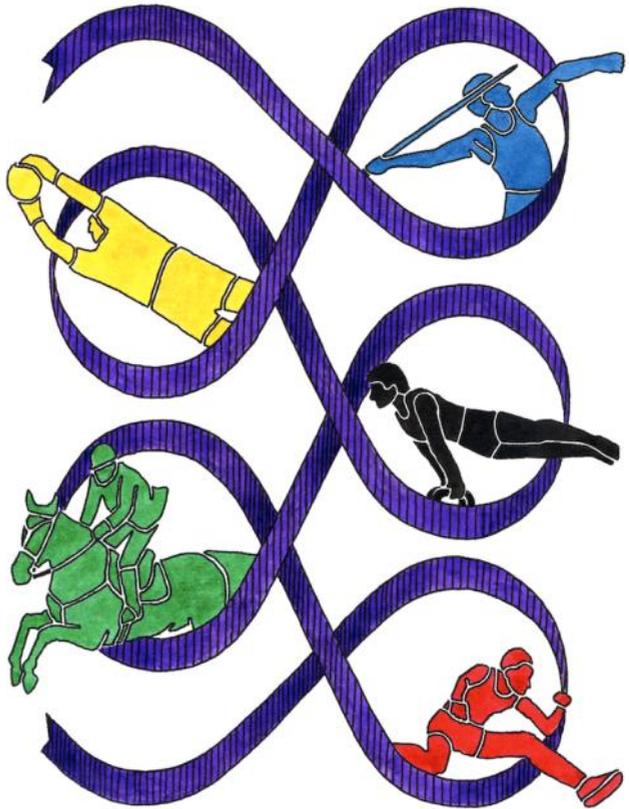




St. Nicholas News



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Church Diary July 2012

Date	Time	Event
Sunday 1st	8.30 a.m. 10.30am	TRINITY 4 Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Tuesday 3rd	7.30pm	Taize Evening Prayer
Wednesday 4th	10.00am	Eucharist
Thursday 5th	7.30pm	Community Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 8th	8.30 am 10.30am	Trinity 5 Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Tuesday 10th	7.30pm	Holiday Club meeting, glass room
Wednesday 11th	10.00am	Eucharist
Thursday 12th	7.30pm	NO Community choir
Sunday 15th	8.30 a.m. 10.30am	All age worship Holy Communion (BCP) Family service
Wednesday 18th	10.00am	Eucharist
Thursday 19th	7.30pm	Community choir in church
Saturday 21st	10.30am to 12noon	Coffee Morning in aid of 'STOP THE TRAFFIK'
Sunday 22nd	8.30am 10.30am	Mary Magdalene Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion
Wednesday 25th	10.00am	Eucharist
Thursday 26th	7.30pm	Community choir
Sunday 29th	8.30am 10.30am	Trinity 8 Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion

Please hand in articles for August magazine by Sunday 15th July Thank you.

Rachel writes...

Memory is a tricky thing. Ask five different people to recall the details of an event they've witnessed together – a wedding, an accident or a football match – and each will remember different things. Memory is not always to be trusted. Nonetheless I have very strong – and hopefully reliable – memories of past Olympic Games. I remember Allan Wells dipping for victory in the 100m at the Moscow Games in 1980. I still thrill when I think of Daley Thompson's huge grin and herculean effort as he won the Decathlon in Los Angeles in 1984. I remember cheering Steve Redgrave and Matt Pinsent to victory at Barcelona. The London Olympics – which begin later this month – will be a time for the making of new memories, the breaking of records and hopefully will be a genuinely festival of sport.

There will be many who will complain about the cost of the games or the fact that there will be wall-to-wall TV coverage. Some

will also say we should ignore the Olympics because of the simple fact that, from a Mancunian point of view, it's all pretty much happening in that 'other place' down south. Nonetheless, I know that once it starts I shall get caught up in the atmosphere and find myself watching sports I barely understand (Archery and Clay Pigeon Shooting, anyone?) with rapt attention. I shall also be going to one of the football matches at Old Trafford. Whatever else we think about the Olympics it is a

Festival of Sport. It offers us an opportunity to witness men and women seeking to exceed and hoping to achieve. Sport – like art – helps us to experience hope, failure and redemption.

The Olympics is in very many ways nothing like what we do in Church. For example, thankfully our churches are not based on competition. But if the Olympics are a feast and a festival, they are a reminder to us of the importance of celebration and festival in the

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life of the Church. Our European neighbours – especially in Spain and Italy – have not lost sight of the importance of Festival or Fiesta. They are unafraid of getting everyone out for celebration and joy and recognizing that life has particular rhythms and seasons. has, in one sense, been a national fiesta, but at a deep level we are called to make 'feast' the heart of church life. Church life, as a whole, is about more than going through the motions. At the heart of who we are is Jesus Christ – the one who in his incarnation enjoyed people's company, enjoyed food and wine, but who ultimately offered himself as a feast for all. His death and resurrection – serious matters to be sure – present the greatest feast in the world. When we have truly been filled with the food and drink of the Living God we are called to be sent out in service and in joy. So, let us enjoy the Feast of Sport we have on offer this summer, but let us also seek to be a feast for others in our everyday lives.

Rachel
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Coffee Morning Saturday 21st July

10.30 to 12noon



In aid of 'Stop the Traffik' - We believe that when people act things change. Our aim is to equip you to **raise awareness** and understanding of human trafficking, and to **make a difference and join the fight** and help the charity in Manchester.....

Stalls, cakes, toast, tea and coffee.

Please join us and give what you can to this worthwhile cause.

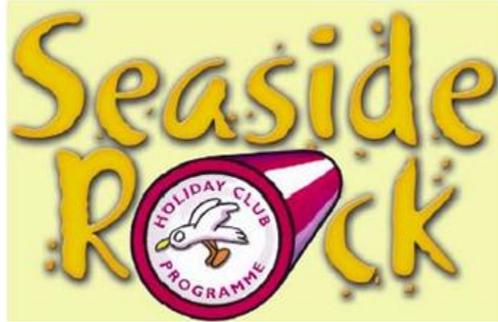
Why the Brits get homesick

How sad is this? British holiday makers can begin to miss home only four days and 14 hours into their foreign holidays. We yearn for our favourite TV shows, home cooking, and the perfect cup of tea – you know, the one that only you really know how to make. Some of us dislike having to be careful of drinking tap water, we miss the TV news, and we even confess to missing our postman and milkman. One in ten of us miss our job, and more than half of us worry about what is happening back home. 20 per cent of us dislike the other tourists and mosquitoes, 40 per cent of us miss our own bed, and 45 per cent of us admit to taking our own tea bags along – though somehow it doesn't taste as good as at home.... The research was undertaken by a travel insurance company.

Ten fun things to do during boring sermons

- 1 Pass a note to the organist asking whether he/she plays requests.
- 2 See if a yawn really is contagious.
- 3 Slap your neighbor. See if they turn the other cheek. If not, raise your hand and tell the preacher.
- 4 Listen for your preacher to use a word beginning with 'A' then 'B' and so on through the alphabet.
- 5 Sit in the back row and try to take the handbag of the lady in front of you by putting your toe through the handle.
- 6 Using your church bulletin to make a paper airplane. Test-fly it.
- 7 By unobtrusively drawing your arms up into your sleeves, turn your shirt around backwards.
- 8 Twiddle your thumbs.
- 9 Twiddle your neighbor's thumbs.
- 10 If all else fails, look up at the ceiling, point, and scream

St.Nicholas Holiday Club 2012



Thursday 30th & Friday 31st August

For 7 to 11 year olds

10.00 to 3.00pm



For a registration form:

Call Margaret on 0161 432 2933

Download a form from our website: st-nicholas-church.org.uk

Email: holidayclub@st-nicholas-church.org.uk

Please note all children need to be registered with Margaret for the club by Friday 24th August 2012.

For those about to fly away to foreign parts...

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the 'terminal'?

Why do you need a driving license to buy alcohol in America, when you can't drink and drive?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes when he had the chance?

I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be without sponges.



1st July Theobald (1017 – 1066) - choosing God, not money

If you are thinking of turning your back on wealth and privilege, in order to do something you feel God is calling you to do, Theobald may be the saint for you. He was born into an aristocratic family at Provins in France. But he became a hermit with a fellow ex-soldier in the Pettingen Forest in Luxembourg. They later moved to Salanigo in Italy. Theobald's holy life attracted so many followers that he was canonized by Pope Alexander II in 1073.

Prayer for the day

Dear God, so far today I've done alright. I haven't gossiped, or lost my temper,

Been greedy or grumpy, been nasty, selfish or overindulgent. ;m very thankful for that.

But in a minute, God I'm going to get out of bed;

And from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot more help.

AMEN

(Courtesy of Irene Smith)

The flower



Look at his flower

So very, very still.

Or choose your own flower.

Its shape can appear motionless;

Caught on a photograph;

Forever immobile—caught for an instance in time.

The colour of your flower is fresh and pure:

But think again of your chosen blooms “shape and stillness” as if frozen in time.

Are your lives frozen in the shape of daily routine?

We could release our static images and negative thoughts, and let positivity re-shape our actions and life-style. Pick a happy flower and send a prayer to God. A heart—felt prayer, that won't stay frozen in time.

Examples of a few prayers:

1. BE still and know that I am God (The Book of Psalms)
2. All is silent
In the still and soundless air
I fervently bow
To my almighty God (H.Ping—China)
3. My God and my all (St.Francis of Assisi)

Irene Smith



Church and community news

On Saturday 16th June Burnage Community Choir performed at Didsbury Festival. A very wet and windy day but the performance was enjoyed by all ! The choir performed at the church summer fair on Saturday 23rd June and they have been invited to sing at Didsbury Arts Festival in September.



Our summer fair on Saturday 23rd June raised a total (so far) of £1103.45p. The hall and church looked was decorated in red, white and blue for our 'Royal Tea Party' theme. Thanks to everyone who helped, donated or just came along to join in the fun !



Planning ahead:

We will celebrate St.Nicholas Church 80th Anniversary on Sunday 9th December 2012 with a 'FESTAL EVENSONG' at 3pm followed by High Tea. The Archdeacon of Salford David Sharples will be our guest preacher.

In February 2013 we are planning to hold a 'St.Nicholas Festival' - more details will follow

Church Duty Rota (July 2012)

Date	Warden 8.30 a.m.	Warden 10.30 a.m.	Altar Duty	Lay Assistants	SidesPeople
1st	Fred Murphy	Jane Cawley	Emily Crossley	Anne Holmes Anne Tudor	Sybil Gawkrödger Caroline Abiodon
8th	Fred Murphy	Alison Mills	Jane Cawley	Jane Cawley Grace Manley	Margaret Vessey Michael Vessey Muriel Clark
15th	Fred Murphy	Jill Lomas	Brenda Maclese	Brenda Maclese Cliff Stockton	Muriel Nicol Amy Haygarth
22nd	Fred Murphy	Jane Cawley	Claire Lancaster	Alison Mills Katy Mills	Brenda Maclese Grace Manley
29th	Fred Murphy	Alison Mills	Louise Hollingsworth	Louise Hollingsworth Julie Crossley	Julie Crossleu Cass Williamson Sue Morris

Parish Registers—(May 2012)

Week Ending	Communicants	Cash	Envelopes	Total
6th	39	6.00	331.00	337.00
13th	33	8.50	222.50	231.00
20th	30	3.00	361.50	364.50
27th	30	6.50	225.80	232.30
			Total for month	1164.80

St Nicholas Club Draw
 Drawn Sunday 6th May
 1st Prize : Sybil Gawkrödger
 2nd Prize :St.Nicholas

‘It’s impossible’ said pride
 ‘It’s risky’ said experience
 ‘It’s pointless’ said reason
 Give it a try whispered the heart
 Anon (courtesy of Jill Lomas)

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.

Laughter lines

Bowls

A small boy stunned his parents when he began to empty his pockets of coins. Finally his mother asked him where he had got all that money. "At church," the boy replied nonchalantly. "They have bowls of it."

Cry baby

A woman took her 4-month-old baby to visit her neighbour. The baby began to fuss soon after they arrived. Callum, the 5-year-old son of the neighbour she visited said, "Where did you get this little baby from?"

"He was sent from Heaven," the mother replied. As the baby continued to cry and yell, the little boy said, "I bet I know why he was sent from Heaven. God wanted it quiet up there!"

Obvious

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied: "They couldn't get a baby sitter."

Come

Minister: How come I never see you in church anymore, Morris?

Morris: There are too many hypocrites there, Reverend.

Minister: Don't worry, Morris; there's always room for one more.

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.

Minister

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0161 432 7009

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Mrs. Elaine Jess

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Mrs. Grace Manley
Ms. Jane Cawley

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Ms. Jane Cawley (Ass Warden)
Mrs Ann Ackerman (Hon. Sec)
Mrs Elaine Jess (Hon. Treasurer)
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Mrs Alison Cullen
Mrs. Sue Morris
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