



# 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 12<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Sunday!

As you will be aware, the church building remains closed for all services and groups apart from the Food Bank. We want to continue to support our congregation so 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 12<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 10. 34-43, 2nd Reading: Colossians 3. 1-4, Gospel: Matthew 28. 1-10

Services are available on-line delivered by Rachel and the clergy team, details of the times of the services are detailed below:

- **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 Easter Sunday via a 'live stream' to Rachel's you tube channel, and to the church website at 10.30am on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April.**

***All three members of our clergy team have written a message to share with you for Easter:***

*A message from Revd Canon Dr Rachel Mann*

### **A Thought for Easter Day**

As church bells ring to mark the end of the first Mass of Easter, residents of the Greek island of Corfu hurl clay pots off their balconies to loudly celebrate that death has been beaten by the Resurrection. Apparently, the tradition was inspired by the Venetians, who threw their old and unwanted possessions out of their windows on New Year's Day. It was adopted by the islanders and applied to the most important day in their calendar.

Not for a second am I proposing that we celebrate this strangest of Easter Days by throwing pottery and earthenware into the street! However, on this most important day in the Church's story, the Day of Resurrection, we face a challenge: how do we celebrate? Under lockdown, it may feel as if none of our usual ways of proclaiming 'He is Risen!' are available. We cannot hang out in our church building, we cannot physically share bread and wine, or renew our baptismal vows as we are sprinkled with holy water. Perhaps we *should* all throw crockery from our windows!?!

Clearly, it would be very naughty to start throwing things around, no matter how cathartic! Celebrating the gift of Christ's resurrection is something that we still share together on Easter Day. We shall share it by tuning into our live-stream worship at 1030am; we shall share it in the phone calls and cards we shall receive; we shall share it in the quietness of our hearts; we shall know fellowship!

Easter has not been postponed this year, even if it feels like it. Actually, I think this time of trial is an invitation to go deeper into God and discover the Easter joy in times of great pain, disruption and challenge. If we can do this – and I believe we shall – how much more joyous shall be we when we can greet each other face to face?

As St Paul reminds us, in the end, faith, hope and love abide, but the greatest of these is love. Love wins and love transforms, and there is so much love at St Nick's. This Eastertime, however you spend it, know that the Love of God holds, fills and surrounds you. God goes ahead and shall greet us when, once again, we walk back through the doors of our beautiful building.

Happy Easter! He is Risen! He is Risen, indeed!

Rachel x

*A message from Revd Alan Simpson*

I echo the strange feelings this period of 'lock down' conjures up for us all, not least given that we find ourselves in the midst of one of the most significant weeks in the Church's liturgical calendar. As we learn to adapt to new ways of being, there is no better opportunity to come closer to God than to keep the watch and bear witness to Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

I was touched by the words of Pope Francis on Palm Sunday, when he reminded the world of the example of Jesus's Mother, Mary. During the events of that very first Triduum, Mary could only look on helplessly as she endured the sword that she had been warned, long ago, would pierce her very heart. Mary dared to tread the path of her son and wept at the foot of the Cross. And so, my Brothers and Sisters, we are invited to emulate the example of Jesus's precious Mother and to keep the watch. Let us bring all our fears to the foot of that Cross, because it is from that very Cross we are inspired to hope and then we are invited to bask in the radiant light of that glorious Resurrection.

Wishing you all a Holy and very Blessed Easter!

*A message from Revd Andrew Bennison*

What a strange way to be celebrating my first Easter with you at St Nick's! It is painful for our community to be apart from one another. Yet even in these difficult times, I have been struck by the enduring strength of our relationships and the kindness shown to one another. It is in this - in the persistence of love among us, even amidst difficulty - that the joy of the resurrection is glimpsed. Happy Easter all!

Best wishes,

Andrew

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.

### **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 Claire and Jane Cawley in your prayers as they mourn the sad passing of their four legged friend and companion, Finlay.

### **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

*A message from the family of Eunice Wilshaw*

Could we please post a huge thank you to everyone in the congregation at St Nicks for all their kind words from cards and letters to phone calls after the sad loss of mum we know how much she was loved by everyone and when everything eventually gets back to some normality then we can have a huge celebration for mum and everyone else as well, hope you are all well and hopefully will see you all soon,

Much love Alison, Steve and the whole family x

### *A message from Storm the editor of our Church magazine*

Good morning all

The next St Nicks Magazine is being prepared and I thought it would be lovely if our own congregation featured in the magazine. It would be amazing if you could respond to the following questions and where possible to include a selfie/artistic impression of yourself to go with your blurb so we can include it in the next Magazine. So:

1. What has been your experience of Lockdown and have you been working, have you been alone or with others?
2. What gems have you discovered in the form of a book or on television – be that movies, documentaries and so on?
3. What is something new you have discovered or done during the your time in lockdown?
4. If you have taken part, how have you adapted to online worship? What are your thoughts on it?
5. What are two things you have missed during lockdown?
6. If you were to reflect upon this period away from everything and everyone, what poem, scripture or verse has really spoken to you or resonated with you?

Please send responses to [storm.janeway@gmail.com](mailto:storm.janeway@gmail.com)

Have a wonderful Holy week.

Storm

### **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*

### Happy Birthday:

We are unable to participate in services and to sing to these 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.

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