



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 31st May, Pentecost

We hope you are all well and managing to get all your need during lockdown. This time last year we prepared to celebrate Pentecost with the clergy resplendent in their red chasubles and images of the 'Holy Spirit' displayed on the screen and on the altar. We will celebrate this Sunday via an on-line service, tune in if you can. The theme for our virtual Taize service on Tuesday 2nd June will continue the celebration of Pentecost.

Slowly we are moving towards an easing of the lockdown with opportunities to leave the house twice a day for exercise and to see a friend or family member at a distance in a local park. Shops selling non-essential goods are beginning to open with more restaurants opening daily for take away and home delivery services. There is a long way to go but the most important factor in all of this is that we are seeing a daily reduction in the number of people who are ill or dying from this dreadful disease.

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.

Readings for 31st May , The Day of Pentecost

O.T Reading: Acts 2:1-21 **Psalm:** 104:24-34, 35b **N.T. Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:3b - 13

Gospel : John 20: 19-23

Rachel, Ollie, Andrew and Alan will be delivering a service on Sunday 31st May at 10.30am, the service will be a special celebration for Pentecost. You can watch this service via the links below: On our church website <https://www.st-nicholas-church.org.uk>, our Facebook Page or via Rachel's You Tube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/SuperBlitzgirl>

Rachel continues to deliver **Morning Prayer** at 8.30 am each day, (except Friday and Saturday). This will be very simple, using the Northumberland Prayer tradition

Please join us for Taize Evening Prayer Tuesday 2nd June at 7.30pm via St.Nicholas Church Website or Facebook page

Wednesday prayer session - Tune in to a quiet half hour of prayer with Rev'd Andrew Bennison on Wednesday mornings at 11.am, the sessions can be viewed via the St.Nicholas Facebook Page

'Gathering, Sharing, Praying'

As the Coronavirus lockdown continues, we are exploring setting up a prayer group to meet regularly (monthly or bi-monthly) over Zoom. Co-ordinated by our curate Andrew and ALM Alison, an introductory session will be held on Monday 8th June at 7.00pm. We are calling this first session '**Gathering, Sharing, Praying**'. It will be a short half-hour session: an opportunity to **gather** with one another; to **share** prayer resources which may use useful during lockdown; and to participate in a short form of evening **prayer**. If there is interest, subsequent sessions will focus on different traditions and practices of prayer, including Ignatian contemplation, meditation and leading intercessions.

No preparation is needed for the introductory session. You do not need to be a prayer 'expert' to participate! We would like to involve as many people as possible.

If you are interested in attending please let Andrew know: curate@st-nicholas-church.org.uk. Further details (including a Zoom link) will be circulated in due course.

A message from Fr. Alan Simpson

My dear Friends,

This Sunday, 31st May, marks Pentecost Sunday where we celebrate the apparition of Jesus Christ to his disciples in the upper room and are reminded that Christ filled the Church with the power of the Holy Spirit and the disciples went out far and wide, to spread the good news of peace, joy and forgiveness to all. Traditionally Pentecost is described as the Birthday of the Church and is marked with 'walks of witness'. Unfortunately, due to the current Covid19 pandemic, such acts of witness have had to be cancelled, but the call upon us as Christians to be spirit filled and to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ, is still very much needed. I invite you to reflect on the following Pentecost passage from the Gospel of Saint John (20: 19-23) and pray especially to be spirit filled during these very uncertain times:

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Let us pray – *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love – Alleluia!*

Please keep safe and well and be assured as ever of my support and prayers.

Pentecost blessings 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, Derek Carr.

IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

Muriel Wheatley (Eachstep (Charlestown Unit) Blackley, Manchester M9 7ED) Edith Partington.
Amy Haygarth

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



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

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.

A message from our Treasurer:

Please consider making a donation to church during this period when the church is closed, we really do need every penny to maintain the building and to meet our commitments. 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
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 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 lovely people who celebrate their birthday in June:

5th June Jane Cawley, happy 60th birthday.

6th June Julie Bodgers

30th June Lucy Crossley

If you have a birthday or you know that someone else in the congregation has a birthday in June, 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

Congratulations to the winners of the St. Nicholas Club for March, April and May are as follows:

Month	Number	1 st Prize (£25)	Number	2 nd Prize (£15)
March	35	Julie Crossley	31	Rainbows (kindly donated by M.Vessey)
April	54	Jackie Walker	64	St.Nick's (kindly donated by W.Murphy)
May	3	Susan Morris	56	Jonathan Greenway

Alison Mills will be in touch with the winners to arrange for them to collect their winnings!