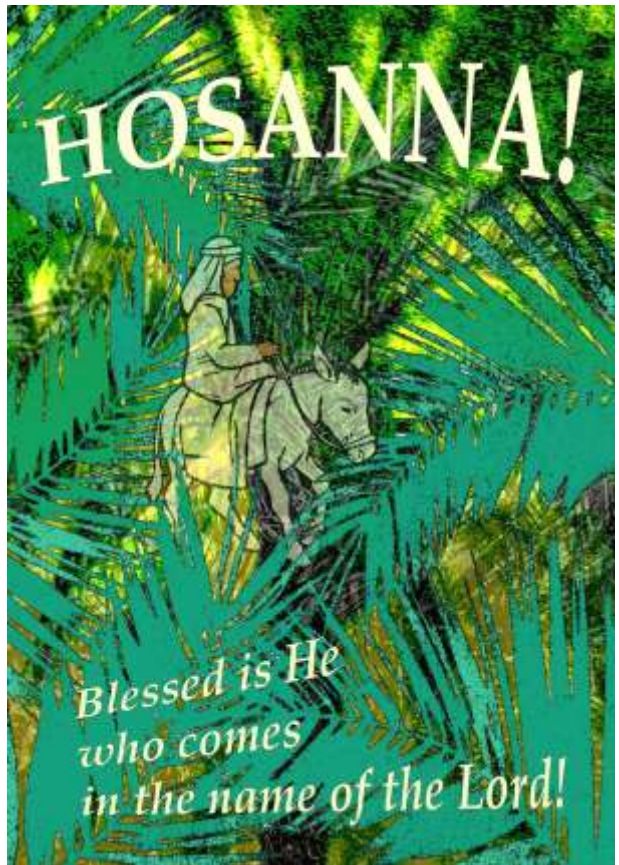




St. Nicholas News



Church Diary April 2011

Date	Time	Event
Sunday 3rd	8.30am 10.30 a.m.	4th Sunday of Lent Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Tuesday 5th	7.30pm	Taize Evening Prayer
Wednesday 6th	10.00am 2.00pm 7.30pm	Eucharist Lent Course: Rectory Lent Course : CTIB St Margaret's Burnage Lane
Sunday 10th	8.30am 10.30 a.m. 12noon	Passion Sunday Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion CHURCH AGM
Wednesday 13th	10.00am 2.00pm 2.30pm 7.30pm	Eucharist Lent Course: Rectory Women's Fellowship 'An afternoon with Norma' Lent Course : CTIB St.Margaret's Burnage Lane
Sunday 17th	8.30 a.m. 10.15 am.	PALM SUNDAY Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Monday 18th	7.30pm	Evening Prayer for Holy Week
Tuesday 19th	7.30pm	Evening Prayer for Holy Week
Wednesday 20th	7.30pm	Evening Prayer for Holy Week
Thursday 21st	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Meditation 7.30 to 9.00pm
Friday 22nd	2.00pm	GOOD FRIDAY At the foot of the cross
Sunday 24th	8.30 a.m. 10.30am	EASTER SUNDAY Holy Communion (BCP) All age worship
Wednesday 27th	10.00am 2.30pm	Eucharist Women's Fellowship speaker to be confirmed
Friday 29th		Royal Wedding : BANK HOLIDAY
Saturday 30th	10.30am	Women's Fellowship Coffee Morning

Rachel Writes...

I realised a rather surprising thing the other day: that this month is the three year anniversary of my last major surgery. In a note to friends in April 2008 I wrote, 'I hope and pray it will be a definitive operation enabling me to enjoy all that life has to offer for many years to come'. Well, with some rather serious ups-and-downs, my total colectomy has given me a new lease of life. I'd be lying to you if I told you that life has been easy since then, but given how poorly I was in 2008 I think it reasonable to claim that, in a modest way, I have experienced 'resurrection'.

Perhaps it is unsurprising, at this time when we plunge ever closer to 'The Easter Event', that I should be reminded of the events of three years ago. Not only is the number 'three' hugely significant in the Christian Story ('three days' between Cross and Resurrection

and so on), but perhaps many of us think about our own experiences of pain and new life as we ponder the meaning of Good Friday.

This can be very difficult to do, especially if one is going through a terrible time oneself. Perhaps all one can do in such circumstances is seek to hold on and resist in the hope that the new dawn will come. And one should never ever trivialize the pain of the world and pretend that it is less real than it is. Sometimes the scars of suffering never ever fully heal. Yet the story of Easter is one of promise and a new day; of suffering transformed. I know that, through the skill of surgeons and through the grace of the Holy Spirit, I have received renewed vigour in life; but the scars of the surgery will always be with me and I will carry the cost of illness with me for as long as I will live. But even in this is a deep message, for me, about God.

Rachel
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Easter Word Search

H B M S M L A P U M E L E
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N T O P I L A T E L O N A
E B R S H S E R A T L A G
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Palms
Triumphant
Messiah
Praise
donkey
Passover
Bread
Body
Betrayal
False
mock
Jerusalem
Pilate
Judas
Gethsemane
Crucifixion
Soldiers
Cross
Vinegar
tomb
angel
stone
risen
Mary

Flower League

Coffee Morning Thank you



On behalf of the Flower League I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to everyone who supported our recent coffee morning. The kitchen staff as always gave of their best, as did the waitresses and stall holders.

We raised the grand total of £271.48. A big thank you must go to all our customers who come along regularly to enjoy what is always we hope a sociable occasion. Without your hope and support our church would not be able to have flowers in church every week.

Norma Cookson



At the Big Brew Coffee Morning, we raised £133.15 for Traidcraft Exchange.

Thank you to everyone who helped at or came along and supported the Fair Trade coffee morning on 12th March. The theme for the event was honey production, and some brave participants had a go at the very difficult quiz about bees and honey!

Rosemary Mbogo, Traidcraft's regional programme manager for East Africa, trains beekeepers. She says,

“Every day I see the transformations in the lives of poor people that your help makes possible. I am certain that if you could be with me you would be amazed at the difference you make.”

Guido and Sonia Guenupen, Apico-op Beekeepers from Chile say,
“With the beekeeping we have enough money to give our kids education.”

Traidcraft has helped to replace beehives in Chile that were damaged in the 2010 earthquake.

Jill Lomas



Women's Fellowship

Coffee Morning, and Bring & Buy Sale

Saturday 30th April
From 10.30am to 12noon in
the church hall.

Coffee & Biscuit—50p. Everyone welcome!

Church A.G.M

Sunday 10th April at 12noon

The Annual General Meeting for St.Nicholas Church will take place after the 10.30am service. Refreshments will be available from 11.30am.

We hope all members of the congregation will be able to join us for this important meeting to reflect on the events of the last year and to look ahead to the future. The meeting will last approximately one hour.

Hope you can join us,

Thank you,

Rachel, Grace and Jill.



Report on the Children's Society North West Supporter's Conference

The venue for the Conference this year was Liverpool Anglican Cathedral.

It was cold and misty that Saturday morning when Colin and I set out very early to arrive at the Conference for 9.30am. With only minutes to spare we managed to catch the 8.07 train, at Manchester Piccadilly, bound for Liverpool. On the train we met Janet who had travelled from Macclesfield.

The three of us arrived in good time to have tea or coffee. We then received our badges with a group colour, we were in the green group. After this we had an introduction and prayers. What followed was a most interesting talk given by Rob Jackson, the Assistant Director. The Talk was about the aims and work of the society in the 21st century.

Chris Clarke, the Regional Fundraising Manager then thanked us all for our efforts in raising money for the society. We were shown, on a screen, in pie charts how the past year's money had been raised. In our opinion the figure for Voluntary Giving came over as being very good.

After lunch the different coloured groups were each given workshops to attend. The workshops were entitled :Fundraising, The Preston LACES Scheme, Lancashire Children's Rights, The OLDHAM Resolve and The Warrington Project. With these projects we were given the opportunity to try and give possible solutions to the many harrowing stories.

After this our group were all feeling in Colin's words 'a little jaded' and we decided there and then to miss the service and hurry homewards.

Brenda Maclese

Comic Relief Quiz Night

Saturday 19th March

There were homemade cakes and Comic Relief noses for sale. The questions challenged our brains, Rachel's music round had us all singing along to hits through the decades.

Many thanks go to Claire Cawley, Lucy and Emily Crossley for the setting up, Rachel Mann for being quizmaster, Sharon and Mike Bartlett for providing welcome hot roast sandwiches, Alison C and Margaret W for being waitresses and Danielle Bartlett for help with washing up. Thanks also to Jane Cawley and Julie Crossley for donating all the Comic Relief 'stuff' and the prizes for the quiz.

A great night was had by all and we raised £72 for Church funds and £150 for Comic Relief. Well done everyone !



LENT COURSES

St.Nicholas afternoon lent course at the Rectory on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm through lent.

CTIB (Christians Together in Burnage) 'Exploring God's Calling, Home, Work, Church, Community' as recommended by the Bishop of Manchester. This will take place at St.Margaret's, Burnage Lane from 7.30 to 9.00pm on Wednesday evenings :16th, 23rd, 30th March and 6th,13th April.



MOTHERING SUNDAY 3rd April

The old Gospel reading for this Sunday was about the feeding of the 5,000 so it was originally called Refreshment Sunday. This Sunday became linked with family reunions and gatherings and became Mothering Sunday.



Mother's Day, which in this country is on the same day as Mothering Sunday, is an American invention started in 1906. Mother's Day is directly connected with the mother of the family but Mothering Sunday is more connected with Mother Church, the family meaning has been added on.

MOTHER'S DAY CARD

Nice cards for Mother's Day can be rather expensive so why don't you make your own? You don't have to be an artist to make a lacy card. You will need some coloured card, glue and a paper lace doily.

Cut a piece of card twice as big as the card you want and fold it in half. Cut your decoration from the doily, some have lovely patterns of hearts, flowers and leaves. Put a very small amount of glue on the back of the 'lace' and press it onto the card. Finish by writing a nice message inside.



Why was the Egyptian girl worried?

Because her daddy was a mummy.

What stories do the sailor's children like to hear?

Ferry tales.

Did you hear about the little boy that they named after his father?

They called him dad.

How did your mum know you hadn't washed your face?

I forgot to wet the soap.

Church Duty Rota (March 2011)

Date	Warden 8.30 a.m.	Warden 10.30 a.m.	Altar Duty	Lay Assistants	SidesPeople
3rd	Fred Murphy	Grace Manley	Jenna Bartlett	Brenda Maclese Cliff Stockton	Muriel Nicol Christine Taylor Elaine Johnson
10th	Fred Murphy	Alison Mills	Jenny Cullen	Louise Hollingsworth Jill Lomas	Brenda Maclese Amy Haygarth Sue Morris
17th	Fred Murphy	Jill Lomas	Lucy Crossley	Grace Manley Anne Tudor	Anne Tudor Anne Holmes Jane Cawley
24th	Fred Murphy	Grace Manley	Oliver Mills	Anne Holmes Enid Harvey	Sybil Gawkrödger Alma Cockshoot Caroline Abiodon



"It's the only way we can cope with all the couples who want to get married on the same day as William and Kate."



Wordsearch Solution

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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

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.



...at... the good news is the youth-group have made a great start by pressure-washing the west window...

Church Prize Draw

St Nicholas Club Draw

Drawn Sunday 6th February

1st Prize 18: Michael Cherry

2nd Prize 22: Tony Witty

P.C.C. Raffle

February : Muriel Clark

Raised £23.60 for church funds

Parish Registers—(February 2011)

Week Ending	Communicants	Cash	Envelopes	Total
6th	55	£21.00	£328.50	£349.50
13th	54	£30.55	£288.00	£318.55
20th	55	£9.20	£284.00	£293.20
27th	37	£10.05	£259.60	£269.65
			Total for month	£1,230.90

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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Mrs. Alison Mills

Hon. Treasurer. Mrs. Elaine Jess

Minutes Secretary Mrs. Anne Ackerman

Deanery Synod Mrs. Grace Manley
Ms. Jane Cawley

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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