



St. Nicholas News



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Church Diary August 2012

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 1st	10.00am	Eucharist
Thursday 2nd	7.30pm	Community Choir in church
Sunday 5th	8.30 a.m. 10.30am	TRINITY 9 Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Tuesday 7th	7.30pm	Taize Evening Prayer
Wednesday 8th	10.00am	Eucharist
Thursday 9th	7.30pm	Community Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 12th	8.30 a.m. 10.30am	Trinity 10 Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Wednesday 15th	10.00am	Eucharist
Thursday 16th	7.30pm	Community choir in church
Sunday 19th	8.30 a.m. 10.30am	Trinity 11 Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Wednesday 22nd	10.00am	Eucharist
Thursday 23rd	7.30pm	NO CHOIR REHEARSAL
Sunday 26th	8.30am 10.30am	Trinity 12 Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion
Wednesday 29th	10.00am	Eucharist
Thursday 30th and Friday 31st	10.00 to 3.00pm	Seaside Rocks Holiday Club

Advance notice : Saturday 1st September Coffee Morning to help Emily Crossley to raise funds for her trip to Rwanda in

Please hand in articles for Sept magazine by August 12th Thank you.

Rachel writes...

I hope and pray that by the time you read this our damp squib of a summer has become what the tabloids often refer to as a 'scorcher'. You don't need me to remind you that June was the wettest on record. Apparently the only creatures to have benefited from the extraordinarily soggy conditions are slugs and snails. The prospects for various harvests are rather poor and, at a psychological level, many folk have experienced this summer – despite some tremendous events - as a huge downer. Given the challenging economic and social outlook, this lack of sunshine has not exactly had the British full of joy. I even heard a joke which claimed that weather forecasters had given up predicting the weather and had simply started referring people to Genesis Chapter 7. (Do look it up!)

Depressing as this summer may have been, we should guard ourselves against self-

pity and self-indulgence. The flooding many folk have faced this year has been traumatic and ghastly. However, it is dangerous for a privileged society like ours to be too inward-looking. We risk being accused of being what some critics have called 'the pigs-in-clover society'. In Russia this summer over one hundred people died in flash flooding.

*Jesus is our
model of
humility.*

As I write this, over fifty thousand people are fleeing into refugee camps in South Sudan on the back of unseasonal torrential rain. We always need

to place our own travails in perspective. God, it seems to me, is rarely if ever in our complacency, but is always in our humility.

What is humility? It is a terribly tricky concept to pin down. Often Christians self-parody themselves by trying to make it mean 'putting oneself down'. Humility simply becomes a by-word for presenting ourselves to the world as 'no-good'. The Bible does invite us to think of ourselves as the least, but I suspect that is really a strategy

A Message From Traidcraft

Dear Supporter,

Well, the drought is over (in quite spectacular fashion for some of us!), and summer's here at last. Before the schools break up and you pack your bags for your holidays, I wanted to update you on how much you've helped us to achieve already this year.

We know that times are tough for everyone which makes it even more remarkable to see how generous you've been to the people we are working with around the world.

Thank you so much for your all your support.

With best wishes,

Paul Oliver
Head of Supporter Development

A Big Thank You

Thanks to all who gave to our recent Spring Appeal.

Thanks to the generous support of people like you, we have raised **£23,500** towards our vital development work. People like Madina, and their families, can now look forward to a brighter future.

Rwanda please come and support me

On September 1st I am holding a coffee morning and car wash at church. This is to raise money for my expedition to

Rwanda in July 2013.

I am very privileged to have been chosen to take part in a school expedition to Rwanda. I will be travelling with 31 other students and teachers to spend 4 weeks in Rwanda. During this time we will undertake a community project for 3 weeks and have a week to see a little of the country. The community project details are not yet known but similar groups have completed projects involving:

- Building a school
- Painting and renovating a building
- Constructing a water pump
- Teaching English to primary age children

This expedition will provide an tremendous opportunity, to experience life, living conditions and get to know the local community in Rwanda. As part of the preparation for the expedition, each student has to raise £3,500 for the trip. We also have to take responsibility for our own funding raising. I will be joining with the expedition team to raise funds together and I am also going to raise some funds myself.

I started my fund raising at the School fair where I made a variety of African desert cakes these included



Banana loaf
Chocolate flap jacks
Chocolate African
muffins.



PEOPLE

Rwanda's population density is currently the highest in continental sub-Saharan Africa. It is still a very rural society, and many families live in self-contained compounds on hillsides. The



urban concentrations are grouped around administrative centers. The indigenous population consists of three groups, or *ubwoko*--Bahutu, Batutsi, and Batwa. Traditionally, the population also is affiliated with one of 18 clans.

The wildlife is one of the highlights of visiting Rwanda. There are a number of treks that we can take part in to witness the spectacular species. It will be great to see the endangered mountain gorillas of 'Parc National des Volcans. Rwanda' which is a developing safari destination. Rwanda also combines very well with a savannah game safari to either Tanzania or Kenya or even some beach relaxation along the African coastline. It will be great to experience such different scenery and environment. It will make the experience so much better by being with friends and people from my school, we will be team bonding throughout the year to raise money and then throughout the duration of our expedition. To see the amazing wildlife and scenery altogether will be life changing.

Thank you for supporting me and I hop you can come to the Coffee Morning on 1st September.

Emily Crossley



Coffee Morning and Car Wash

Saturday 1st September

10.30 to 12noon



The importance of the Church community.....

I received a letter from a good friend this week who was describing the difficult task , for her, of trying to assemble a power point talk on “The importance of the church community”. It was the slides causing the problem; finding the most appropriate images. Whilst she was thinking, she was browsing through some web-sites and “BINGO !”

She noticed that a few web-sites seemed to convey symbolically a similar theme or storyline, this was a group of people holding hands and linked together. This started me thinking too. We could all read through the Bible and find situations and events that link people together, in both the Old Testament and the New Testament.—in a loving and Christian way.

In the Orthodox Churches today, they hold a Bereavement special service whilst praying for the ‘Beloved One’ ; and touch the shoulder of the next person in the circle. Incense can be used here too.

But how many such scenario’s could we bring to mind from our own personal lives ?e.g the New Year Celebrations, were if you are part of a large or small group it is traditional to join hands and sing Auld Lang Syne as the clock touches 12am. A new Year unfolds. Can you remember one special event involving community/church bonding, team SPIRIT or maybe mutual—delight upon a group achievement.

My special memory is where-ever I am to worship, “THE PEACE” we join together and for a few seconds we relate to one another as Christian brothers and sisters, the way Jesus asked us to be.

“PEACE BE WITH YOU ONE AND ALL “

Irene Smith

What is a grandparent ?

(Taken from papers written by a class of 8 year olds)

Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no children of their own. They like other people's.

A grandfather is a man and a grandmother is a lady!over again.

Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are old, they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the shops and give us money.

When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.

They show us and talk to us about the colours of the flowers and also why we shouldn't step on cracks.

Usually grandmothers are fat but not too fat to tie your shoes.

They don't say 'Hurry up'

They wear glasses and funny underwear.

Grandparents don't have to be smart.

They have to answer questions like 'Why isn't God married?' and 'How come dogs chase cats?'

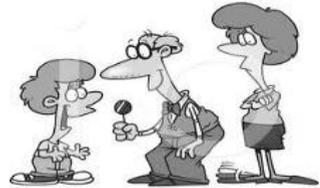
When they read to us, they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask the same story over again.

Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television because they are the only grown ups who like to spend time with us.

They know we should have a snack time before bed time, and they say prayers with us and kiss us even when we've acted bad.

Grandpa is the smartest man on earth ! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him.

It's funny when they bend over; you hear gas leaks and they blame the dog.



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Church Duty Rota (August 2012)

Date	Warden 8.30 a.m.	Warden 10.30 a.m.	Altar Duty	Lay Assistants	SidesPeople
5th	Fred Murphy	Jill Lomas	Claire Lancaster	Anne Holmes Anne Tudor	Sybil Gawkrödger Caroline Abiodon
12th	Fred Murphy	Jane Cawley	Louise Hollingsworth	Louise Hollingsworth Jill Lomas	Anne Tudor Anne Holmes Elaine Johnson
19th	Fred Murphy	Alison Mills	Jane Cawley	Jane Cawley Grace Manley	Margaret Vessey Michael Vessey Muriel Clark
26th	Fred Murphy	Jill Lomas	Caroline Abiodon	Julie Crosslye Alison Mills	Muriel Nicol Amy Haygarth

Parish Registers—(June 2012)

Week Ending	Communicants	Cash	Envelopes	Total
3rd	53	29.40	262.50	291.90
10th	42	19.20	334.50	353.70
17th	44	16.60	299.50	316.10
24th	35	26.00	259.00	284.00
			Total for month	1,245.70

P.C.C. Raffle

June winner Elsie Jubb

Raised £12.00 for church funds.

St Nicholas Club Draw

Drawn Sunday 3rd June

1st Prize : 43. Chris Lancaster

2nd Prize : 83 Anne Holmes

Organisations

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

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

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

Second and Fourth Wednesdays at 2.30 p.m.

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.

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

St Nicholas Club Draw

Its that time of year when application forms for the 2012/13 club draw become 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 an application form is included in your magazine this month so you can apply early (more forms are available for your family and friends)

Many thanks and good luck, Fred Murphy



"You should have a motto for your sermons, dear – Better, Clearer, Shorter ."



The new pews had the required effect – people stopped sleeping during the sermon.

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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