



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 19th July, Sixth Sunday after Trinity

We hope you are all continuing to keep well.

We are delighted to announce that our wonderful Church building will be open for a short Eucharistic service on **Sunday 19th July at 10.30 am**. We are looking forward to welcoming you back to Church.

This service will be streamed online so you can watch the service from your lounge if you prefer. This service will be available 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>

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 wearing of a mask is not compulsory at present, but we imagine that most people will feel more comfortable with the protection of a mask. We will have masks available for purchase at a cost of £1. 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 19th July: Sixth Sunday after Trinity:

O.T. Genesis 28:10-19a, Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 N.T. Romans 8:12-25, Gospel Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Rachel continues to deliver **Morning Prayer** at 8.30 am each day, (except Friday and Saturday). This will be very simple, using the Northumbrian 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 Rector

My dear friends,

Back in February – as my 50th birthday approached – I don't think any of us would have imagined that come late March our building would be closed. Still less I imagine, that – aside from use for Burnage Food Bank – the building would remain closed to the public until late July. What times we live in!

As I've repeatedly said, we have not gone away as a church. Our online worship has been amazing, and the way we have supported each other during the pandemic has never been stronger. However, the time has come when the Wardens, Clergy, PCC and I feel it is appropriate to open for public worship again. This Sunday at 10.30am we shall hold a short, simple, but hopefully very meaningful act of Eucharist. We do so after undertaking a thorough risk-assessment. I am grateful to all who have attempted to make our building as COVID safe as possible.

I am very excited about being in the building this coming Sunday. However, those of you who come to church 'physically' on Sunday need to be prepared for a very different experience of worship. The service will be simple and carefully ordered. There can be no singing, though we hope for some quiet music playing in the background. Sadly, there must be no hugging! We must follow the instructions of the Wardens and maintain safe distance from one another. If you have any COVID symptoms you must not come. Before you come to church please ask, 'Is this safe for me?' If you have any doubts, I strongly advise that you stay at home.

One of the things I have learned during this time is the importance of online and digital worship. We shall continue to offer our services via YouTube. However, I think many of us have also been reminded of the importance of seeing each other, face-to-face. As such, we anticipate this coming Sunday with joy. Please, however, be safe and keep safe. The bonds between us run so deep that I would be horrified about placing anyone at unnecessary risk.

Rachel x

'Gathering, Sharing, Praying' – Upcoming Sessions

The next and final meeting of the online 'Gathering, Sharing, Praying' group will be on Monday 20th 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. 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, Julie Bodgers.

IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

Muriel Wheatley (Eachstep (Charlestown Unit) Blackley, Manchester M9 7ED)
Edith Partington,
Amy Haygarth
Jim Tyler (Laurel Court ,Candleford Road, Withington)
Bevan Taylor (Buccluch Lodge Intermediate Care, Elizabeth Slinger Road)

IN HOSPITAL

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

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

Alison will contact the winners!

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