



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St. Nicholas Burnage

## 'Knowing, Growing, Sharing in the love of Christ'

Hi Everyone,  
Here is the newsletter for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

As you will be aware, all services and prayer/lent groups have been suspended in the Church of England, the church building is closed for all worship and groups apart from the Food Bank.

If you are housebound or isolating and need any shopping or errands, please let Alison 07932071977 or Jane 07745392374 know as members of our congregation have kindly offered to help where they can.

We will be following the Church of England guidance, this can be found [here](#).

### **Readings for 5<sup>th</sup> April, Palm Sunday**

The Liturgy of the Palms Matthew 21. 1-11 The Passion Narrative: Mathew 26. 14-27. 66

### **Morning and Evening Prayer and a service for Palm Sunday**

#### **Rachel delivers:**

- **Morning Prayer** at 8.30 am each day, (except Friday and Saturday). This will be very simple, using the Northumberland Prayer tradition
- **Evening Prayer** at 16. 00 pm GMT each day. It will be based on Common Worship, but with variants from other traditions on some days.

*To watch these services:*

You can subscribe to Rachel's You Tube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/user/SuperBlitzgirl> this means you will be notified.

You can also view all the services on our church website <https://www.st-nicholas-church.org.uk>

**Rachel and Ollie will be delivering a service for Palm Sunday via a 'live stream' to Rachel's you tube channel, and to the website at 10.30am on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April.**

*A pastoral message from Rachel*

My dear friends,

How strange our world has become! As you will know, the road on which I live – Kingsway – is usually one of the busiest arterial roads in Europe. This morning, as I write this, it is about as busy as it is on Christmas Day. I have now been in personal 'lockdown' for about three weeks and it has been a revealing experience. I have certainly prayed more often, and I have been very thankful for the space living in a Rectory affords me. I have also been in contact far more often with family, friends and congregation. I suspect there are – as teachers have it – some key 'learning points' to be gleaned from this experience.

In this brief letter, I simply want to assure you that my colleagues and I are praying for you. Andrew and I, along with Mark Hewerdine, pray each morning together and we have established a practice of praying for five different congregation members each day. It is very moving to recall you each by name and hold your stories before God.

I also want to say that it's okay to feel frustration or feel scared or depressed about what we are facing. None of us have ever faced anything quite like this before. By the time this is all over, we shall be sick to high-heaven of the word, 'unprecedented'. However, I remain convinced – especially as we draw close to Easter Day – that God is good, generous and holy. In the midst of our trials, he calls us into new life.

As we draw close to Holy Week, I hope we can turn once again to the remarkable story of Jesus' journey to the Cross and beyond to Resurrection. Of all communities in this nation, Christian ones are precisely those who have been given a story for these times: a story which passes from the promise of Palm Sunday, through to the depths of Good Friday and on to the true triumph of Easter Day. All our hope on God is founded, as the hymn goes. You bet! We are living through times which can feel like a Lent without end or the sealed-up darkness of Holy Saturday. Soon, though, soon and very soon, we shall meet our Easter Day and there shall be, such rejoicing!

Rachel x

Here is a link to a document on our church website: [Ways to pray if you can't get to church](#) a book of prayers to use at home for personal prayer for those of you who are isolating.

### **Stations of the Cross**

For Holy Week, Andrew has created a document to enable you to pray through the stations of the cross a copy is available on the website or you can access it through this [link](#)

### **PRAYER LIST April 2020**

**Please pray for** Jacob Holt, his family and his Godfather, Giles Elliott, Brenda Denny, Jim Davey, Vi Reed, Barry Southall, Irene Smith, Claire Cawley, Georgie Rose Naylor, Peter Taylor, Ian Lomas, Sylvia Bate, Paul Nield. Ann Ackerman. Winifred Murphy, Norma Cookson.

Please remember Elsie Jubb and Caroline Abiodun in your prayers as they celebrate special birthdays in April.

### **IN RESIDENTIAL CARE**

Muriel Wheatley (Anchor Westfield, Hall Lane, Wythenshawe), Edith Partington.

### **THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

Amelia Woodhall, Leah, Eunice Wilshaw

### **ANNIVERSARY list , April 2020**

Gill Radford, Steve Johnson, Stanley Mottershead, Angela McDonough, Lynn Conlan, Paul Clark, Katie Thornburn, Eileen Chow, Barbara Stenton, John Ennis, Vivian Lewis, Mike Griffin, Gordon Campbell, Peggy Dadswell, Sheila Andrews, Edith Bate, Herbert Bradley, Peggy Taylor, Elsie Collins, Patricia Kenneally, Rev'd

Brian Barker, Barbara Stenton, Ada Lloyd, Freda Cornahcan, Joan Grundy, Sheila Frewin, Winnie Witty, Geoff Smalley, John Sankey, Roger Males, Edith Lowe, Elaine Crossley, Rita Condron, Ruby Timmis, David Witty, Doreen Forshaw, Eileen Klyne, Maureen, Gladys Short, Dorothy Eades

## **CHURCH ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)**

The APCM will be deferred to later in the year. Churchwardens and any other official roles will now stay in post until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

### **An important message from our treasurer:**

Thank you to all those who have kindly made a donation to church accpounts, sent a cheque or completed a standing order form, we are very grateful for your on-going support particulary during this period when church services are suspended.

If you would like a standing ordfer form, they are available on the website, here is a link to the form.

<http://www.st-nicholas-church.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/SNC-Regular-donation-form.pdf>

All that needs to happen is that the form is completed and returned to me to process.

Andrew Mills  
St Nicholas Church Treasurer  
c/o 2 Glenside Drive  
Wilmslow  
SK9 1EH

If you would prefer to send a contribution by cheque, please make the cheque payable to 'St.Nicholas PCC' and post it to the treasurer at the address above.

If you would prefer to simply make a one off or occasional payment into the church accounts, here are the BACS details:

Account details: St Nicholas Church PCC  
Account number: 02047578  
Sort code: 01-02-69  
Nat West Bank Didsbury  
Please add a reference your initials and postcode.

*Thank you for all your support.*  
*Andy*

### **Church giving – Fresh friends boxes are ready for collection**

**Church Charity** for January to March: **RSPCA** (donation can be made via the charity box

**Card payments** via the card reader machine at the 10.30am Sunday morning service

## Happy Birthday:

We are unable to participate in services and to sing to these three lovely people, so as you wash your hands please remember to sing through 'Happy Birthday twice'. We will celebrate as a church once we are back to our usual routine.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April Andy Mills (Church Treasurer)

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April Elsie Jubb celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April Caroline Abiodun celebrates her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday

If you have a birthday or you know that someone else in the congregation has a birthday in April, please let us know. Call Alison on 07932071977 or Jane on 07745392374 or email [alison@st-nicholas-church.org.uk](mailto:alison@st-nicholas-church.org.uk).

If you would like to add any names or notices to the newsletter, please let Alison know on email: [alison@st-nicholas-church.org.uk](mailto:alison@st-nicholas-church.org.uk) or by phone 07932071977.

Thank you