



# Welcome to the Parish Church of St. Nicholas Burnage

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

Hi Everyone,  
We hope you are all continuing to keep well.

Church is open every Sunday morning for the 10.30am service, **the only entrance to church is through the main front doors**. We are keeping our building Covid Secure by checking the temperatures of all our congregation on arrival and providing hand sanitizer at various points in the building. The entrance and aisle in church and the pews are clearly marked so we can all maintain social distancing. Everyone is required to wear a mask unless they have an exemption letter or wear an exemption lapel badge or lanyard. The service is displayed on the screens, Ollie our musical director will be singing during the service.

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

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity O.T Reading Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 149, N.T Reading Ezekiel 33:7-11, Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

### PRAYER LIST September 2020

Please remember in your prayers this week: Abbie, Sally and Lee, Sue Tyler.

**Please pray for** Brenda Denny, Jim Davey, Vi Reed, Barry Southall, Irene Smith, Georgie Rose Naylor, Peter Taylor, Ian Lomas, Sylvia Bate, Ann Ackerman, Winifred Murphy, Norma Cookson, Derek Carr, Albert Radcliffe, Bevan Taylor, Shirley Mann.

### IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

Muriel Wheatley (Eachstep (Charlestown Unit) Blackley, Manchester M9 7ED)  
Edith Partington,  
Amy Haygarth

### IN HOSPITAL

John Russell (Manchester Royal Infirmary)

### Those who have died

Paul Nield  
Jacob Holt  
James Tyler

### ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEPARTED September 2020

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, Lilian Charlton, Geoff Tudor

## *A message from the Rector*

Dear Friends,

September always feels like the start of the 'new year' for me. I guess that signals I've never quite grown-up and have always been tied to the Academic Year! This September is going to be an especially strange one for many of us, and this week we pray for school staff, children and young people as they return 'physically' to school. May they be safe from harm and discover the joys of learning together! At church, I'm also conscious that we now begin the headlong plunge into autumn and – deep breath! – Advent and Christmas. I shall be working very closely with the ordained and lay team to reflect on how we offer 'the best of St Nick's' at a time when coronavirus will impact on these festivals. It will be challenging, but also promises to be exciting as we discern what God is up to and we continue to explore how we can get involved. Clearly, things are going to be different this autumn, but I've no doubt that we shall meet them with a deep trust in God. Indeed, as I was told just this week, we should be very proud and delighted by the way we have met the challenges of the past few months. In the face of exceptional change and stress, we at St Nick's have sought to model a way of Church which enables participation across a range of media – from being physically present in the building through to live streaming through to pre-recording worship. All of this has been underpinned by a genuine fellowship and affection within our diverse and wonderful congregation. So, as we face the challenges of this autumn, let us remember that we do so as people held together in the love of Jesus Christ. As I'm fond of saying, 'We are St Nick's. We can deal with anything!'

Stay safe and know you are beloved!

Rachel x

## Dates for your diary:

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7.00pm** Taize Evening prayer will be delivered virtually and can be viewed on our church website [www.st-nicholas-church.org.uk](http://www.st-nicholas-church.org.uk) The service will be led by Ollie with prayers and a reading from members of the Taize team.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm Worship group meeting via Zoom.** a link will be sent out in advance via email to the members of the group.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm** PCC meeting via Zoom, a link will be sent via email in advance to members of the PCC.

**Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting, the APCM will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October via Zoom a meeting link will be sent out nearer to the date.**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 7.00 pm Worship Group Meeting,** members of the group have been sent a Zoom meeting link.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 7.00 pm PCC meeting**, members of PCC will be sent a Zoom link .

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 7.00 pm Pastoral Committee** via Zoom, members of the committee will be sent a link

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am Harvest Festival**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October is the date set for the Rector's Autumn Quiz night** – please note this date, there will be an online quiz and you will all be invited to join us (for a small fee!!)

**Fundraising events: please share with us any ideas you may have for fundraising events in the current climate.**

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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

## **St.Nicholas 100 Club : please join or renew your membership**

We hope you will all help us to maintain our wonderful Grade 2 \* listed building by buying a membership of the St.Nicholas 100 club. Your family and friends are also very welcome to join. All you have to do is to pay a one-off fee of £12.50 for the year. The aim is to reach 100 members, as of today 27<sup>th</sup> August we have 46 members, thank you to all those who have signed up already. The first draw of the new year for the club will take place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September so please send us your membership form and fee as soon as possible.

Everyone is assigned a membership number and every number has a chance of winning a monthly first prize of £25 or second prize of £15. Better odds than the national lottery!

*Forms are available on the website, from Church or from Alison, Jane or Jill.*

*The more members we can recruit the more money goes to church funds. Details for paying the membership fee are on the form.*

For many years the 100 club has had a nickname of 'Fred's fiddle' because the original administrator of the club was Fred Lowe and for the past 10 years, Fred Murphy has been at the helm. Fred Murphy has taken a step back to enjoy his retirement and we are pleased to report that Jill Lomas has kindly agreed to take on the role of the administrator of the club. Many thanks to Fred and to Jill.

St.Nicholas Club Draw, congratulations to the July 2020 winners:	
First prize £25 No. 67 Caroline Abiodun	Second Prize £15 No. 58 Grace Manley
St.Nicholas Club Draw, congratulations to the August 2020 winners:	
First prize £25 No. 39 Julie Bodgers	Second Prize £15 No. 69 Katy Vickers

### **A message from our Treasurer:**

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