



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 26th July, Seventh Sunday after Trinity

We hope you are all continuing to keep well.

Thank you for all the kind messages of support we received last Sunday regarding our first service back in Church. Church services will continue on Sunday morning as usual with a 10.30 am Eucharist.

The service will be streamed online so you can watch from your lounge if you prefer. This service will be available on our church website <https://www.st-nicholas-church.org.uk>, or via our Facebook Page. The link will be added to the website on Saturday evening.

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.

Readings for 26th July: Seventh Sunday after Trinity:

O.T. Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b N.T. Romans 8:26-39 Gospel Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Rachel will be offering **Morning Prayer** at 8.30 am each day, (except Friday and Saturday) until the end of July. This will be very simple, using the Northumbrian Prayer tradition. **This can be viewed via the Church website.**

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 Revd Andrew Bennison

Dear friends,

Last Sunday saw the return of public worship at St Nick's. If you were present in church or watching on YouTube, you will have noticed that it was not exactly a return to normal. Things were very 'stripped back': a shorter service, no hymns, no coffee and an abrupt exit at the end. Even the warmth of our greetings and the joy of being together as a 'family' (both virtually and physically) couldn't quite disguise the stripped-back feeling.

Perhaps it isn't just worship that feels stripped back at the moment. Our lives have been stripped back too. During lockdown our daily lives were pared down to the essentials. For some, this has been a liberating experience - the discovery of a simpler, gentler rhythm. For others however it has been very painful, involving the loss of financial, emotional and spiritual security.

Whatever the 'stripping back' has felt like, perhaps now is a time to offer those feelings to God. The return of public worship is an important transition point – and sometimes it can be useful to pause at such moments and take stock of what has happened. I have just booked myself a few days' retreat in August. Not everyone has this luxury, I appreciate. But we can all, I hope, find some way of letting our emotions and feelings out. Church should be a safe space to do this, and the clergy are always willing and available to be a 'listening ear' and companion in prayer, if you need one. God doesn't promise us an easy life, but he does promise that we don't have to go through it alone. When all else is stripped back, God remains – and that is a reason to rejoice. *Alleluia!*

With my love and prayers,

Andrew

Please pray for: Nikki Naylor as she awaits a decision as to whether she will be accepted for ordination, for Storm Janeway as she prepares to take the next step on her faith journey and has accepted a place on a BA Theology Degree to start in October. Sue and Jim Tyler as they make decisions about Jim's care.

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

Jim Tyler (Laurel Court ,Candleford Road, Withington)

Bevan Taylor (Buccleuch 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 Claughton, John Pugh, Peggy Salts Melanie Wills, Alfred Vost, Brenda Whitwell, Ken Holmes, Ian Boswell, Ken Paterson, Agnes Penny.



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.

A message from our Treasurer:

Thank you to all the people who kindly brought their 3 months of envelopes to church last Sunday.

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

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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

Happy birthday to:
Margaret Vessey who celebrated her birthday on 14 th July

Please let Alison know if there are any notices you would like adding to the newsletter or prayers to be added for anyone you Alison@st-nicholas-church.org.uk or telephone 07932071977.