



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 10th May 2020.

This weekend we should have been celebrating the 75th Anniversary of VE Day but unfortunately, in the current climate all public and private parties and celebrations have had to be cancelled. We will look forward to a celebration in church once we are through this period of lockdown and we can all safely return to attending church services. The names of the people from St. Nicholas congregation who lost their lives serving our country in WWII are remembered on a plaque in the memorial corner. Rachel will include their names in our prayers during the live streamed service on Sunday morning.

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 10th May, Fifth Sunday of Easter

O.T Reading: Acts 7:55-60, **Psalm** 31:1-5, 15-16, **N.T. Reading** 1 Peter 2:2-10 **Gospel** : John 14:1-14

Rachel and Ollie will be delivering a service on Sunday 10th May 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 Fr. Alan Simpson

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope and trust that you are all keeping safe and well. I would like to invite you to spend some time with me in an Act of Spiritual Communion, where we have the opportunity to continue to pray for the world, for our nation and especially for each other during these very difficult days. We especially remember those who have died and those who mourn.

A couple of weeks ago, the Church commemorated one of my most favourite saints, St Catherine of Siena. Interestingly, St Catherine was born during the outbreak of plague in Italy in 1347, she was one of 25 children. Having resisted marrying her late sister's widower, she devoted her life to prayer and to the poor, following the Dominican Rule of Life and becoming a mystic. She advised Cardinals and Princes on matters of spirituality and on the call to holiness. She famously wrote that within her family life, her Father represented Christ and her Mother the Virgin Mary and her many siblings, represented the apostles. She is honoured as a Doctor of the Roman Catholic Church and is regarded as one of the patron saints of Europe.

I offer you the gospel reading from St John's Gospel which is the gospel taken from the Lectionary on the Feast of St Catherine. Please do join me in meditating on the passage:

John 6:35-40 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; ³⁸ for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

St Catherine of Siena, Ora Pro Nobis! Pray for us!

Every blessing to you all,

Fr. Alan

PRAYER LIST May 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, Margaret Vessey.

IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

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

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

ANNIVERSARY list , May 2020

Tony Huddart ,Rev.R.Ian McCalla, Paul Raven, Sally Smith, Christine Taylor, Ada Wheatcroft
L.Fred Lowe, Ann Clifford , Josephine Hale, Joyce Gibson , Gordon Campbell, Jean Bradbury
Melanie Wills, Paul Clark, Peggy Dadswell, Agnes Penny, Maggie Claughton ,Ellen Lowe, Stuart Nunns, Katie
Thornburn, Alison Lowther, Christine Heather Ward, Jean Blades, Marjorie Darke, David Witty , Michael
Samwell, Doreen Fanshawe, Eileen Klyne, Maureen, Gladys Short, Dorothy Eades

Here are details of a new phone service available to everyone. Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

A Church of England initiative in partnership with CONNECTIONS at Holy Trinity Claygate, and Faith in Later Life

The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.



'Dear St Nick's church family,

Firstly, let me say, how much I appreciate how we've stuck together in this time of trial. I think part of the reason is because we're creative, imaginative and (in my own case) slightly silly.

Recently, Claire Cawley had a great idea we could try which would show our solidarity with one another and send a message of hope to the wider community.

We have a mission statement at St Nick's which reads 'Knowing, Growing, Sharing in the Love of Christ'.

We also have hashtags which we regularly use - #InclusiveChurch #DementiaFriendly ...

I'd like to add to that - for a bit of fun - #WeAreFamily.

Claire would like a photo of you holding up one of the words from those phrases or hashtags on an A4 piece of paper, which she will then make into a film we can share on our website, on twitter, facebook and insta.

The idea is to give a snapshot of who we are at St Nick's, as well as give us a chance to bring all ages together. Claire will co-ordinate ensuring that some of our non-internet users can take part (whilst ensuring that social distancing rules are maintained!).

If you'd like to take part, can you get in touch with Claire (clairecawley1@hotmail.co.uk) in the first instance? or give Claire a call on 07523 338328, she can assign you a word. I'm very excited about this and look forward to lots of us taking part.

Rachel x'

A message from our Treasurer:

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.

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 to the following people who celebrate their birthday in May:

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'.

9th May Anne Holmes
14th May Val Hagan
26th May Emily Crossley

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.

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 or by phone 07932071977. Thank you