



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 4th October 17th after Trinity.

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 4th October.

O.T Reading Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Psalm 19, N.T Reading Philippians 3:4b-14, Gospel Matthew 21:33-46

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, Grace Manley, Sue Chapman.

IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

Muriel Wheatley (Eachstep (Charlestown Unit) Blackley, Manchester M9 7ED)

Edith Partington,

Amy Haygarth

IN HOSPITAL

John Russell (Manchester Royal Infirmary)

Valerie Acton (Manchester Royal Infirmary)

Those who have died

Paul Nield, Jacob Holt, James Tyler, Derek Carr

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEPARTED September 2020

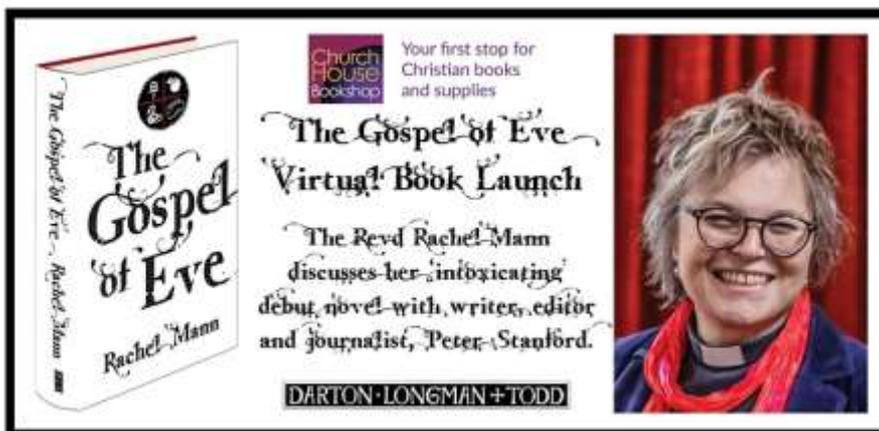
Anne Morrison, Roy Cookson, Doris Purvis, Norman Atherton, Karen Hunt, Hilda Wilkinson, Harold Woodhall, Ken Paterson, Peggy Salts, Anthony Martin, Vera Gawkrödger, Jean Starkey, Harry Pulford, Anne Thompson, Ian Dixon, Mary Vost, Christopher Morris, Josephine Peel, Barry Sumner, Dennis Ackling, Barbara 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 Rachel

My dear friends,

Well, it has been a rather hectic couple of weeks. September always feels very busy, not least because schools and universities 'wake up' at this time, but this September has been especially intense. I trust I don't need to say why! (Clue: it begins with 'c' ...) Despite the busyness, I'm delighted to say that we seem to have settled into a sustainable pattern of worship at church. Thank you to the tech team for making our 'mixed-mode' service possible! I know that the way worship is now taking place is not quite how any of us would want (oh to be allowed some congregational singing!), but it remains a token of how deeply our community is connected, despite the fact that some of us haven't seen each other face-to-face for some time. I am reminded of that line from 1 Corinthians 13: 'Now I see through a mirror dimly, then I shall see face to face'. I do hope that over time, more and more of us will feel confident and safe enough to come into the building physically, but I also pray that we know that 'connection' between our fellowship runs much deeper. I continue to be stunned by the 'connective' power of those 'old school' ways of communicating: the telephone and letter writing. Next week, we try a new way of connecting: an APCM held over the internet, via Zoom. Again, I'm sorry that this means of meeting will exclude some, but at this time, we have to make do and make the best of it. I do hope that as many of you as possible will attend (do find the link to join in this newsletter!) Finally, can I ask that we pray for each other and for our nation and the world at this time? This autumn will place enormous strain on our school, university and hospital workers. The best way we can support them is by looking out for each other and keeping one another safe. I know it's challenging, but if we see God's promises through a mirror dimly right now, I know that soon enough we shall know them in all delight. Have a safe and lovely week!

Rachel x



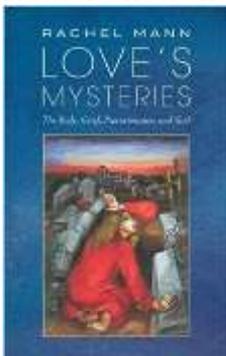
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The Gospel of Eve - Virtual Book Launch

To register for this 'free' virtual event, please click on the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-gospel-of-eve-virtual-book-launch-tickets-122211747627>

Rachel's new theology book, *Love's Mysteries*, was published this week by Canterbury Press.



It is an extended meditation on the gift and cost of being bodies in a precarious and holy world ... It has some lovely commendations:

- Rowan Williams - 'searching'
- Nicola Slee - 'extraordinary'
- Karen O'Donnell - 'remarkable'
- David Walker - 'stunning'
- Susannah Snyder - 'brimming with lived wisdom'

It is available to buy here and at all good bookshops (though do be aware deliveries are taking longer): <https://chbookshop.hymnsam.co.uk/books/9781786222817/loves-mysteries>

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.

Copies of the APCM handbook will be posted out to members of our church family who usually receive their newsletter by post and will be sent out via email to our subscribers list.

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.

Harvest Appeal 2020 – thank you

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our harvest appeal, we received lots of food, toiletries and new clothing to donate to our two very worthy causes. Barnabus and Burnage Food Bank have both sent their thanks for our kind donations.



Thank you all those who joined our Gathering, Sharing, Praying Group last Monday evening. We enjoyed sharing ideas and booking dates for future meetings. We closed the meeting with evening prayer. The group will be

meeting from 7.00 to 7.45 pm on the following dates (all Monday evening's): 26th October, 30th November, 21st December. *Please let Alison know if you would like to join the group and she will send you a link to join the virtual meetings.*

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

Update on the prayer garden:



The gardening working group met again last Saturday and finished clearing two areas of the grounds. This area is in the left-hand corner of the car park will be our new 'Prayer Garden'. The ground is clear, and Storm who is leading on the project has been gathering used materials so we can 'upcycle' them as part of the garden design. As you can see, we have used car tyres, roof slates and some decorative stones, all obtained for free. Donations of plants and bushes will be welcome at a later date. Do let us know if you have any garden bushes or plants which we could transfer to the prayer garden.



We also cleared the area to the left of the entrance as it needed a good tidy up and we had to clear the floodlight housing to enable the electricians to carry out some work to repair the floodlights. As part of the work they will install energy efficient bulbs. This area will be replanted with plants and bushes at a later date. Donations of plants and bushes will be welcome at a later date.

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