



# 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 21<sup>st</sup> June, Trinity 2

We hope you are all continuing to keep well. Please read Andrew's article in the newsletter below for information regarding the opening of Church Buildings. 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 21<sup>st</sup> June, Trinity 2

O.T Genesis 21: 8 -21, Psalm 86: 1 – 10, 16 - 17, N.T. Romans 6: 1b -11 Gospel Matthew 10 :24 - 39

Rachel, and Ollie will be delivering a service on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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' – Upcoming Sessions

Following on from a successful first meeting last week, the 'Gathering, Sharing, Praying' group will continue to meet during June and July.

The format of the group is simple: an opportunity to gather with one another; to share resources and experiences; and to pray together. The sessions will begin at 7.00pm on Zoom and will last about half an hour. Each session will focus on a different tradition or practice of prayer:

- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June (next Monday) – *Intercessory Prayer*
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July – *Ignatian Prayer*
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – *Prayer in the Northumbrian Tradition*

All are welcome to attend these sessions. You do not have to have attended the first session in order to take part in subsequent weeks. We would like to involve as many people as possible and it is fine to just 'drop in'.

If you are interested in attending any of the sessions please let Andrew know: [curate@st-nicholas-church.org.uk](mailto:curate@st-nicholas-church.org.uk). He will send you the login details for Zoom. Hope you can join us! Revd Andrew Bennison and Alison Mills

## **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, Albert Radcliffe.

### **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](mailto:alison@st-nicholas-church.org.uk) or by phone 07932071977. Thank you

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 Revd Andrew Bennison*

Dear friends,

Next week will be a strange week for me. It is the week when – until the Coronavirus crisis hit – I was due to be on retreat, prior to being ordained priest at Manchester Cathedral next Saturday. This occasion is something I have anticipated for a long time, the culmination of many years of preparation and training. Alas, it has now been delayed until Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October. The long-anticipated moment will eventually arrive... but only after waiting a little while longer.

I know that I am not the only person to have my plans delayed due to Covid-19. Compared to most I am relatively fortunate. Many have had to postpone their weddings. Others have had important medical procedures and treatments cancelled. Thousands are waiting anxiously to resume work or education. All of us are waiting for the return to some sort of normality.

One of the difficult decisions that the clergy and churchwardens have been considering this week is whether to open the church for private prayer. As government restrictions have eased this is now permitted – albeit with strict precautions regarding hygiene, staffing and social distancing. But after careful thought and consideration we have decided against opening the church immediately. We want to wait a little longer to ensure that we can open safely and securely. For some of us this decision may seem disappointing, given our desire to be back in church again. The PCC will have the opportunity to discuss the matter on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and the church leadership team will keep the situation continually under review. But however things develop we are unlikely to see a return to ‘normal’ worship soon.

I don't think we should under-estimate the cost of waiting. Waiting is frustrating. It is a trial. We shouldn't feel pressured to appear stoic or serene when asked to wait; it *hurts* when the things that matter to us are deferred or delayed. It is completely okay to ‘vent’ these feelings to God in prayer or lament – and to cry on the shoulders of one another. Indeed, this is what Christian faith and community is all about! We don't need to bury our feelings or struggle on alone. Waiting is sometimes unavoidable, but God doesn't want us to endure it alone. We need his companionship and the companionship of one another.

Whatever our situation, my prayer is that God would give us all the strength to endure times of waiting; the patience to persist in hope; and the courage to reach out to one another at times of need.

With my love and prayers,

Andrew

### **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:**

5<sup>th</sup> June Jane Cawley, happy 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

6<sup>th</sup> June Julie Bodgers

30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:alison@st-nicholas-church.org.uk).