



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 7th June, Trinity Sunday

We hope you are all continuing to keep well. We have no further news on the opening of the Church building at present, but we want to reassure you that we are putting together plans so that when we are allowed to open the building, we are ready to go. Rachel, Andrew, Jane and I meet every Saturday for a catch-up. It was lovely to join all those who 'Zoomed' into our virtual coffee morning last Saturday. We will let you know when the next event will take place.

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 7th June, Trinity Sunday

O.T Reading: Genesis 1:1 – 2 :4a **Psalm:** 8 **N.T. Reading:** 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Gospel : Matthew 28:16-20

Rachel, and Ollie will be delivering a service on Sunday 7th June at 10.30am. 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

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.

Dear Friends,

We are continuing to keep in touch with as many people as we can via phone calls, text messages, emails and letters. We have received a lot of messages thanking us for our communication.

Our on-line services have been very well received and the audience is growing. Rachel has been delivering a service of morning prayer, we have a regular Sunday morning service and we offered our second Taize Service on 2nd June. The benefit of an on-line service is that it can be watched at a later date and we know that between 100 and 120 people are watching our on-line Sunday services over the week. We have also delivered our second Taize Service which was viewed by 59 people over the week. We are very encouraged by the numbers of followers who are joining our services and adding positive feedback.

The two big hits have been Rachel and Ollie's performance of 'This Little Light of Mine' and their latest collaboration 'In Christ Alone', there has been a lot of interest generated so no pressure Ollie & Rachel, but we would love to see more of this!

So, are more people interested and following virtual services? A Church Times article published on 3rd May from a survey conducted by Tearfund and suggests that 1 in 20 adults have started to pray during the lockdown, despite not praying before. The survey also found that 5 per cent of respondents who said that they had watched or listened to a religious service since the lockdown began had never attended a church service before.

Wouldn't it be great to welcome lots of new people in our congregation because they have enjoyed sharing our virtual worship and prayer and want to join us!

On a separate note we know that you will all be concerned to read that Bevan Taylor is in Wythenshawe Hospital. Jane and I have been able to call Bevan on the ward and he is comfortable and making good progress.

With our love and prayers,

Alison and Jane xx



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
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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.

PRAYER LIST June 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

IN HOSPITAL

Bevan Taylor (Ward F7, Wythenshawe Hospital)

ANNIVERSARY list, June 2020

Doris Crossley, Joan Bodgers, Jean Bradbury, Melanie Wills, Alfred Vost, Brenda Whitwell, Ken Holmes, Ian Boswell, Ken Paterson, Agnes Penny, Ellen Lane, Iris Hubble, Corinne Schofield, Sheelagh Mainwaring, Alfred Hurd, Jean Blades, Maggie Cloughton, John Pugh, Peggy Salts, Alfred Vost, Anne Morrison, Roy Cookson, Jane Stitt, John Atkinson, Norman Atherton, Karen Hunt, Hilda Wilkinson, Harold Woodhall, Anne Thompson, Roy Knowles, Joyce Barlow, Matthew Nicholls, Doreen Preece, Ray Walsh, Noel Hurley

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!