



St. Nicholas News



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Church Diary January 2014

Date	Time	Event
Sunday 5th	8.30 am 10.30 am.	Epiphany Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion & Young People's Church
Tuesday 7th	7.30pm	Taize Evening Prayer
Wednesday 8th	10.00am	Eucharist
Sunday 12th	8.30 am. 10.30 am.	Baptism of Christ Holy Communion (BCP) All –age Worship
Monday 13th	7.30pm	PCC Meeting, vestry
Tuesday 14th	8.00pm	CTIB Exec meeting Kingsburn Hall.
Wednesday 15th	10.00am	Eucharist
Saturday 18th	10.30am	Bring & Buy Sale Coffee Morning in aid of The Children's Society.
Sunday 19th	8.30 am. 10.30 am.	Epiphany 2 Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion & Young People's Church
Wednesday 21st	10.00am	Eucharist
Sunday 26th	08.30am 10.30am	Epiphany 3 Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion & Young People's Church
Wednesday 29th	10.00am	Eucharist

Rector's Letter

'And so this is Christmas, and what have we done? Another year over and a new one just begun...'

If you can't quite remember who sang those words, it was John Lennon back in 1971. Originally a protest song about the Vietnam War it has since become something of a Christmas standard in the UK. I'm not a huge fan of the song, but I do find the line I've just quoted resonant. Another year over and a new one just begun...

It's hard at this time of year not to ask, as the song does, 'What have we done in the past year?' From a Christian point of view, I find it both a helpful and unhelpful question. It is helpful if it enables us to focus on service and mission. That is, if the question enables us to reflect deeply on how we have sought to embody the gospel in our community over the past year. It becomes pernicious if it becomes just another excuse to feel guilty or pretend that being a Christian is merely about what we do. For being

faithful to Christ is about who we are as much as what we do.

It has been quite a year at St Nick's. We have kept the feasts of Easter and Christmas in rich and varied ways and been blessed with having a variety of ordinands and placement students to enrich our worship. As a building we have been 'more open' this year, taking part in the Heritage Weekend in a creative way and putting on two huge and very successful shows, Jesus Christ Superstar and A Christmas Carol. Burnage Community Choir has gone from strength to strength. And, of course, the list goes on. We are, in many ways, a small church with limited resources facing vast challenges for the future, but we have been more involved in the wider community this year than we have been for a long time. It has been an extraordinary year.

Yet we are not simply what we have done or will do. We are also called to simply be. What I mean is that focussing on 'doing' can be a recipe for a deeply unchristian running around after the next thing. The coming year presents countless challenges. I am

hopeful that the Heritage Lottery Fund will look kindly and generously on our bid for money to help make our roof secure again. But even if they are, this will entail work to match fund the grant. Beyond practical matters like that, it will be important that as a community and individually we continue to pray and listen out for God's voice. How easy it is for any of us to seek to build God's Kingdom in our own image. God is and always has been surprising, seeking to disrupt us out of our comfortable assumptions and presumptions. His Kingdom is always wider, more startling and wondrous that we can imagine.

So may this New Year bring you many blessings, much hope and the challenge of living for the One who gives us eternal life, in this world and the next.

Rachel x

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING

With BRING & BUY SALE

In the Church Hall

SATURDAY, 18^H JANUARY

10.30am -12.00 noon

COFFEE & BISCUITS £1

BOXHOLDERS please bring your boxes. Thank you



Christians Together in Burnage

CTIB member churches will each offer a 30minute service during the week of Christian Unity (20th to 26th January)- refreshments available

Monday 20th Jan 7.30pm Taize service at St.Nicholas

Tuesday 21st Jan 07.00am Service at Kingsburn Hall, Family Church

Wednesday 22nd Jan 11.00am Christ Church, Burnage Lane

Thursday 23rd Jan 07.30am St.Bernard's , Burnage Lane

Friday 24th Jan 12 noon St.Margaret's Burnage Lane, followed by lunch.

Sunday 26th Jan 4.00pm Joint Service to end the week at Christ Church, Parrswood Road.

HOPE is launched at Lambeth Palace...

Late last year 100 Christian leaders gathered with the Archbishop of Canterbury to launch HOPE, a nationwide initiative to put Christian faith into words and action. Justin Welby said: "What we do today has an impact tomorrow as God breathes his life into our villages, towns and cities. It is so exciting to see people stepping out in faith and it is great to see so many churches working together in mission across the country."

A Christmas Carol

Saturday 21st December

After months of preparation and intensive rehearsals the show was performed to two full houses at 4pm and 8pm on Saturday 21st December. A huge thank you to the cast, choir and to everyone who helped in any way to bring the production to the stage.

In April we were able to welcome lots of young people into church to perform in Jesus Christ Superstar. Some of the case of JCS joined the cast of A Christmas Carol along with Burnage Community Choir . The cast included some experienced actors from the local community and friends of Rachel and Ollie. We were pleased to welcome Stephen Edwards, the Area Dean who stepped in with 48 hours notice to play a role in the production.

There are so many people we need to thank who were involved behind the scenes: Jess and Kate creating the scenery, Naomi, Dan, Lorna and Ollie in the band, David for making an opening door for the set, Andy for helping with technical , John for sound, friends of Ollie from York University for creating voice overs and video footage, Harry for lighting, Jill, Caroline, Julie, Janette, Sally , Katy for manning the bar and front of house, Margaret, Tony, James for being car park attendants and finally Rachel and Oliver for all their hard work in bringing the production to life.

It was once again a fantastic team effort and we have a growing reputation for musical events set in our wonderful building. As an added

bonus the two musical productions have raised over £3,500 this year.

Church Duty Rota (January 2014)

Date	Warden 8.30 a.m.	Warden 10.30 a.m.	Alter Server	Lay Assistants	SidesPeople
5	Fred Murphy	Jane Cawley	Sally R	Grace Manley Margaret Vessey	Brenda Maclese Grace Manley Lucy Males
12	Fred Murphy	Alison Mills	Louise H	Louise Hollingsworth Jill Lomas	Julie Crossley Cass Williamson Sue Morris
19	Fred Murphy	Jill Lomas	Brenda	Brenda Maclese Cliff Stockton	Anne Tudor Anne Holmes Elaine Johnson
26	Fred Murphy	Alison Mills	Emily C	Anne Holmes Anne Tudor	Sybil Gawkrodger Caroline Abiodon

Parish Registers (October 2013)

Week Ending	Communicants	Cash	Envelopes
6th	47	£10.60	£259.00
13th	56	£8.00	£401.50
20th	53	£11.10	£429.00
27th	36	£5.70	£281.50
		Total	£1,371.00

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.

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

Church Prize Draws

St Nicholas Club Draw—drawn
Sunday 1st September

1st Prize: No 15 Elaine Jess

2nd Prize : No 13 Jill Lomas

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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