



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 5th July, Fourth Sunday after Trinity

We hope you are all continuing to keep well.

As you may have heard in the news, The Church of England has announced that Churches can re-open for private prayer, funerals, weddings and to return to public worship. There are rules for social distancing, hand washing, and the use of hand sanitizers which will all apply. The organ can be played but singing is not currently allowed. We are fortunate to have the two large screens which will be used for displaying the order of service as the use of service booklets is not recommended. There is a lot of preparatory work to be done. Please refer to the Church of England website for further information.

We are grateful to Hilary Shepherd our church cleaner who is now back at work. The Churchwardens and Revd. Andrew Bennison are going into Church this weekend to display signage and to do some tidying up.

The Foodbank has continued to use the church hall so one half of the building has been in regular use, with the toilets and kitchen cleaned regularly. Please note members of our congregation who have been advised to shield must continue to stay home and stay safe. We will be sharing our plans for our first Sunday service in due course.

Our Sunday services will continue to be streamed on-line for the next two Sunday's we will then consider how we begin to move services back into church and perhaps stream the live services.

We want to continue to support our congregation so if you need any shopping or errands, please let Alison 07932071977 or Jane 07745392374 know.

Readings for 5th July, Fourth Sunday after Trinity O.T. Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67. **Psalm:** 45:10-17, **N.T.** Romans 7:16-25a, **Gospel** Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.

Rachel, and Ollie will be delivering a service on Sunday 5th July 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

A message from Fr Alan:

Greetings friends,

I trust you are all safe, well and looking after yourselves.

On Monday we celebrated the Solemnity of the Holy Apostles, SS Peter and Paul. Two disciples of the Lord, who bore great testament and witness to the faith and who were both ultimately martyred for that fervour of commitment and witness to Jesus Christ. It is no coincidence that in many churches, the presiding Priest will wear red vestments on this solemnity, symbolism which not only reminds us of martyrdom but also of Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon God's Holy Church.

The weekend preceding the Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul is traditionally the period when ordinations to both the Diaconate and Priesthood take place; a period known as Petertide. During the past few days, clergy up and down the country have been celebrating their anniversaries of ordination, which is a joyous and welcome opportunity for clergy to give thanks to God for their service and ministry, to and amongst the people of God. This year's 'remembering' is slightly marred with sadness, given where we find ourselves with lockdown due to the Covid19 pandemic. Sadly, ordinations to both the Diaconate and Priesthood have had to be postponed until the Autumn. I am sure this has been a difficult time for those who have been preparing to be ordained and I therefore request that you particularly remember those candidates and their families most especially in your prayers; not least our very own curate, Andrew.

To aid our reflections, I commend to you the scripture passage from Monday's lectionary readings from St Paul:

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (2 Timothy. 4:6-8,17-18).

Let us continue to pray together for those who have been affected by Covid19, not least those who are sick or have suffered bereavements.

Please do all take very good care and be assured of my continued service and prayers.

Every blessing,

Fr. Alan

'Gathering, Sharing, Praying' – Upcoming Sessions



The next meeting of the online 'Gathering, Sharing, Praying' group will be on Monday 6th July. We will be exploring the Ignatian tradition of prayer and spirituality, with input from Storm Janeaway.

All are welcome to attend the group (you do not need to attend each session – feel free to dip in and out!). The format is simple: an opportunity to gather, to share resources and experiences, and to pray. The sessions begin at 7.00pm on Zoom and last about 40 minutes.

If you are interested in attending please let Andrew know: curate@st-nicholas-church.org.uk. He will send you the login details for Zoom.

The final session of the series will be on Monday 20th July and will explore prayer in the Northumbrian tradition.

Hope you can join us!

Revd Andrew Bennison and Alison Mills

PRAYER LIST July 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 (Buccleuch Lodge, Elizabeth Slinger Road)

ANNIVERSARY list, July 2020

Doris Crossley, 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, Noel Hurley, Ray Walsh, Doris Purvis, Josie Hughes, Joan Bodgers, Jean Bradbury, Ellen Lane, Iris Hubble, Corinne Schofield, Sheelagh Mainwaring, Alfred Hurd, Jean Blades, Maggie Cloughton, John Pugh, Peggy Salts, Melanie Wills, Alfred Vost, Brenda Whitwell, Ken Holmes, Ian Boswell, Ken Paterson, Agnes Penny.

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. As you may be aware, all church hall bookings and fundraising events are cancelled for the foreseeable future, so we do need your help to maintain our income. 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 July:

14th July Margaret Vessey

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