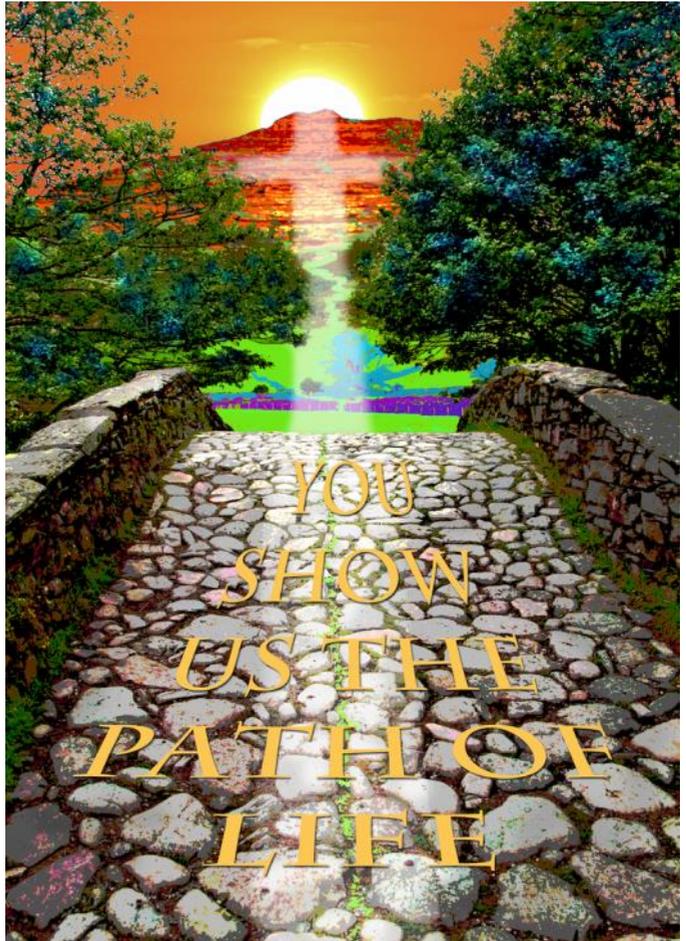




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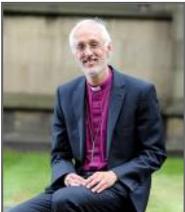
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Church Diary August 2013

Date	Time	Event
Thursday 1st	9.30 to 12.30	Holiday Club
Friday 2nd	9.30 to 12.30	Holiday Club
Sunday 4th	8.30 am 10.30 am.	Trinity 10 Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion & Young People's Church
Tuesday 6th	7.30pm	Taize Evening Prayer
Wednesday 7th	10.00am	Eucharist
Sunday 11th	8.30 am 10.30 am.	Trinity 11 Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion & Young People's Church
Wednesday 14th	10.00am	Eucharist
Sunday 18th	8.30 am. 10.30 am.	Trinity 12 Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion & Young People's Church
Wednesday 21st	10.00am	Eucharist
Sunday 25th	8.30 am. 10.30 am.	Trinity 13 Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion & Young People's Church
Wednesday 28th	10.00am	Eucharist

Service of Welcome and Enthronement of Bishop David



The Service of Welcome and Enthronement of Bishop David Walker, the next Bishop of Manchester, will be held at Manchester Cathedral on the Feast of St Andrew, 30 November 2013 at 2pm.

Further details will be available soon. In the meanwhile you are asked to remember Bishop David and his family in your prayers as he prepares for episcopal ministry and leadership of our diocese.

Rector's Letter

Summers can live long in the memory. Indeed, perhaps it is the fate of all as we get older to infuse the summers of our youth with a warm romantic glow. Somehow our childhood summers seem longer, warmer and emotionally richer than the summers of today. Part of that is due to the way life often gets tougher as we get older. We hanker for the simplicity of youth when all things were new and experienced for the first. Part of it is down to how we experienced time as a child: Time moves more slowly for kids. No wonder summer holidays feel massively long when you're a child!

Summer is a metaphor for the best of times, just as winter is one for hard times. Summer, after all, is the time we expect the longest and warmest and most relaxed days. It is the season for holidays and sitting by the beach, for barbecues and cold beer. It is - if you're a Brit - also a time when you expect thunderstorms, rain stopping play in the Test match and hurriedly rushing indoors. Perhaps it is a token of the British temperament that much as we

want to enjoy our summers we are just as likely to complain (after a heat wave) 'It's too hot!' or, when the inevitable rain comes, say, 'Typical! When is it going to be sunny?' Were not very good at being happy are we?

This summer I invite you to take stock and give thanks for what you have, even if sometimes it seems it is little. I want to invite you to be faithful to the hope that lies within you, whether you feel the sun is shining upon you or you are facing an endless storm. (You know, that thing you sometimes hear, 'The sun shines on the righteous' is incorrect; Jesus says that the sun shines on both the righteous and the unrighteousness.) The vast majority of the inhabitants of this small planet face challenges we can barely comprehend. A long hot summer, stretching ever on, can signal famine and drought. Endless rains, as folk in places like Bangladesh can face, can destroy the fragile balance of people's lives. Both situations can leave millions homeless and thousands dead. Our nation – through its historical wealth (alas, often taken by force and by exploitation) and temperate climate – is insulated from so much pain.

But if we give thanks and take stock this summer, let it not be in a complacent self-satisfied way.

We are called to love God with our whole heart and our neighbour as ourselves. This is about an ever developing process of conversion to God and our sisters and brothers. And who is our neighbour? Well, as Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan reminds us, our neighbour is not necessarily someone we feel at home with. She or he can be an outsider, a stranger or indeed someone who we genuinely struggle with. The modern age of mass communication and globalization has made our planet seem very small sometimes and this phenomenon reminds us that we can no longer pretend that we live in a private, comfortable bubble. Our 'neighbour' – the one who shows us God's very face – can be someone facing real challenges thousands of miles away as well as the person on the corner of our street. The hope for our local community as well as our emerging global one lies in the character and strength of our love and hope and action. May God refresh you this summer and prepare you for his service.

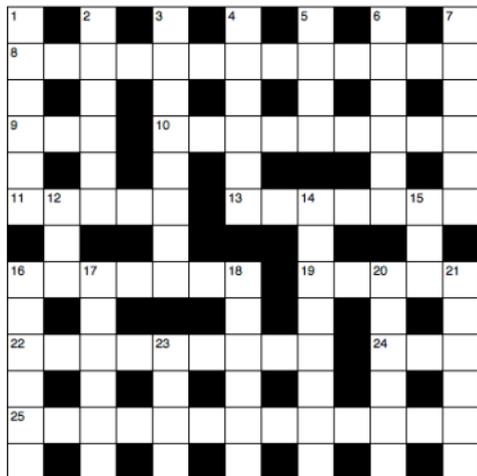
Rachel x

Do you have a World War I story to share?

August 2014 will mark the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War I. This will be an occasion for much national reflection and remembrance. HOPE is working with key Christian ministries to support local churches with resources to serve their communities, marking this key moment in history and pointing to Jesus. If your family or church has a story about the impact of the Bible, prayer or Christian faith on those who served in, and lived during World War I please email it to:

cath.butcher@hopetogether.org.uk

August Crossword



Across

- 8 One of the titles given to the Messiah in Isaiah's prediction (Isaiah 9:6) (6,2,5)
 9 International Nepal Fellowship (1,1,1)
 10 Single(1Corinthians7:27)(9)
 11 Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's seminal book about Soviet prison camps, The — Archipelago (5)
 13 Treachery(2Kings11:14)(7)
 16 Of India(anag.)(2,3,2)
 19 'God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the — ' (1 Corinthians 4:9) (5)
 22 Follower of a theological system characterized by a strong belief in predestination (9)
 24 'Put these old rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to— the ropes' (Jeremiah 38:12) (3)
 25 They brought together all the elders of the Israelites in Egypt (Exodus 4:29) (5,3,5)

Down

- 1 The season when kings 'go off to war' (2 Samuel 11:1) (6)
 2 Simon Peter's response to Jesus by the Sea of Galilee: 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a — man' (Luke 5:8) (6)
 3 Beaten with whips (1 Kings12:11) (8)
 4 'You shall not — adultery' (Exodus 20:14) (6)
 5 Encourage (Hebrews 10:24) (4)
 6 Service of morning prayer in the Church of England (6)
 7 'Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and — — him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving' (4,2)
 12 Run(anag.)(3)
 14 Member of 17th-century party that denied the right of autonomy to the Church (8)
 15 'We will triumph with our tongues; we—our lips'(Psalm12:4) (3)
 16 Earnings(1Corinthians16:2)(6)
 17 'I rejoice greatly in the Lord that— —you have renewed your concern for me' (Philippians 4:10) (2,4)
 18 How Paul described Philemon (Philemon 1)(6)
 20 Multiple territories under the rule of a single state(Daniel11:4)(6)
 21 'You have been unfaithful; you have married foreign women,—to Israel's guilt' (Ezra 10:10) (6)
 23 This month(abbrev.)(4)

Solution on page 11

My Trip to Rwanda

I have just returned from a 3 and a half weeks school expedition in Rwanda. This was an amazing experience which is still very fresh in my mind. Since coming home I have had very mixed emotions which include being really pleased to be back home, in my own bed and back with my family and friends but also I keep on thinking and being reminded of what I have seen over the past few weeks and these memories will remain with me for always.

The trip was tough both physically and emotionally. For me it was an experience of being so far away for a long period of time without my family. My experience brought all different types of emotions from being away, seeing and spending days with children of all ages in the orphanage and also spending time as part of the group with fellow students with whom I got to know more during the stay.

My trip included a very hectic and busy programme and I want share more about my visit in the next month magazine and I will be giving a presentation to the Women's Fellowship hopefully in September.

The highlight of my trip was visiting the orphanage, being amongst 170 children of all ages who have not got a fraction of what I have but are all so happy, friendly and welcoming.

They have no family, no parents, and some no sister or brothers, they have no material possession yet their positivity is unbelievable. They have a good education and really appreciate school. I was able to visit their local school where they all had a great attitude and are so eager to learn more.

They believe in god, hope and have aspirations to do better.

What the expedition meant to me

I was so grateful that I had this opportunity that both school and my parents who supported my trip, I am extremely fortunate, I have realised what is important in life and I have learnt a lot about myself. I also learnt how people live, how they manage with basic resources. It has also made me realise that others survive on much less than I have.

I did not miss my mobile phone, TV, shower. I missed my family and friends of course.

I want to thank you all for supporting me, before I went away you supported me in fundraising for the expedition and I know whilst I have been away many of you have been asking my mum how I went on. This meant so much to me about the “wider family of St Nick’s”.

It was a life changing experience, I hope I am now a better person and I know I appreciate everything I have so much more. I want to say thank you to you all.

Love

Emily xx



The Queen's path of service to God and country

When, earlier this summer, the Queen celebrated the 60th Anniversary of her Coronation, the Archbishop preached at the service in Westminster Abbey. He reflected on the moment when the Queen had knelt before the altar at Westminster Abbey in silent prayer, before taking the throne.

"Her Majesty knelt at the beginning of a path of demanding devotion and utter self-sacrifice, a path she did not choose, yet to which she was called by God," he said. The Queen's original pledge of allegiance to God symbolised the model of liberty and authority which our country enjoys, the Archbishop said.

"Liberty is only real when it exists under authority. Liberty under authority begins, as the Book of Common Prayer puts it, with our duty to God, "whose service is perfect freedom".

"We live in a hierarchy of liberty under authority that ascends to God's limitless love. As we see in the life of Jesus, with God justice and mercy are perfectly joined, wisdom is unlimited, generosity is unstinting, and love pours out to the whole world in an overwhelming embrace that is offered universally and abundantly.

"A nation that crowns its head of state with such a model of liberty under authority expresses commitment to the same glorious values for itself," he said

Didsbury Heritage Weekend 14th and 15th September

Events at St.Nicholas:

Saturday 14th September

Church Open ALL day

10.30 to 12.00 Coffee Morning



7.30pm Burnage Community Choir Concert

Sunday 15th September

Church Open until 4.00pm

Refreshments available

8.30am Holy Communion BCP

10.30am 'Songs of Praise' Service (no Eucharist)

Please choose your favourite hymns and write them down on the form available in church or email rector@st-nicholas-church.org.uk .

The most popular hymns will be sung during the service!

Left-handed

Bobby went to the park one Sunday afternoon with his grandmother. It was late summer, but still many flowers were in bloom. Everything was beautiful. His grandmother remarked: "Doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God painted this just for you?"

Only a few hours away from church, Bobby said: "Yes, God did it and he did it left-handed." Confused, his grannie asked him why he thought that. "Easy," said Bobby, "we learned at Sunday School this morning that Jesus sits on God's right hand!"

Church Duty Rota (August 2013)

Date	Warden 8.30 a.m.	Warden 10.30 a.m.	Alter Server	Lay Assistants	SidesPeople
4	Fred Murphy	Jill Lomas	Brenda Maclese	Brenda Maclese Cliff Stockton	Anne Tudor Anne Holmes Elaine Johnson
11	Fred Murphy	Jane Cawley	Emily Crossley	Louise Hollingsworth Jill Lomas	Sybil Gawkrödger Caroline Abiodon
18	Fred Murphy	Alison Mills	Jane Cawley	Jane Cawley Grace Manley	Margaret Vessey Michael Vessey Muriel Clark
25	Fred Murphy	Jill Lomas	Caroline Abiodon	Julie Crossley Alison Mills	Muriel Nicol Amy Haygarth Val Hagan

Parish Registers (June 2013)

Week Ending	Communicants	Cash	Envelopes
2nd	45	2.00	262.50
9th	39	25.00	259.00
16th	43	20.00	C/fwd
23rd	36	22.50	858.00
30th	37	26.00	342.50
		Total	1722.00

While the vicar's away...

From a church news-sheet: The vicar is away on holiday for two weeks. Messages can be given to the curate.

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 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.

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

Church Prize Draws

St Nicholas Club Draw

Drawn Sunday 2nd June

1st Prize:61 Hazel Howarth

2nd Prize No: 36 Vera Gawkrodger

PCC Monthly Raffle for Church

Funds

June 2013

Won by Margaret Vessey

August Crossword Solution

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How dirty is your house?

Go on – write something in the dust on that surface. Move some of the mess on your floor with your foot.

You are not alone. More than six in ten of us feel our homes are too dirty – but also that we are just too

busy to clean them properly. 39 per cent of us admit we just don't

like housework. More than one in five of us are so embarrassed that we won't let anyone in. Some of us

admit to NEVER cleaning our home from top to bottom. One in ten of us has not even ironed for a year.

The survey was carried out by Spontex, the cleaning product firm.

"We are leading busier lives than ever and when you are juggling so much, it's inevitable that something has to give."

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.

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Vacancy

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