



# *St. Nicholas News*

On our days off,  
on our days of rest,  
in all our days,  
Lord, grant us,  
a glimpse of your  
glorious new world.



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## Church Diary July 2013

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 2nd	7.30pm	Taize Evening Prayer
Wednesday 3rd	10.00am 7.00pm	Eucharist Holiday Club Meeting
Thursday 4th	7.30pm	Burnage Community Choir
Sunday 7th	8.30 am 10.30 am.	<b>Trinity 6</b> Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion & Young People's Church
Wednesday 10th	10.00am	Eucharist
Thursday 11th	7.30pm	Burnage Community Choir
Sunday 14th	8.30 am 10.30 am.	<b>Trinity 7 : ALL AGE WORSHIP</b> Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion & Young People's Church
Sunday 15th	7.30pm	Worship Committee, Rectory.
Wednesday 17th	10.00am 3.30pm	Eucharist PCC Buildings Sub Committee Meeting
Thursday 18th	7.30pm	Burnage Community Choir
Sunday 21st	8.30 am. 10.30 am.	<b>Trinity 8</b> Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion & Young People's Church
Wednesday 25th	10.00am	Eucharist
Thursday 26th	7.30pm	<b>Burnage Community Choir</b>
Sunday 28th	8.30 am. 10.30 am.	<b>Trinity 9</b> Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion & Young People's Church
Wednesday 31st	10.00am	Eucharist

## Rector's Letter

This time last year Britain was gripped by excitement about two major events. Firstly, the Queen celebrated her Diamond Jubilee and, then, the UK hosted a truly global event, the Olympics. It was, memory tells me, an extraordinary summer, if a little damp. As I write this letter I was struck by how 'fallow' this summer seems by comparison. (Of course, for cricket fans, like me, it is an Ashes summer, but Australia have been playing so badly recently that I'm not expecting too much excitement!) In many ways, this summer promises to be quite a quiet and fallow time.

I am not sure that is such a terrible thing. It has been a very busy year at St Nick's, not least because we have been celebrating our 80<sup>th</sup> year in all sorts of ways. This July, of course, we do have our Holiday Club, Seaside Rocks, and that will prove to be a busy time for the leaders and young people involved. However, it is perhaps time we slowed down a little before autumn comes and sweeps us

away with busyness again.

You've probably heard me boring you about the medieval three-field agricultural system before now. In some ways it offers an interesting model for church. In the medieval system, a field would be placed on a trinitarian cycle. In the autumn one third of a field would be sown with wheat, barley or rye, in the spring another part with legumes like beans and the other third left fallow. The peas and beans filled the ground with nitrogen and improved the land. Leaving the land fallow also improved the overall yield. Over the years, the field would be sown, harvested and left fallow on a rotation, ensuring long-term sustainability.

We often think of the Middle Ages as a dark time for science and knowledge and I'm sure none of us would want to live in such a world. Nonetheless, within the limits of their technology and science, medieval agriculturalists understood something profound that we could all learn from. They understood that without a time of fallowness and rest, the things we try to produce suffer and begin to decline.

The Bible – being a set of books set in an agriculturally-focused world – is full of references to fields and harvests and sowing and reaping. It can – for urban dwellers like us – feel very old-fashioned and alien. But we can learn so much from its imagery. We are called to be a people who bear fruits of love; we are called to be labourers in god’s Harvest. Yet, if we always act as if its down to us or just keep going without a break, we will slowly bear less and less fruit. It is the quality and shape of our rest that matters. Without allow full and proper fallow times in our church’s ministry we will fail to let God refresh and renew us for his work.

Rachel x

## The Chelsea Flower Show

On Friday 24th May, Colin and I together with our friend Anne went to London to visit the 100th Anniversary Chelsea Flower Show.



We travelled first to Windsor where we certainly needed our macs and umbrellas for the weather wasn’t kind. Although we could not fully appreciate the views and gardens we did like the famous Dolls House, the sacred ambience of St.George’s Chapel and many other features of interest.



After our short stay in Windsor we then set off towards the Double Tree, a Hilton Hotel, which is situated near to Heathrow Airport. Fortunately for us there wasn’t any sound of the aircraft at all. The next day at 9.00am, we all set off to the Flower Show in wonderful weather. When we arrived all of us had to go through a Security Check. Then we made our way to the Great Pavilion. The huge displays of flowers, trees and vegetables were still visibly fresh even though it was the last day. Amongst our favourite stands was a diplay by Bloms Bulbs (of Bedford) with a truly exciting galaxy of colours. Another popular display was the David Austin Roses stand with many new varieties which seemed to be



much better than the old woody, thorny ones of the past. We were also most impressed with the different School Gardens of 1913, 1940, (war time) 1970's and 2013. The children's friendliness, knowledge of growing fruit, flowers and vegetables was very impressive.

The next item on our agenda was to go and see the many gardens designed and built outdoors. These gardens were built in all kinds of styles many of which have been shown on television during the past week. So, I don't think I can say anymore about these gardens which is new.

Catering at the show was definitely priced in London prices! Seating was difficult but there was someone ready to let us know when they were moving away from their table.



To sum up the whole show in a few words is impossible. Nevertheless we did have two fantastic days. We had a marvellous Driver, brilliant organisation from the Cheadle Coach firms which all in all made a wonderful holiday treat.

*Brenda Maclese*



"Of course, the main reason churchyards make such good wildlife sanctuaries is that the cars only go at walking pace."



## Summer Fair Saturday 22nd June 2013



Colin & Michael on Garden Stuff

The Summer Fayre was based on a 'Garden Theme' this year. Raffle prizes included a garden hamper, we had a garden stall, as well as our usual fancy goods, toy stall, tombola, café and Fair Trade Stall.

The weather was damp and drizzly. But it didn't deter our visitors who came along to support us, we raised £810.00, a tidy sum considering. The café was busy throughout the morning and we welcomed lots of old faces to join us for morning coffee or lunch. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the stalls, who helped on the day or who came along and spent some money.

Alison and Jill



Suzanne & Amy on Raffle and the door !



Jill on Fair Trade



Tombola with Eunice & Alison



Claire & Lucy on Children's Activity Table



Brenda, Molly & Margaret selling toys



Sybil selling cakes !



Valerie and Tanya chatting !



Grace & Val on Fancy Goods



Jane on waitress duty .....

## Didsbury Festival Book Stall

Thank you to everyone who donated books, games and jigsaw puzzles for our stall at the Festival. The weather was beautiful and there was a great atmosphere in the park. It was good to get St.Nicholas on the Didsbury Festival map.

We achieved our plan and the stall raised £107.20p which was an added bonus. Our thanks to everyone who helped and especially Susan Morris, Jane Cawley and Christine Price who stayed all day.

*Alison and Jill*



## Any colour, so long as it's black

My very first car was a Ford 8, the original 'people's motor car'. When it was launched in the thirties it sold new for £100 - it cost me nearly as much to buy my 1938 model in 1953. It was, of course, black and despite its age it served me well, once a friend and I had fitted a new condenser.



I say it was 'of course' black, because Henry Ford, the founder of the Ford Motor Company - who was born 150 years ago this month - once answered a question about what colours his cars were available in with the terse reply, "Any colour you like, so long as it's black". He was the pioneer of mass motoring, a man who had a vision of ordinary people driving their own cars, which therefore had to be sold at hitherto unapproachably low prices. 'Pile 'em high and sell 'em cheap', as Mr Cohen of Tesco's once said. Needless to say, he succeeded. The modern love affair with the motor car really dates back to him and the company he founded in Detroit in 1903.

And we do love our cars, don't we? Men, on the whole, like them to look macho, shiny and reliable. Women - again, on the whole - like them to have an attractive colour, be comfortable and, again, reliable. No point in a fast or fancy car that won't start. In Britain, there is roughly one car for every household - millions of them, as we sadly recognise when we get stuck in that horror of the modern age, a 'traffic jam'.

What was the unmet need that Mr Ford spotted when he launched his company? I suspect it was the degree of freedom that a car gives. No longer dependent on buses or trains, no longer dogged by distance - twenty miles to the nearest shop - the car owner feels free to roam at will. Old people often find that the moment when they can no longer drive is the most difficult loss to accept, despite the very welcome free bus pass!

For the sake of that independence, we accept the risks that go with it: accidents, breakdowns, repair bills and the ever increasing cost of insur-

ance. But we also embrace the benefits - not all of them selfish or self-indulgent. With a car we can visit friends, give people a lift to church or the surgery, explore the countryside and see wonderful sights. On his anniversary, we may well feel that on the whole Henry Ford was a benefactor of our race and give thanks for his strange vision of a world full of inexpensive four wheeled internally combustion driven vehicles, with people like you and me driving them (not always very well!).

David Winter (cc.Parish Pump)

Remembrance of the ones we have loved but see no more....



So many of our loved ones and dear friends rest in our remembrance garden in the front of St Nicholas Church.

Fred Murphy and Bev Taylor do such a wonderful job of keeping the church gardens beautiful, and this includes the place where our loved ones rest in peace!

Just over a year ago we lost Enid Harvey, ex Church Warden and friend to all. A rose has been planted in her memory in the remembrance garden. It is called "PEACE" and bears beautifully scented flowers. I shall remember my friend as each flower appears! This rose though, joins others planted for those who went before, and we thank God for all that they meant to us.

Thank you Fred and Bev, for looking after this important part of our church.

With love, Grace x

## Church Duty Rota (July 2013)

Date	Warden 8.30 a.m.	Warden 10.30 a.m.	Alter Server	Lay Assistants	SidesPeople
7	Fred Murphy	Alison Mills	Claire Lancaster	Anne Holmes Anne Tudor	Margaret Vessey Michael Vessey Muriel Clark
14	Fred Murphy	Jill Lomas	Jane Cawley	Jane Cawley Grace Manley	Muriel Nicol Amy Haygarth Val Hagan
21	Fred Murphy	Jane Cawley	Cass Williamson	Julie Crossley Alison Mills	Brenda Maclese Grace Manley Lucy Males
28	Fred Murphy	Jill Lomas	Caroline Abiodon	Anne Holmes Anne Tudor	Julie Crossley Cass Williamson Susan Morris

## Parish Registers (May 2013)

Week Ending	Communicants	Cash	Envelopes
5th	38	30.50	269.10
12th	49	21.00	396.00
19th	88	23.00	397.30
26th	51	24.00	351.70
		Total	1441.10



Christian Aid Week

Thank you for your donations of  
£183.50

# 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.

## Church Lads' & Church Girls' Brigade

Mrs. Margaret Witty (0161 432 2933)

Every Friday in St. Nicholas Church

HallsMartins (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.

## Church Prize Draws

### St Nicholas Club Draw

Drawn Sunday 5th May

1st Prize No.36 Vera Gawkrodger

2nd Prize No:8 St.Nicholas

(donated by M.Clarke)

### PCC Monthly Raffle for Church Funds

May 2013

Won by Alison Mills

£33.00 raised for Church Funds

## Life Events:

Baptism : 23rd May 2013

Rufus Zborowski

Funerals :

31st May 2013 :Iris Hubble

13th June 2013 : Alice Hartley

## Farewell to Tanya

On Sunday 23rd June, Tanya shared her last service with us before returning to her studies in Cambridge.

Rachel had ordered a rather special cake based on the TV series Game of Thrones—Rachel and Tanya are both fans of



the programme hence the cake !

Tanya was presented with a card from the congregation.

Please remember Tanya in your prayers as she continues on her journey to ordination.

# 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 take to the housebound by arrangement with the Minister.

## Minister

Rev'd Rachel Mann

0161 432 7009

## Organist

Vacancy

## Churchwardens

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