



# 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 12<sup>th</sup> July, Fifth 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.

We are pleased to announce that St. Nicholas Church will be open for a short Eucharist Service on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am**. We will be applying strict distancing rules and the church is laid out to enable social distancing. We will be checking your temperature as you arrive, and you will be required to use hand sanitizer as you enter the building and before and after receiving communion. The current guidelines require that we only offer communion in one kind, so bread/wafers will be blessed and shared in the service.

The only entrance to church will be through the **main front doors**. There will be no singing and we will not be using service books, the words for the short service will be displayed on the screens. Wardens will guide you to a seat and you will be asked to leave the building via the rear entrance. 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.

Our Sunday services will continue to be streamed on-line for those who are unable to join us.

Readings for 12<sup>th</sup> July, Fifth Sunday after Trinity O.T. Genesis 25: 19 -34. Psalm: 119: 105-112, N.T. Romans 8: 1-11 Gospel Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Rachel, Andrew and Ollie will be delivering a service on Sunday 12th July at 10.30am from inside the Church building** (this will be a trial run for the worship on 19<sup>th</sup> July, we will not be inviting any one to join this service) . 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 The Churchwardens:

Dear Friends,

We hope you are all well and staying safe.

Last Saturday Jane, Andrew and I went into Church to do some cleaning, tidying and to set out the building with social distance markers ready for opening for worship on Sunday 19th July. Val Hagan kindly joined us to do some tidying up of the flower boxes in the choir vestry. Tidying up and cleaning felt cathartic, in that we were stripping back to the bare bones to start all over again!

Jane and I have devised some simple and safe processes for entry to church and for participation in the Eucharist service. We will inform you all of our plans as you enter the building. Please note you can only enter through the **front** main doors of the building. If you wish to wear a mask, please feel free to do this as Rachel, Alan and Andrew will all be wearing masks. As you will be aware, we can't sing for the time being, but we have plans for Ollie to play some music during and after the service. We will also be providing sanitising wipes so that you can all help by wiping down the pews after your visit.

The Bishop of Middleton has invited church representatives to offer prayers via twitter with the intention of praying for Manchester and saying prayers for a different world. The curates who were due to be ordained Priest in June from across the Diocese were invited to lead the prayers. Andrew delivered a prayer on 8<sup>th</sup> July. Jane and I were also invited to offer a prayer and we will be delivering our prayers on 10<sup>th</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> August. It was a pleasure to be involved in this initiative and to represent St.Nick's. Please remember Andrew in your prayers as he awaits his ordination as a Priest which will now be in October.

Please remember Nikki Naylor in your prayers too as she is attending a Bishop's Advisory Panel on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July for selection in order to go forward for training for Ordination in the Church of England. Nikki has a place on a theology degree course at St.Mellitus College starting in September, so exciting times for Nikki and for St.Nick's as another candidate goes forward for selection for Ordination.

We hope that many of you were able to join us for Taize Evening Prayer on 7<sup>th</sup> July. Ollie Mills leads the Taize worship as it is delivered online and this week, he was joined by Storm who delivered the bible reading and Alison read the intercessions which were prepared by Grace. The service was planned by Grace as usual. We are planning to deliver an August Taize service on 4<sup>th</sup> August, but we are not sure yet as to whether this will be online or in Church, further information will follow.

We would also like to ask you to offer prayers of thanks to all those working in the NHS and to all those people who have served in this wonderful organisation over the last 72 years. The period of lockdown has placed huge demands on the NHS and their staff, so it is right that we give thanks and recognise the compassion and kindness of so many individuals.

Please continue to stay safe and well, we will look forward to seeing some of you face to face in the coming weeks.

With our love and prayers,

Alison and Jane xx.

## **'Gathering, Sharing, Praying' – Upcoming Sessions**



The next and final meeting of the online 'Gathering, Sharing, Praying' group will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July. We will be exploring the Northumbrian tradition of prayer.

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](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 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 (Buccluch 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  
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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:

14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:alison@st-nicholas-church.org.uk) or by phone 07932071977. Thank you