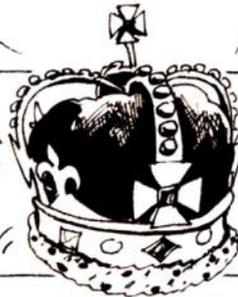




# *St. Nicholas News*



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## *Church Diary June 2012*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sunday 3rd	8.30 a.m. 10.30am	<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b> Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Tuesday 5th	7.30pm	<b>Taize Evening Prayer</b>
Wednesday 6th	7.30pm	Fund raising committee, glass room
Thursday 7th	7.30pm	Community Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 10th	8.30 a.m. 10.30am	<b>Trinity 1</b> Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Wednesday 13th	10.00am 7.30pm	Eucharist Makers Club meeting, glass room
Thursday 14th	7.30pm	Community choir in church
Sunday 17th	8.30 a.m. 10.30am	<b>Trinity 2 :FATHER'S DAY</b> Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Wednesday 20th	10.00am	Eucharist
Thursday 21st	7.30pm	Community choir in church
Saturday 23rd	10.00 to 2.00pm	<b>Royal Tea Party Café and Fair</b>
Sunday 24th	8.30am 10.30am	<b>Birth : John the Baptist</b> Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion
Monday 25th	<b>7.30pm</b>	PCC Stewardship group meeting, Parrswood pub
Tuesday 26th	<b>8.00pm</b>	CTiB Meeting Christ Church, Burnage Lane
Wednesday 23rd	10.00am	Eucharist
Thursday 28h	7.30pm	Community choir

Please hand in articles for May magazine by Sunday 10th June Thank you.

## *Rachel writes...*

As many of you will be aware, I've recently had an increase in health problems. These problems are proving rather serious and, while I am hopeful that solutions will soon be found, they are having a significant impact on my day-to-day living. It is not some-

thing I typically choose to dwell upon in these pages. I am aware that very many people are dealing with issues, both in terms of health and otherwise, more pressing and I should prefer not to sport

with you by drawing unnecessary attention to my own struggles. Nonetheless, I remained convinced that there are significant things – about God in particular – that may be discovered during times of distress. I want to explore some of them here.

One of the many depredations of illness is the sense that one is 'stuck'. That is, that one's life is on hold. I suspect that, no matter what age we are, the one thing we want to get on with is our life. When one is ill things get put on hold as one trails round after tests and appointments. It is, of

course, typically very frustrating and can be very worrying as one waits for news from the doctors. However, I want to invite you to see such times as opportunities. We are always being invited to wait on the Lord. When one is as restless and as in need of a role as me this is so very hard, and yet it is a deep calling.

*This is not the easy  
God, but the God  
who walks with us  
when we are in the  
wilderness.*

God can be discovered in so many ways, but God's voice is often most discernible when we find ways to be still. It is never easy to be still and is especially hard when

we feel life is stuck and a struggle. And yet, I have often found in the midst of the fear and the doubt, moments of waiting. I have encountered the God of love and encouragement arriving with good news in the midst of life's storm.

Wouldn't it be comforting to believe that, if only we are faithful, if only we tried to be good, we'd be protected from life's storms and troubles? But, friends, this is not even a belief fit for a bedtime story. Life simply isn't like that.

question is ‘How are we to respond?’ Anyone who has ever experienced chronic illness will know that one goes through the whole range of emotions – worry, fear, frustration, hope, depression and sometimes something akin to despair. But God doesn’t promise to make every little thing ok in this life. He only promises to be with us until the end of the age. And what a promise this is! I cannot speak for anyone else, and we all have to work out our faith in fear and trembling, but there is – in the midst of pain and brokenness – the reality of God. This God isn’t pretty or nice or sentimental. But he is God – the God who Jesus met in the desert, the God who was with the Israelites as they wandered for 40 years in the Wilderness and the God who accepts the pain of crucifixion. This is not the easy God, but the God who walks with us when we are in the wilderness. And this is the God who – as with Jesus when he had faced temptation during his 40 days in the wilderness – will come with ministering angels. We simply need the courage and the hope to wait for them to arrive.

Rachel  
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You are all invited to our .....

# **Royal Tea Party Café & Fair**

*On Saturday 23rd June*

From 10.00 to 2.00pm



Cafe with sandwiches and strawberry cream  
teas, stalls, games

Admission: Adults 50p Children Free

## *Thoughts from the Brigade*

Sometimes when you least expect it God gives the reassurance that you are on the right track and to keep going.

A few weeks at Brigade Jordan, Courtney and Cameron presented us with this letter and homemade gifts. They read the letter out to us at the beginning of the session.

Sharon, Jenna, Keeley, Jenny and myself, had tears in our eyes and lumps in our throats as they did so. The idea that they had gone to so much trouble to show their appreciation meant so much to us all.

Thanks Jordan, Courtney, and Cameron for being so considerate.

*Margaret*

*The children wrote a poem, it is printed as written:*

*A poem about our uth club*

*Our staff our caring and kind*

*They respect people and share*

*They do things careful and care about other people.*

*They make a really good effort in everything they do.*

*They do fun games with us no matter if there poruy they still make an effort to come.*

*Thank you from*

*Courtney, Jorden + Cameron*

# *Holy Days : June 11*

## *Barnabas – Paul's first missionary companion*

Are you going to Cyprus on holiday this year? If so, spare a thought for the Cypriot who played such a key role in the New Testament.

He was Joseph, a Jewish Cypriot and a Levite, who is first mentioned in Acts 4:36, when the early church was sharing a communal lifestyle. Joseph sold a field and gave the money to the apostles. His support so touched them that they gave him the nickname of Barnabas, 'Son of Encouragement'.

Barnabas has two great claims to fame. Firstly, it was Barnabas who made the journey to go and fetch the converted Paul out of Tarsus, and persuade him to go with him to Antioch, where there were many new believers with no one to help them. For a year the two men ministered there, establishing a church. It was here that the believers were first called Christians.

It was also in Antioch (Acts 13) that the Holy Spirit led the church to 'set aside' Barnabas and Paul, and send them out on the church's first ever 'missionary journey'. The Bible tells us that they went to Cyprus, and travelled throughout the island. It was at Lystra that the locals mistook Barnabas for Zeus and Paul for Hermes, much to their dismay.

Much later, back in Jerusalem, Barnabas and Paul decided to part company. While Paul travelled on to Syria, Barnabas did what he could do best: return to Cyprus and continue to evangelise it. So if you go to Cyprus and see churches, remember that Christianity on that beautiful island goes right back to Acts 13, when Barnabas and Paul first arrived.

In England there are 13 ancient church dedications and not a few modern ones. Barnabas the generous, the encourager, the apostle who loved his own people – no wonder he should be remembered with love.

# *Sixty Years our Queen*

A dozen tenants of Number Ten  
And twelve the White House has seen  
Since fifty-two, for that was when  
Began the reign of our Queen.

And so they come, and so they go  
The Dame, or titled Knight,  
Some shone, it seems, an age ago  
Short as a mayfly's flight.

Some were good, and some were poor  
It seems she's met all sorts!  
The Queen smiles on, but to be sure –  
You'll never guess her thoughts!

"My Government shall this enact",  
The Queen's Speech – sixty times!  
At Christmas, too, she's never lacked  
Encouraging seasonal lines.

Through times of peace and times of strife  
She's stood there at the helm,  
For she has lived her whole long life  
For the peoples of her realm.

Of this one fact we may depend  
That few would be the tears  
If God should choose her life to extend  
To reign for lots more years!

Well, you can't but admire her. God save the Queen!

*By Nigel Beeton*

# *A Dorset Christening*

We drive down through twisting lanes canopied with spring leaves and May blossom on either side. At last we see the old manor standing in a green valley - lying between two long chalk hills. Bright yellow oil seed rape dazzles from the top corner, while ewes and their lambs graze in the fields below. The River Wyn flows crystal clear – cleansed by those chalk hills.

A short distance from the house is a small stone church, bathed in sunlight. This is St Laurence Church in Wynford Eagle. Built in 1840 it replaces a much older church which stood in meadow since 1099. Wynford Eagle, and its lands were given, after the Norman conquest in 1066, to Richard de Aquila (Eagle).



Inside the church there are a dozen small pews. On one wall is a monument to the submariners who lost their lives in World War II-

the sea is only 15 miles away. At the East end of the church is a window depicting "The Good Shepherd." In the scene, sheep lie down by the "still water", surrounded with plants and flowers.

The Christening party arrives, a fresh south-westerly breeze tugging at their smart suits and summer dresses. The owners of the estate have given permission for the church to be used for the service – as it is for one of their workers – a shepherd himself.

The vicar has had quite a problem getting an opportunity to talk to the shepherd about the service. All through March and April he worked long hours, often at night, delivering over 800 lambs- some of them in the field next door. Today his own little lamb, his baby son of nine months is to be christened. (A plastic jug of water had to be fetched from a nearby cottage – there being no water on tap at the church for the font.)



Echoing the inscription in the stained glass we sing.

*"The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;*



*I nothing lack if I am his, and his is mine for ever.*

*Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul  
he leadeth,*

*And where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial  
feedeth.”*

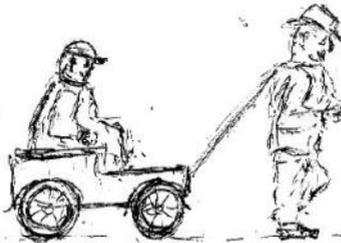
And so my great nephew, Ethan, is baptised and welcomed by family, friends and farmworkers into the church.

**Jill Lomas**

## *The Gardening Team*

Bev and Fred have a new form of transport, to enable them to weed and tender the flowerbeds. Mr Mann drew this picture during a recent visit to the rectory. Brilliant !

HOW TO BEAT THE TRAFFIC JAMS ON THE A34  
IN MANCHESTER.



THESE TWO GENTS DONT NEED MODERN  
WAYS OF TRANSPORT, JUST GOOD OLD  
FASHION WAYS, OF GETTING FROM  
A TO B. WELL DONE GENTS,  
TAKE NOTE! THE YOUNG GENERATION.  
YOU CANT DO THIS ON PHONES, AND  
I.PODS, OR COMPUTERS.COM.

## *Church Duty Rota (June 2012)*

Date	Warden 8.30 a.m.	Warden 10.30 a.m.	Altar Duty	Lay Assistants	SidesPeople
3rd	Fred Murphy	Jane Cawley	Emily Crossley	Alison Mills Lyn Rimmer	Muriel Nicol Amy Haygarth
10th	Fred Murphy	Alison Mills	Jane Cawley	Jane Cawley Jill Lomas	Brnda Maclese Grace Manley
17th	Fred Murphy	Jane Cawley	Claire Lancaster	Julie Crossley Grace Manley	Julie Crossley Cass Williamson
24th	Fred Murphy	Jill Lomas	Louise Hollingsworth	Margaret Vessey Louise Hollingsworth	Anne Tudor Anne Holmes Elaine Johnson

### *Parish Registers—(April 2012)*

Week Ending	Communicants	Cash	Envelopes	Total
1st	55	22.00	340.25	360.25
8th	140	8.10	430.60	438.70
15th	35	6.00	250.50	256.50
22nd	38	20.50	324.50	345.00
29th	44	9.00	282.70	291.70
			Total for month	

**P.C.C. Raffle**  
April :Anne Tudor  
Raised £27.00

**St Nicholas Club Draw**  
Drawn Sunday 1st April  
1st Prize : 82 Jason Smith  
2nd Prize :37 Louisa Barry

# Organisations

The Maker's Club (Sunday School)  
Mrs. Margaret Witty (0161 432 2933)

Church Lads' & Church Girls' Brigade  
Mrs. Margaret Witty (0161 432 2933)

For all children aged 3 years upwards in the hall from 10.15 a.m

Every Friday in St. Nicholas Church Halls

Women's Fellowship  
Chairman: Mrs Ann Holmes (0161 434 2245)

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.

Second and Fourth Wednesdays at 2.30 p.m.

Confirmation Classes :For young people and adults by arrangement with the Minister.

## *And finally.... say Grace together at your Big Jubilee Lunch*

On Sunday 3 June, the Queen has invited the nation to sit down together with neighbours and friends for a Big Jubilee Lunch. To mark the occasion, a special Grace has been written and seen by Her Majesty:

Grace for Diamond Jubilee Lunches

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, we give you thanks for the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth; for her steadfast faith and for her royal service to this nation and all the peoples of the Commonwealth. Bless the food before us and the people beside us; may the sharing of this meal strengthen our communities, and nurture the bonds between us of friendship, hope and trust. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ who reigns as servant of all. Amen.

Do you enjoy singing ?? Fancy joining a choir ?? well we have an answer .....



## **Burnage Community Choir**

Meets on Thursday evening 7.30pm in St.Nick's

# 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.

<b>Minister</b>	Rev'd Rachel Mann 0161 432 7009
<b>Organist</b>	Mr Oliver Mills (07786 337087)
<b>Churchwardens</b>	Mrs. Jill Lomas (0161 432 5426) Mrs. Alison Mills (01625 540376 mobile number 07932071977 )
<b>Assistant Wardens</b>	Mr. Fred Murphy Ms Jane Cawley
<b>Hon. Treasurer.</b>	Mrs. Elaine Jess
<b>Minutes Secretary</b>	Mrs. Ann Ackerman
<b>Deanery Synod</b>	Mrs. Grace Manley Ms. Jane Cawley
<b>Elected on PCC</b>	Mr. Fred Murphy (Ass Warden) Ms. Jane Cawley (Ass Warden) Mrs Ann Ackerman ( Hon. Sec) Mrs Elaine Jess (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs Julie Crossley, Mrs Alison Cullen Mrs. Sue Morris Mrs Christine Price Mrs. Lyn Rimmer (Electoral Roll Officer) Mrs. Margaret Vessey Mr. Michael Vessey, (Co-opted non-voting) Mrs. Margaret Witty, Mr. Tony Witty,
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