



# 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, we are asked yet again to stay safe, to cover our faces and keep our social distance. Here is the newsletter for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Church is open on Sunday morning for the 10.30am service, **please enter through the main front door**. Our building is Covid -19 Secure. We are checking the temperature 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 label 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 20<sup>th</sup> September Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity O.T Reading Exodus 16:2-15, Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45, N.T Reading Philippians 1:21-30, Gospel Matthew 20:1-16.

### **PRAYER LIST September 2020**

Please remember in your prayers this week: Abbie, Sally and Lee, Sue Tyler, and all the members of our church family who are starting or returning to college or university.

**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, Albert Radcliffe, Bevan Taylor, Shirley Mann, Valerie Acton.

### **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, Derek Carr

### **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 Churchwardens*

Dear Friends,

We'd like to share with you some items discussed at the PCC meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September to bring you up to date with our current and future plans.

You may recall we introduced the next stage of our development plan prior to lockdown and as with any development work we have to apply for a 'faculty' from the Diocese. The 'faculty' is in the approval stage and once approved it will last for two years which will provide us with a good period of time in which to focus on the essential repairs and development of the building. There is a lot of work to do but the PCC are keen to focus on moving things on now that we have returned to the building. It is our intention to apply for grant funding to meet some of the cost. More information will follow in the coming weeks and months.

Some important electrical repairs are to be carried out by the same Electricians who provided the electrical work during the re-order of the building, this is to resolve some concerns identified during the quinquennial report.

The church heating is to be switched back on for the autumn, as the building is back in use. Some of the regular church hall users are returning to their weekly sessions which is great news and to date we have been delighted to welcome back the Diddi Dance group and the U3A Keep fit and holiday group.

We are beginning to return to our church meetings. The Worship group met last week and discussed idea for Harvest and plans to restart the 'Gathering, Sharing and Praying' group. We are considering ways to develop music in our services, but this is limited at present due to the Government restrictions. A small group of amateur singers can perform together standing socially distanced, so we are exploring ways of introducing this perhaps to one of the special services for Remembrance or Christingle.

You will see some development of the left- hand corner of the car park as Storm Janeway is leading on a project to develop a prayer garden, we are looking forward to seeing the project come to fruition. We have to attend to the 'leaning' oak tree, which is part of the plot, so you may see a tree surgeon at work. A small gardening party is meeting on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00 to help Storm with the project. So please come along and help if you are free.

Creating, publishing, printing and distributing the church magazine on a bimonthly basis has become more and more of a challenge as we often struggle to find suitable content. After careful consideration the PCC made the decision last Monday to stop the publication of the magazine. Our last issue will be in November/December 2020. The weekly newsletter will continue and will be developed into a longer version over time and will replace the magazine. This will be provided free to all our distribution list including those who receive a magazine. We would welcome any articles, poems, prayers for the newsletter.

We are entering a busy time of year in the church calendar starting with our Harvest service on 27<sup>th</sup> September. Please keep the members of PCC, church officers, Hilary and Ollie in your prayers as they work hard behind the scenes to maintain our wonderful building and our services.

With our love and prayers.

Alison and Jane xx

## Dates for your diary:

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** will take place on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October via Zoom**, please let Rachel know if you would like to attend and a meeting link will be sent out to you nearer to the date.

### **Friday 18th September, 7pm.**

All are welcome to join St Nick's and the Exploring Theology group for a social event on Friday 18th September, 7pm-9pm.

### **Faith, Hope and Mischief**

An evening with(out) Andrew Graystone

Andrew is the person whose image went viral when, after the mass shooting in the Christchurch mosque, he stood outside the mosque in his Manchester neighbourhood with a cardboard sign saying "I will keep watch while you pray."

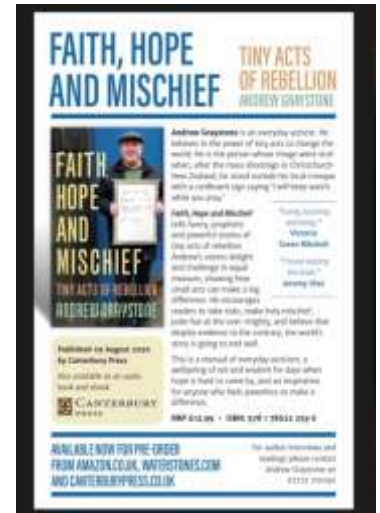
Andrew has a gift for telling funny, prophetic and powerful stories about living in faith and hope. His stories encourage readers to take risks, make holy mischief, poke fun at the over-mighty, and believe that despite evidence to the contrary, the world's story is going to end well. He is well known for his contributions to BBC Radio 2, Radio 4 and Radio 5Live.

In this event, presented live via Zoom, Andrew will tell stories and answer questions about Everyday Activism. Get in your bubble, pour yourself a glass of wine, and join us for an evening of challenge and laughter.

*"Funny, touching and lovely"* Victoria Coren Mitchell

*"Hilarious, challenging and, poignant"* Jeremy Vine

**Zoom link - please let Rachel know if you're interested and you will be sent a zoom link to join this event.**



**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 23rd 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

## Burnage Food Bank have made an appeal on Twitter today

Tinned fruit  
Tinned fish  
Tinned cold meat such as corn beef, tinned ham  
Tinned custard  
Tinned vegetarian meals such as macaroni cheese  
Tinned Rice pudding  
Tinned potatoes, peas, mixed vegetables, carrots.  
Tinned spaghetti  
Jars of jam



## St.Nicholas 100 Club : there is still time to 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
St.Nicholas Club Draw, congratulations to the September 2020 winners:	
First prize £25 No. 29 Michael Vessey	Second Prize £15 No. 46 Sophie Scott

### 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  
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Wilmslow,  
SK9 1EH

Church bank account details for BACS:	
Account details:	NatWest Bank (Didsbury)
Account Name:	St Nicholas Church PCC
Account number:	02047578
Sort code:	01-02-69

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, the details are listed above

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

