



Welcome to the Parish Church of St. Nicholas Burnage

'Knowing, Growing, Sharing in the love of Christ'

Hi Everyone,

Here is the newsletter for August. Our next 10.30am service will take place on Sunday 2nd August 2020, the Ninth Sunday after Trinity. We hope you are all continuing to keep well.

The sound system in church was given a complete overhaul last week and new equipment was installed. The purpose of this is to improve our sound system both in church and for live streamed services. Huge thanks to Ollie and Andy Mills for their time, energy and expertise in installing the new system. We experienced a few teething problems last Sunday so please bear with us all be resolved.

Church is open every Sunday morning for the 10.30am service, **the only entrance to church is through the main front doors**. Temperature checks are conducted on arrival and we ask you to use hand sanitizer. The service is displayed on the screens, sadly there is no singing for the time being and there will be no tea and coffee after church for the time being.

Please note members of our congregation who have been advised to shield must continue to stay home and stay safe. Please do not consider coming to church if you are in a vulnerable category, or if you are feeling unwell.

The newsletter you have received today is for the month of August, the newsletter team are taking a break for the next three weeks, your next copy of the newsletter will be distributed on 27th August ready for September. The readings for the main Sunday services in August are included on this newsletter.

Readings for the month of August

Sunday 2nd August, the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:

OT. Reading: Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm: 17:1-7, 15, N.T Reading : Romans 9:1-5, Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday 9th August, the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost:

OT. Reading: Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b NT. Romans 10:5-15 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday 16th August, the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost:

OT Reading Genesis 45:1-15, Psalm 133, NT Reading Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Gospel Matthew 15(⊕10-20), 21-28

Sunday 23rd August, the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost:

OT Reading: Exodus 1:8 – 2:10, Psalm 124, NT Romans 12 :1-8, Gospel Matthew 16 13-20

Sunday 30th August the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

OT Reading: Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b, NT Reading Romans 12:9-21 Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

Wednesday prayer session – the sessions will not take place during August

PRAYER LIST August 2020

Please pray for Jacob Holt, his family and his Godfather, Giles Elliott, Brenda Denny, Jim Davey, Vi Reed, Barry Southall, Irene Smith, Georgie Rose Naylor, Peter Taylor, Ian Lomas, Sylvia Bate, Paul Nield. Ann Ackerman. Winifred Murphy, Norma Cookson, Margaret Vessey, Derek Carr, Albert Radcliffe, Bevan Taylor.

IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

Muriel Wheatley (Eachstep (Charlestown Unit) Blackley, Manchester M9 7ED)

Edith Partington,

Amy Haygarth

Jim Tyler (Laurel Court ,Candleford Road, Withington)

IN HOSPITAL

ANNIVERSARY list, August 2020

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEPARTED

Anne Morrison, Roy Cookson, Doris Purvis, Norman Atherton, Karen Hunt, Hilda Wilkinson, Harold Woodhall, Ken Paterson, Peggy Salts, Anthony Martin, Vera Gawkrödger, Jean Starkey, Harry Pulford, Anne Thompson, Ian Dixon, Mary Vost, Christopher Morris, Josephine Peel, Barry Sumner, Dennis Ackling, Barbara Cox, Jane Stitt Fred Williams, Margaret Francis, Mary Williams, Ian Davies, John Atkinson, Bill Cole Jim Mills, Harold Johnson, Derek Lowndes, Anthony Gwenter, Christine Taylor, Bernadette Lavell

A message from Fr Alan Simpson

Greetings friends,

I trust you are continuing to keep safe and to keep well.

Despite the lock down period, where the world appeared to have entered a new and strange phase of almost pause, I am still astounded at how time continues to pass so quickly and leaves me with a sense of prevailing urgency; an urgency whereby I lose myself in the busyness of being busy.

The liturgical calendar is a stark reminder to me (and to all) to take 'time out' even if it is just for a few moments during the various activities of the day, to be with God and to be, dare I say, with self. Friday, 31st July commemorates the memorial of the death of St Ignatius of Loyola in 1556. St Ignatius was the founder of the Society of Jesus, or the Jesuits, as they are commonly known. St Ignatius was born in the beautiful Basque region in Spain, joining the army aged seventeen, he distinguished himself in many battles. Following a sudden conversion to deepen his faith, he relinquished his military career and the comforts that his life offered to him, to live as a hermit. He would spend hours, even days, fasting and in prayer - begging for what little food he would consume. He soon gathered companions around him who felt that they too desired to respond to the call to a conversion of life and thus, the Jesuits were born, and is a Religious Order that continues to thrive across the globe to this very day.

St Ignatius went on to become a great spiritual guide and teacher; his spiritual journal was eventually published and became known as 'The Spiritual Exercises'. I have taken the opportunity that lockdown has presented to incorporate the Exercises into my daily prayer life, and I would recommend them to all. The Exercises are full of imagery and beauty – I will share with you the prayer at the heart of Ignatius' meditations and one that is designed to help one to focus fiercely upon Christ himself:

Soul of Christ, make me holy
Body of Christ, redeem me
Blood of Christ, inebriate me
Water from Christ's side, cleanse me
Passion of Christ, make me strong
O Good Jesus, hear me
Hide me in your wounds
Never let me depart from you
Defend me from the evil enemy
Call me at the hour of my death
Bid me come to you
That with your saints I may praise you
Forever and ever. Amen.

As we approach August, I wish you all a restful few weeks and pray you will continue to keep safe and well.

With love and blessings,

Fr. Alan



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.

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 1st August Virtual Coffee Morning 10.30am

This event be hosted by Rachel via the link below, please try to join us for a social catch-up and chat, everyone is most welcome, and the event will finish at 11.30 am. Please bring along a coffee/tea in your favourite mug to the Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting virtual coffee morning 10.30 Saturday 1st August

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86725786383?pwd=M1FTamxYU3cwbmFrQjAwaEdONC9CZz09>

Meeting ID: 867 2578 6383

Passcode: 807111

Tuesday 4th August at 7.00pm Taize Evening prayer will be delivered virtually and can be viewed on our church website www.st-nicholas-church.org.uk The service will be led by Ollie with prayers and a reading from members of the Taize team.

Sunday 27th September 10.30am Harvest Festival

Harvest Appeal 2020

We would like to continue to support the Burnage Food bank and Barnabus Charity for the homeless as harvest collection appeal this year.

To donate to **Burnage Food Bank** please contribute to the collecting box when you shop at Tesco, Burnage.

To donate to **Barnabus charity for the homeless** please buy items suggested on this lists list of suggested items is detailed below. Goods can be brought to church and or collected from your home. The collection will end of Harvest Sunday 27th September 2020.

- Shaving Foam, Disposable Razors
- Shower Gel, Shampoo, Conditioner
- Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant (roll-ons only)
- Biscuits, Cakes, Chocolates
- Strawberry Jam, Peanut Butter
- Pasta - (dry)
- Tinned Baked Beans / Beans and Sausages

- Tinned Tomatoes, Hot Dogs, Tuna
- Men and Women's Clothing, Jeans, Jumpers, T Shirts
- Socks (new only, please)
- Underwear Women's size 10 - 14 (new only please)
- Men's Boxers Medium (new only please)
- Sleeping Bags
- Hats, Gloves and Scarves

A message from our Treasurer:

- [Easy Fundraising website](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

An easy way to donate to church funds when you shop on line, please register with :

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> and name St.Nicholas Church as your chosen charity. We already have 9 members of our congregation donating through easy fundraising, there is also a link to easy fundraising website on the church website.

- [Please join St.Nicholas Club aka 'Fred's Fiddle' \(or renew your membership\)](#)

Fred Murphy one of our assistant churchwardens has managed the 100 Club for many years, hence the nickname 'Fred's Fiddle', prior to Fred taking over the club it was run by another warden called Fred. The idea is that St.Nick's congregation, family and friends all join this fundraising initiative and buy a membership for £12.50 for the year. The goal is to reach '100' members. Everyone is assigned a membership number and every number has a chance of winning a first prize of £25 or a second prize of £15 per month.

The more members we can recruit the more money is contributed to church funds. A form is enclosed for members who receive a newsletter by post and a form is available on-line via a link in the newsletter message.

Details for paying the membership fee are on the form. Please consider supporting the club as it is another way, we raise money to maintain our Grade 2* listed building.

If you would like to contribute to church funds on a regular basis, please 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

St.Nicholas Club Draw, congratulations to the July 2020 winners:	
First prize £25 No. 67 Caroline Abiodun	Second Prize £15 No. 58 Grace Manley

Celebrations in August:

Happy birthday to the following lovely people in August:

Anne Tudor 4th August

David Crossley happy 60th birthday 4th August

Happy 40th Wedding Anniversary to Andy and Alison Mills who were married in St.Nick's on 2nd August 1980