



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 14th June, Trinity 1

We hope you are all continuing to keep well. Please read Rachel's article in the newsletter below for information regarding the opening of Church Buildings.

There will be another '**virtual coffee morning**' on Saturday 13th June, Andrew will be hosting this Saturday's event so please let Andrew know via his email curate@st-nicholas-church.org.uk. if you would like to join us so we know who to expect:.

Here is the link to the coffee morning:

Andrew Bennison is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Virtual Coffee Morning

Time: Jun 11, 2020 10:30 AM London Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71296602192?pwd=TmdqK09MNU9OT3RiejBta2oraUV5Zz09>

Meeting ID: **712 9660 2192**

Password: **8pDwDV**



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 14th June, Trinity 1

O.T Genesis 18: 1-15, (21.1-7) Psalm 116: 1 – 2, 12-19, N.T. Exodus 19: 2-8a Gospel Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

Rachel, and Ollie will be delivering a service on Sunday 14th 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'



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first "Gathering, Sharing and Praying session on Monday 8th June. Information will follow regarding dates for future meetings. Rev's Andrew Bennison and Alison Mills.

From the Rector

By now I suspect you will have seen that the Church of England has received permission from central government to reopen its buildings, in a limited way, from Monday 15th June. I want to take this opportunity to reflect with you all about what this might mean for us at St Nick's.

Firstly, let me say, we have not stopped worshipping at St Nick's, nor have we ceased being a church whilst we've been away from our building. However, I also understand the deep urge felt by many to 'get back' to using and inhabiting our magnificent worship space.

While I too am keen to have our building open, I want to assure you that the Church Wardens and I want to open it in as safe a way as possible. While it looks like the first peak of the coronavirus pandemic has passed, and we pray that the disease is now under greater control, it is too early to think that the pandemic is over. Therefore, the Wardens, clergy colleagues and I will not rush into opening our building.

We want to assure you that we are undertaking risk-assessments and taking the best advice we can from the diocese and the national church. The first step in opening churches will be for private prayer, rather than full public worship. It will be a very limited opening in which very strict social distancing requirements will be needed. Serious considerations need to be given to staffing, cleaning and safety. I would be horrified if our building became 'groundzero' for a flare-up of the disease.

We are keen to open our building, but we will not do so if we feel it is going to place the people we serve at unnecessary risk. One of the things that is most challenging for me personally is whether it is yet safe for me to be in the building. The best advice I've received is that it's not. Other vulnerable people need to think twice before entering confined spaces. As a vulnerable person, I shall not just be thinking twice, but many times before I place myself or others at risk. Should you be a person in a vulnerable category, I can only ask that you do everything to minimise your risk.

I also want to explain why we also currently feel we need to be very careful about home visiting. Rules have been relaxed somewhat, but not sufficiently for people to readily be visited in their homes. I do think it is important that friends connect up with each other, in a safe way – in open spaces and outdoors. However, at the moment we shan't be doing standard official visiting as church representatives.

I know this is difficult, not least for me, as someone who feels a little starved of contact! I want to remind us of our deep fellowship in the Holy Spirit. I think we are all deeply fond of our building not least because that it is a place where we gather to express our love for one another. That love remains real, whether we are physically together or not. Thanks be to God for that!

As Her Majesty said, 'Till we meet again', much love, Rachel x



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

Vi Reed, Lois Stone and Elfin Brook also have birthdays in June – so we hope you all celebrated in style!

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 (Buccluch Lodge, Elizabeth Slinger Road)

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, Frances Janeway.

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
June	62	Freda Evans	65	Fred Murphy.

Alison Mills has been in touch with all the winners.