



# 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 19<sup>th</sup> April.

As you will be aware, the church building remains closed for all services. 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 19<sup>th</sup> April, Second Sunday of Easter

First reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32,

Psalm 16

Second reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

**Rachel and Ollie will be delivering a service on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am.** you can watch this service via the links below:

On our church website <https://www.st-nicholas-church.org.uk>

Or via Rachel's You Tube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/SuperBlitzgirl>

Rachel and Andrew will be delivering services for Morning and Evening prayer as follows:

- **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.

#### *A message from the Churchwardens:*

Dear Friends,

We remain in lockdown and we are sure like us you could never have imagined we would be in this situation, however, we have to abide by the rules and stay safe to keep ourselves and everyone else safe too.

From Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm, and every Thursday night thereafter, we have all stood united on our doorsteps, balconies and open windows to applaud and cheer our amazing NHS staff who so courageously and selflessly are battling on to try to save as many lives as possible.

As you are aware, we had to close the church building for everything except the Tuesday Food Bank which is continuing to provide food for those families in need, Margaret, Tony and the FoodBank volunteers are doing a fantastic job. Like everyone else, the Food bank staff and visitors abide by the government guidelines regarding social distancing.

Jane and I are following the directive from the Church of England to conduct a weekly check on the church building for security and to check for water leaks. We are taking it in turns to check the building. Tony and Margaret are helping us by running the taps in all the sinks on a Tuesday.

Rachel, Andrew, Jane and I are keeping in touch and we share a Zoom meeting every Saturday to catch-up on parish news.

We are grateful to Rachel and Ollie for delivering a Sunday service, it is so nice to see their familiar faces and to listen to the words and hymns.

Andy our treasurer is monitoring our church income and expenditure and we would like to add our personal thanks to all of you who have kindly sent contributions to the church accounts.

We look forward to all being together in body but for now our love and faith binds us together, and we know that (to quote Her Majesty the Queen): "We'll meet again" try to find the words and sing it out aloud!

With our love and prayers,

Jane and Alison xx

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.

### **IN RESIDENTIAL CARE**

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

### **THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

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

***Please respond to Storm's questions to help her to add some comments in the church magazine, as we are short of content for our next issue:***

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 [editor@st-nicholas-church.org.uk](mailto:editor@st-nicholas-church.org.uk)

Thank you, Storm

### **A message from our Treasurer:**

First of all, I would like to extend a 'great-big' thank you to all of you who have continued to offer financial support to our Church. It is truly amazing how our wonderful and generous congregation have rallied round to ensure we can continue to meet our commitments.

We are very grateful for your on-going support particularly during this difficult time when church services are suspended.

If you would like donate to the church regularly, you can set up a standing order direct into our bank account. Forms are available on the website and 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 you need to do is print then complete the form and return it to me to process.

Andrew Mills  
St Nicholas Church Treasurer  
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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 me using the details shown above.

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

Account details: NatWest Bank (Didsbury)  
Account Name : St Nicholas Church PCC  
Account number: 02047578  
Sort code: 01-02-69

In order for use to claim Gift Aid, please ensure that any reference you use allows us to identify you. Please add a reference of your initials and postcode. E.g. AJM SK91EH

***Thank you,  
Andrew Mills,  
Treasurer***

### Happy 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