



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 18th October 19th 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 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 for Sunday 18th October. O.T Reading Exodus 33:12-23, Psalm 99, N.T Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Gospel Matthew 22:15-22

Prayer List October 2020

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, Sally, Abbie and Lee, Sue Tyler.

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 October 2020

Janet Dixon, Barbara Barker, Enid Harvey, Janet Fletcher, Stephen Abiodun, Raymond Clark, Eric Talbot, Kathy Dillon, Bryan Males, Edith Thornton, Marilyn Allen, Peter Savage, Christopher Morris, Barry Sumner, Lizzie Lowe, Dennis Ackling, Barry Cox, Fred Williams, Bill Cole, Joyce Tomlinson, Harold Woodhall, Jack Matthews, Mary Williams, Josephine Peel, Ian Davies, Ada White, Father Pat Keane, Anthony Martin, Jean Starkey, Harry Pulford, Jim Fletcher, Frank Woods, Liam Varguhese, Len Dixon, Harry Eades (SNR), Len Grice, Reg Harvey, Mary Bradley, Hary Clifford, Graham Allen, David Reed, Joan Abdullah, Margaret Winstanley. Vera Gawkrodger, Mary Vost, Cardinal Cormac Murphy – O'Connor, Richard Bannister, Laura Hamilton, Glyn Silcock, Margaret Winstanley, Geoff Tudor, Pauline Thompson, Sheila Drury, Conor McKonkey, Gillian Winter.

A message from Alison and Jane, Churchwardens

Dear Friends,

We are in October and as the year is passing by, we started to think about what is important and what we can and can't do in the current situation?

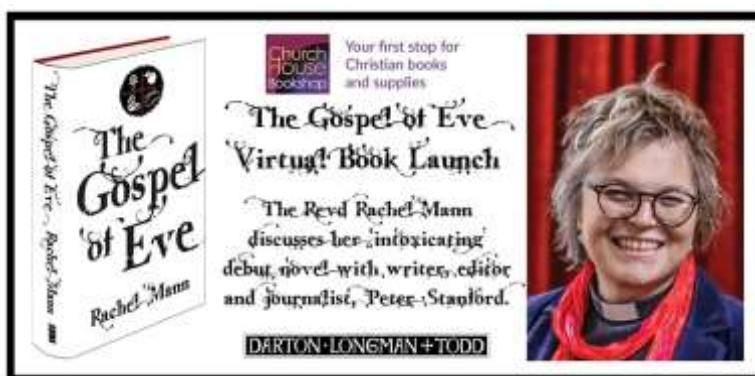
As of today Wednesday 14th October, we are unable to hold a party, to gather in more than a group of six, to hold a coffee morning in the hall, a Christmas Fair, a large wedding reception, or plan to have a full church for a Christmas Carol Service where we would usually be joined by The Greater Manchester Voices. We can't arrange a family gathering or visit loved ones in hospital.

Writing emails and using the phone to call people has replaced visiting each other at home, meals out have become meals in, we are getting used to seeing Deliveroo and Uber Eats deliveries.

We know that at some point in the future we will once more be able to engage with all of these activities, but for the time being we have to be grateful for what we can do and for the support we can give to each other, for our health and for the fact that we can continue to attend church or worship on line.

With our love and prayers,

Alison and Jane xx



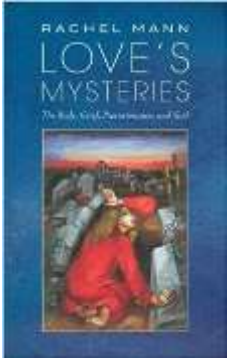
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The Gospel of Eve - Virtual Book Launch

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:

Saturday 17th October 10.30 am we are delighted to be hosting the Foundations for Ministry Manchester Presentation Service with Bishop Mark, Bishop of Middleton. The service will be attended by those who have completed their FFM course including one of our congregation, Paul Brownsell. The service can be watched on-line via this link <https://youtu.be/swndns82L0w> or via our Church website.

Friday 23rd October 7.00 pm Rector's Autumn Quiz via ZOOM. There is a small fee of £3 per person, please let Rachel know if you would like to join the quiz (you will be sent a Zoom link) and let her know the number of tickets you would like to buy. We will then send you an invoice for the number of tickets you would like to purchase. You can then pay for your quiz tickets via BACS directly to the Church account.

Sunday 1st November 10.30 am Service for All Souls and Glad Remembrance, please send Rachel or the Churchwardens the names of anyone you would like to be remembered during this service.

Sunday 8th November 10.30 am Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 6th December 10.30am Christingle Service, more detail to follow

Sunday 20th December time to be confirmed Carol Service.

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



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): 9th November, 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 £11.50 for the year. The draw takes place monthly on the first Sunday. Winners are announced on this newsletter.

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 October 2020 winners:

First prize £25 Elsie Jubb (donated to St.Nick's)	Second Prize £15 Rachel Tudor-Barry
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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.

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

Birthday and anniversary celebrations for October 2020

Wednesday 7th October Congratulations to Louise and Seth Hollingsworth as they celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary

Sunday 11th October Congratulations to Joan Shepherd on her 90th birthday

Please let Alison know (07932071977) of any birthday or anniversary celebrations.