

The Parish Church of St Nicholas Burnage

St Nicholas News

November 2016

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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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God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease,
poverty and pain shall end,
and the earth knows the peace of heaven,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Church Diary November 2016

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 1 st	7.30 pm	Taize Evening Prayer
Wednesday 3 rd	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sunday 6 th	8.30 am 10.30 am 3.00 pm	3rd before Advent Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Service of Glad Remembrance
Wednesday 9 th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Eucharist Women's Fellowship: 'The Art of Storytelling' Mr M. Saperia
Sunday 13 th	8.30 am 10.30 am After 10.30 service: Short meeting for everyone helping with the fair	Remembrance Sunday Holy Communion (BCP) All-age worship
Monday 14 th	7.00 pm	PCC, Choir Vestry
Wednesday 16 th	10.00 am	Eucharist
Saturday 19 th	11.00-2.00	Christmas Fair
Sunday 20 th	8.30 am 10.30 am	Christ the King Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Wednesday 23 rd	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Eucharist Women's Fellowship: 'Entertainment', Mr Albert Higginbottom
Sunday 27 th	8.30 am 10.30 am	Advent 1 Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion

The following items are from <http://www.parishpump.co.uk/> : cover picture, 'Our Page', 'Remembrance'



Deadline for November Edition: 15th November!

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 pm

Confirmation Classes

For young people and adults by arrangement with the Minister.

Rainbows

For girls aged 5 to 7 years.

Wednesday evening, 6 pm to 7 pm, in the church hall

Church Hall Bookings

Church Hall and Glass Room are available for hire.

Details are on our website:

www.st-nicholas-church.org.uk

For bookings please contact:

Mrs Caroline Abiodon (0161 431 6535)



St MARTIN DE PORRES

Martin was born in 1579 in Lima, Peru, the son of a former slave. He grew up in poverty and was taken in by a religious order as a servant boy. The monks looked down on Martin because he was mixed-race but in time his behaviour led to the Dominican Order stopping their racial limits on admission and he was made a full brother. He worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor, starting an orphanage and a children's hospital.

During his lifetime he was seen in other places. An African slave said Martin came to comfort him and many others. When the same man later saw him in Peru, he was very happy to meet him again and asked Martin if he had had a good voyage; but Martin had never left Lima.

In pictures, Martin de Porres is shown as a young man with a broom, since he thought all work sacred, no matter how lowly. He is also shown with a dog, cat and mouse, all eating in peace from the one dish.

DOG, CAT & MOUSE

St Martin de Porres is often shown with mice because, according to one story, the monastery had problems with rodents and decided to put traps out. Martin was so upset that he spoke to the mice and agreed that if they would leave the monastery, he would feed them at the back door of the kitchen. From that day forward, no mouse was seen in the monastery.

Which of these animals do you think are actually mentioned by name in the Bible?

1. Cat
2. Horse
3. Dog
4. Mouse
5. Lamb
6. Frog
7. Monkey
8. Lion
9. Donkey
10. Ox



Answers at the bottom of the page.

How does a group of dolphins make a decision?

Flipper coin.

How do sheep sign their letters?

'Ewes sincerely.'

Answer: all are in the Bible except numbers 1 and 7, the cat and the monkey.

Rachel writes...

Recently, in a rare moment of clarity, I realised that if I were to be a season I should be 'autumn'. Even though this is the season in which the weather becomes inclement and the nights draw in, I find autumn both exhilarating and comforting. Example: I have permission to don my waxed jacket again, and pull on wellies for walks. One can wrap up warm and put the heating on. It is a time for cosiness and rich wines and soothing food. If I were allowed to eat more expansively I'd grow very fat during this season on partridge and wood pigeon, marron glacé and rich bramble pies.

Yes, autumn is a special time and November is its final flowering. The light dies early in November and, yet, you still get moments of blazing sun shining off the rich amber of oak leaves. As the wind blows, great piles of fallen leaves are sometimes lifted up to dance.

November is also the time where we both look back and also to look forward. We look back in remembrance – firstly on those who have died and gone to glory (All Souls Day) and then on the War Dead on Remembrance Sunday. This year our Service of Glad Remembrance for all who've died is on November 6th at 3pm. I hope that many of you will be able to join us for this occasion. Equally, during this period when we're remembering the shattering events of the Great War and are also aware that parts of the world are in a complete mess, I hope you'll be able to make time to be with us on November 13th for our Remembrance Sunday service.

Yet, if November entails remembrance, it also gestures towards hope. On Sunday 27th is Advent Sunday. On that day we enter a period of great anticipation and waiting, as we begin to prepare for the extraordinary joy of Christmas Day. A season both of Light and of Penitence, Advent offers us an opportunity to look forward and reflect on how we can become closer to God. This year I'm excited about the prospect of having a Tuesday afternoon Advent Group to

which all at both St Nick's & St Chad's are invited, as well as a reciprocal group at St Chad's on Wednesday evenings. I hope it's a sign of our emergent closer ties with St Chad's.

So this November shall be a busy one. In addition to all the church activities, we also have our Christmas Fair. Yet, if we risk being over-busy as we draw to the end of another year, let us also take pause. If there are bright and crisp days this November, I hope each of us can take a moment to wonder and delight at Creation; I hope that as the nights become bleak and wet, we have warmth and good company; and through it all we can face the seasons of Advent and Christmas with hope, expectation and delight.

Rachel x

"But there is always a November space after the leaves have fallen when she felt it was almost indecent to intrude on the woods...for their glory terrestrial had departed and their glory celestial of spirit and purity and whiteness had not yet come upon them."

L.M. Montgomery (author of Anne of Green Gables)

Sunday 6th November 3.00 pm
Service of Glad Remembrance
Everyone welcome

"For where two or three are gathered in my name –I am there among them." (Matt.18 v 20 NRSV)

Irene Smith (M. Theol.)

Remembrance

In November we come to remember
How war tore our country apart,
From village and town and all around
Men and boys left home and hearth.

Mothers and wives and sisters all
Saw their brave young men go away,
For some it meant the ultimate price
As they gave their tomorrows for our today.

Another Man left His home above
To rescue this world from sin,
It cost Him His life which He freely gave
So new life could enter in.

In this world there will always be war,
But the time will surely be
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

By Megan Carter

Many thanks to everyone who gave to



DementiaUK

£71.15 was raised!

creatures alike – it is Saint Francis of Assisi. Do you know anything about him?

Suddenly there is a squeak and who appears but my friend Mr Hedgie. He does look very cross though. “Someone has been using my Winter home and I have just finished making it warm and soft for the cold winter times,” he squeaked again. I hopped over to the edge of my tree and asked if knew who the culprit was. “I don’t know,” he snaps, “but whoever it was has filled my new home with hard lumpy things and squashed all the leaves. We’d better watch out, both of us.” Then suddenly there is a patter of little feet.

“Oh,” squeals Hedgie and curls up into a tiny spiky ball, whilst I fly up to the top of the tree. We hear a new voice from inside the tree. “Don’t you call me a culprit,” it says. I fly nearer to the sound of this new phenomenon, and find myself looking at a big, bushy tail. “Oh my, oh my,” I chirp. “What or rather who is it?” says Hedgie, uncurling a little. “I can answer for myself and I am a squirrel,” says an indignant voice. “Hello, Mrs Squirrel,” I say, “I haven’t seen you for such a long time. How are you?” “I am very cross!” Mrs Squirrel replies. “On no not another one,” I sigh, “Why are you cross?” “Well I am busy at this time of year putting a feast of nuts together,” she replies. “I have made a good supply but it keeps disappearing. “Oh no, oh no, “cries Mr Hedgie, “it’s you ruining my poor winter nest, is it?” “Yes, says Mrs Squirrel, “it seems to be.” The two tiny creatures look as if they were going to argue. Quickly I say, “I am going to sit on the next door tree and sing till you both sort things out.”

A little time later I cock my head to listen but all is quiet. I gently hop back to my perch – still no noise. Then suddenly there is a “whoopee” and a happy squeak from Hedgie and Mrs Squirrel. I am so pleased. My two friends have sorted things out. I remember something I learnt, at the church in the woods for birds and tiny creatures. I, of course, was in the choir!

Dedicated to all Defenders of Human Freedoms: The Art of Paul Peter Piech at the People’s History Museum

The People’s History Museum in Manchester is well worth a visit. It houses material relating to the history of working people in Britain from the Co-operative Movement to Women’s suffrage, workers’ banners and the Peterloo massacre.

At the moment there is an exhibition entitled *Dedicated to all Defenders of Human Freedom: The Art of Paul Peter Piech*. Paul Peter Piech was an artist, humanitarian and campaigner. The curators state:

“Piech’s influences were many, not least politics and equality, through to jazz and poetry. His print making was infused with both a desire to reflect the world’s wrong back on itself, and to demonstrate the power of compassion and art.”

His work is striking using just one or two colours to show text in a large format– sometimes just a single word, or based on poems by Walt Whitman or text by Thomas Paine– along with powerful images.

This may sound a bit intense but each poster is exciting visually and very thought provoking. His daughter spoke passionately at a preview evening and described how he was he warm, friendly and compassionate man.

Next time you are in the city centre – take a few minutes to pop into the museum and see the exhibition. It is on till 12th February 2017 and is family friendly and suitable for all ages.

Jill Lomas



Church Duty Rota – November 2016

Date	Warden 8.30am	Warden 10.30am	Altar Server	Lay Assistants	Sides- people
6 th	Fred Murphy	Jill Lomas	Louise Hollings- worth	Louise H Julie C	Anne T Anne H Michaila R
13 th	Fred Murphy	Grace Manley	Michaila Roberts	Lyn R Sally R	Sybil G Alison C
20 th	Fred Murphy	Louise Hollings- worth	Peter Cullen	Anne T Anne H	Margaret V Michael V
27 th	Fred Murphy	Julie Crossley	Jane Cawley	Jane C Margaret V	Eunice W Julie B

Parish Registers – September 2016

Date	Attendance	Cash	Envelopes	Total
4 th	29	4.80	242.00	246.80
11 th	38	10.50	348.00	358.50
18 st	36	9.50	244.50	254.00
25 th	51	9.50	478.00	487.50
Total		34.30	1312.50	1346.80

St Nicholas Club Draw

1st Prize: 44 Rachel Barry
2nd Prize: 52 Fred Murphy

Hello again- it's me! Mr Robin Redbreast

The Autumn has arrived, and with it all the wonderful colours and berries we see at this time of year. I shall hop to the tree just here and sing loudly in case Mr Hedgeie is around. We met last year and he pops up to say hello sometimes. This hedgehog is quite friendly actually; not like others who aren't around here.

I remember once hearing the words: "Love your neighbour as yourself."

I suppose birds and small creatures come under this category. Some birds and creatures are very hard to like, never mind I must try harder, especially thinking of cats! I don't think Hedgeie likes them either. But I do remember someone who treasured all