



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 27th September, Harvest Sunday.

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 27th September Harvest Sunday. O.T Reading Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16, 37-45, N.T Reading Philippians 2:1-13, Gospel Matthew 21:23-32.

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 Fr Alan Simpson

My dear friends,

I trust you are all keeping safe and well during such uncertain times.

I don't know about you, but September appears to have crept out of nowhere, at least that is how it feels to me at the moment. Having spent a significant part of my life studying in one guise or another, September always brings that feeling of embarking on a 'new term'. And yet, the month brings with it a richness of opportunity for devotions. This week (24th September) the Church commemorates the memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham.

Our Lady of Walsingham is a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary which is unique to England and is venerated by Christians associated with the Marian apparitions to a pious noble woman, Lady Richeldis de Faverches, in 1061 in the County of Norfolk. Lady Richeldis had a structure built named "The Holy House" in Walsingham which later became an international shrine of national prominence. It continues to be a place of pilgrimage to this very day. Interestingly, Queen Catherine of Aragon, the first wife of Henry VIII, was a great devotee of the shrine and made many pilgrimages there during her lifetime. I commend this Memorial to you - Our Lady of Walsingham, pray for us!

I will continue to pray for you all and ask that you pray for me.

Please do keep safe and well.

Every blessing,

Fr Alan

Dates for your diary:

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place on **Wednesday 7th 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.

Saturday 26th September 10.00 Gardening Working Party, in the church grounds, bring your tools, all welcome.

Sunday 27th September 8.00 am please listen to Radio 4 and the Harvest Sunday Service, the service will be led by Rachel. You will also hear a few familiar voices from members of our congregation.

Sunday 27th September 10.30am Harvest Festival

Monday 28th September 7.00 pm Zoom meeting to make plans for the 'Gathering, Sharing, and Praying' group to meet again. Please message Alison (alison@st-nicholas-church.org.uk) or let her know on Sunday morning if you would like to join this meeting. Invitations will be set out to the people who joined the group in July.

Sunday 4th October 08.10 am Local Radio combined Service. Please tune into Radio Manchester or any of the other BBC Local Radio stations and listen to the morning service which will be presented by Rachel and Ollie.

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.

LAST CALL FOR 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 27th 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 for the following items:

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 27th 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 6th 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 September 2020 winners:

First prize £25 No. 29 Michael Vessey	Second Prize £15 No. 46 Sophie Scott
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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

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