



St. Nicholas News



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September 2011

Church Diary September 2011

Date	Time	Event
Sunday 4th	8.30am 10.30 a.m.	Trinity 11 Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Tuesday 6th	7.30pm	Taize evening prayer, all welcome
Wednesday 7th	10.00am 2.30pm	Eucharist Women's Fellowship
Thursday 8th	7.30pm	Fundraising Committee, glass room
Sunday 11th	8.30 a.m. 10.30am	Trinity 12 Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Monday 12th	7,30pm	PCC glass meeting room
Wednesday 17th	10.00am	Eucharist
Thursday 15th	6.00pm 7.30pm	PCC Pastoral Committee, Parrswood Pub BURNAGE COMMUNITY CHOIR FIRST rehearsal, all welcome
Friday 16th	From 6.30pm	CLCGB RE-LAUNCH and OPEN NIGHT—all welcome
Sunday 18th	8.30 a.m. 10.30am	Trinity 13 Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Wednesday 21st	10.00am 2.30pm 8.00pm	Eucharist Women's Fellowship CTIB Executive St.Bernard's Burnage Lane
Saturday 24th	6.00 to 9.00pm	DIDSBURY ARTS FESTIVAL : IN CHURCH Opening night of Art Exhibition entitles 'Sacred & Profane Love' - Rob Floyd & John Fitzgerald.
Sunday 25th	8.30 a.m. 10.30am	Trinity 14 Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Wednesday 28th	10.00am	Eucharist
Thursday 29th	9.00pm	DIDSBURY ARTS FESTIVAL :Performance of 'Purgatory' tickets £5 , licensed bar
Friday 30th	8.00pm	DIDSBURY ARTS FESTIVAL:IN CHURCH musical event 'Bless DAF' - starts at 8pm and is £8 entry , licensed bar

Rachel writes...

The recent rioting and violence in many of our cities, including Manchester, has fed the prejudices of many about young people. Young people, many conclude, are angry, lost and disrespectful; they are only interested in possessions and fulfilling their own selfish ends, prepared to use violence in order to fulfil them.

There is no doubt that the rioting, primarily carried out by young people (though not exclusively so) was shocking and unedifying. However, it is extraordinarily lazy to seek to tar all young people with the same brush. The commitment shown by thousands of young people to cleaning up Manchester, Birmingham and London prove that point beyond a doubt. And of course once we get beyond knee jerk reactions we know that most young people are wonderfully committed, energetic and hopeful. The challenge for society is to find ways to shape the energies and abilities of all young people and to break the criminal grip which hold some communities in thrall.

At St Nick's we have been hugely blessed with gifted and compassionate young people and children. Maker's Club, our Sunday School, has encouraged and nourished their faith, and our Church Lads and Girl's Brigade (aka the Brigade) has provided fun, challenge and excitement. In the past year the Brigade has been blessed with three new young leaders – all in their teens – willing to help younger members get the best out their time.

Sadly, however, running alongside this wonderful commitment, the Brigade has, for a number of reasons, been struggling for numbers. I – and many others at St Nick's – am extraordinarily keen for the Brigade to develop and become the flourishing organization it was previously. As part of our plan to do this, we shall be re-launching the Brigade this Autumn. One aspect of this will be a series of open nights beginning on Friday September 16th. We shall be advertising it as widely as we can and hope that the local media will pick up on this. However, we can all play our part. It is important that the whole church has a sense of

responsibility for our organizations and seeks to promote good things like Brigade. Meeting on a Friday night, it seeks to work with young people across a broad range of ages and should you, your family or friends have young people who may benefit from its activities, please recommend it. Further information can be provided by Margaret Witty on 0161 432 2933.

Sometimes people say, 'Young people are the future of the church'. This is understandable, but misses out on a key truth: young people are also the church of today. We need to find ways of encouraging all – young and old – to grow in faith, hope and love together. A flourishing Brigade is one dimension of that. If we are all unable to commit to helping that growth, if we think 'Oh that's someone else's problem', then we fail to show our commitment to Christ. Jesus famously said, 'Unless you become like a child, you shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven'; Jesus, then, understood the importance of childlike qualities in our journey of faith – trust, hope, enthusiasm and love. If we – whatever age we may have reached – fail to demonstrate them, we are in danger of being very far from the Kingdom.

Rachel
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Do you enjoy singing ?? Fancy joining a choir ??

Well we have an answer

Burnage Community Choir

**FIRST REHEARSAL Thursday 15th
September**

No auditions, everyone welcome

Can I have an Amen ?

In the line at the store, the cashier told an older woman that she should bring her own grocery bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The woman apologized to her and explained, "We didn't have the green thing back in my day."

The clerk responded, " That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment." She was right -- our generation didn't have the green thing in its day.

Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But we didn't have the green thing back in our day. We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks. But she was right; we didn't have the green thing in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throw-away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 220 volts -- wind and solar power really did dry the clothes. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that old lady is right: we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the state of Montana. In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us.

When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used a wadded up old newspaper to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn petrol just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right; we didn't have the green thing back then. We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But we didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school

or walked instead of turning their mums into a 24-hour taxi service..We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint.

But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the green thing back then?

Jill Lomas

‘ Awareness Sunday’ marks the 10th anniversary of 9/11 terrorist attacks

It is now nearly ten years since the deadly attacks on the Twin Towers in New York City. The 10th anniversary falls on a Sunday, and as it approaches, churches across the country are joining in a special campaign to mark the day: Awareness Sunday: A Path to Peace. They will mark the day with special services and prayers, as a day of remembrance and reconciliation.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, who is patron of the Awareness Foundation, and who was in New York at the time of the attacks said: "Awareness Sunday is acknowledging through education, the urgent need to dispel ignorance and the urgent need to help each one of us to build a path for peace in our diverse, ever-changing world,"

The Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu said: "I welcome Awareness Sunday as it seeks to reach out and build better relationships based on mutual respect and understanding."

The campaign is also supported by The Most Revd Dr Desmond Tutu Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town: "This is a wonderful initiative. We need to make each other more aware of our God-given humanity. We need to celebrate our rainbow diversity."

The Revd Nadim Nassar, President of the campaign and curate at Holy Trinity, Sloane Square in London, said it was important that the anniversary was used as a milestone in the continuing path for peace. Listen to the Podcast with Nadim at <http://www.churchofengland.org/media-centre/follow-us-online/podcasts.aspx>

A special public service of remembrance and reconciliation for Awareness Sunday will take place at Westminster Abbey at 6.30pm on Sunday 11th September 2011. Other events and services will be held around the country.

Songs of Praise turns 50



The very first ever BBC Songs Of Praise was recorded 50 years ago this month, and broadcast on 1 October 1961.

The first programme was recorded on 25 September at the Welsh Baptist Tabernacle Chapel in Cardiff city centre (Tabernacle, Capel y Bedyddwyr). This past summer all surviving members of the original congregation were invited to return for the recording of the anniversary edition, which was conducted by Tim Rhys-Evans, musical director of Only Men Aloud.

Songs of Praise has long been the most popular and beloved of all BBC worship programmes. During its 50 years it has visited more than 1,800 churches, cathedrals and chapels, singing over 12,500 hymns. Guest presenters over the years have included Sir Cliff Richard, Alan Titchmarsh and Toyah Willcox. At its peak, 12m viewers watched the programme, with audiences still 2.5m. Songs of Praise has featured in episodes of comedies Vicar of Dibley and The Brittas Empire

Cardiff's Millennium Stadium was the location for Songs of Praise's largest ever episode. The special edition saw 60,000 worshippers, a 6,000 piece choir, an orchestra of 100 harps, the band of the Welsh Guards and an anthem specially written by Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber marking the first Sunday of the new millennium.

Songs of praise is broadcast on BBC 1 at 5.30pm on a Sunday evening.

The 50th anniversary concert will take place on **Sunday 25 September** and will be broadcast on BBC One in early October. For information on how to buy tickets and full terms and conditions please go to bbc.co.uk/songsofpraise.



"When she said to pay attention to her sermon because there would be questions later, I thought it was a joke."



Of course, Vicar, you are most welcome to some harvest milk. Would you like 4% fat, 3.5% fat, 1% fat, pre-treated, post-treated, homogenised, whole, skimmed, semi-skimmed or flavoured...?

Chadrick and 14th Century Chapel Country Estate



Chadrick is south of Romiley Village, Stockport Charick Estate and Local Nature Reserve is a quiet rural retreat. The historic site is in the home of a 14th century chapel, St.Chad's Well, a century farmhouse and a restored Victorian walled garden, all set in the beautiful Goyt Valley. The name Chadrick means the 'Church of St. Chad'.

On Saturday 30th July, Colin and I went to the 'Well Dressing' at Chadrick. It was a lovely hot day. We arrived early and were able to see inside the chapel before the crowds arrived. There were a lot of stalls to look at and we were able to sit and listen to Stockport Silver Band whilst we ate our lunch.

One of Colin's ancestors was baptised in the chapel in 1793, his name was George Barlow. While Colin was having a sit down I was able to speak to a lady called Mary. Mary was baptised in the chapel in 1923 and she was able to tell me all about the history of the chapel.

The chapel is not consecrated for services but it is used for special services e.g. Harvest, Christmas and Easter. There are so many people who want to attend the services that they hold two services by ticket only. Mary said that there is no charge for the tickets.

While we were there we met Jill, Alan and friends from St.John's Heaton Mersey. They all mentioned the lovely walk they had taken along the canal. Colin and I decided to go for a stroll along the canal as far as Romiley.

You can get to Chadrick by bus or car. Please note it is a long walk from the bus stop.

It is well worth a visit. We shall be going again to visit other parts of the estate.

Brenda Maclese



Art Exhibition here

Sat 24th September to Sat 1st October

Works by Steve Raw & Rob Lloyd

Opening night open from 6-9pm, daily

12 –2pm and 7-8pm other times by

arrangement—call 432 7009

Performance of ‘Purgatory’

Thursday 29th September 9.00pm

Tickets £5

‘BLESS DAF ‘Musical Event

Friday 30th September 8.00pm

Tickets £8

(licensed bar Thursday and Friday)

Church Duty Rota (September 2011)

Date	Warden 8.30 a.m.	Warden 10.30 a.m.	Altar Duty	Lay Assistants	SidesPeople
4th	Fred Murphy	Alison Mills	Lucy Crossley	Louise Hollingsworth Jill Lomas	Anne Tudor Anne Holmes
11th	Fred Murphy	Alison Mills	Oliver Mills	Anne Holmes Enid Harvey	Sybil Gawkrödger Caroline Abiodon
18th	Fred Murphy	Jane Cawley	Clare Lancaster	Brenda Maclese Cliff Stockton	Margaret Vessey Michael Vessey Muriel Clark
25th	Fred Murphy	Jill Lomas	Emily Crossley	Grace Manley Jane Cawley	Julie Crossley Cass Williamson Sue Morris

Parish Registers—(June 2011)

Week Ending	Communicants	Cash	Envelopes	Total
5th	89	31.90	250.00	281.90
12th	98	2.60	338.50	341.10
19th	47	20.00	264.00	284.00
26th	48	22.00	358.00	360.00
			Total for month	1,267.00

St Nicholas Club Draw

Application forms for the 2011/12 club draw are now available. A one year subscription is £12.50, a contribution towards the upkeep of the church as well as an opportunity to win a 1st prize of £25 or a 2nd prize of £15 in a monthly draw.

The first draw for the new season will take place on Harvest Sunday. Please buy your draw ticket—we need you ! (application forms on the porch table)

Many thanks and good luck, *Fred Murphy*

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 Prize Draws St Nicholas Club Draw

Drawn Sunday 1st May

1st Prize : 43- Tony Huddart

2nd Prize : 54—Doris Crossley

P.C.C. Raffle May

Won by Barbara Gregory

Raised £47 for Church Funds

Charity Collection

for Macmillan Nurses raised £45.00.

Harvest Sunday 2nd October

Please bring final contributions
for Barnabus Charity

All –age worship

Parish Lunch from 12noon

(tickets available from Anne Tudor on Sunday morning or by
phoning Rachel on 432 7009)



