



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 25th October, 20th Sunday 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. 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 25th October. O.T Reading Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
N.T Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Gospel Matthew 22:34-46

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, Michael Hagan.

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 Rev Rachel Mann

Dear Friends,

You may have heard in the news that the bishops are 'revolting'! When I say that I do not mean to traduce our lovely bishops in the C of E! Rather, it has become clear that, in recent days, the bishops in the House of Lords have been very critical of the government's handling of Brexit negotiations. You may also have seen our own Lord Bishop of Manchester on the news backing better support for the Manchester City Region as we enter a second wave of Covid restrictions.

I'm sure you have your own views on all of this. Perhaps you think the bishops should keep quiet. Perhaps you think they don't go far enough. One thing is true: being a Christian means that we can't afford to be indifferent. The bishops have followed their own consciences and, in what they've said and done, want to stand up for the weakest and most vulnerable in our society: in the case of the Bishop of Manchester, he wants to ensure that those closest to the breadline have adequate support; in the case of Brexit, the bishops are determined to ensure that there is no return of the Troubles in Ireland, which damaged so many across our society.

This week, I challenge each of us to re-engage once again with what our vocation as Christians means. I'm sure many of us see the world differently to the bishops, but the bishops are surely right to insist that the Christian life is one shaped by love. The opposite of love is not hate or fear. It is, I believe, selfishness. How can each of us seek to be less selfish and self-centred this week?

Rachel x

Dates for your diary:

Friday 23rd October 7.00 pm Rector's Autumn Quiz via ZOOM. Everyone is welcome to join the quiz.

There is a minimum donation of £3 per person, please let Rachel know if you would like to join the quiz (you will be sent a Zoom link). Please send your quiz donation via a BACS payment to the church account:

Ref: Quiz night + your initials
NatWest Bank (Didsbury),
Account Name: St Nicholas Church PCC
Account number: 02047578
Sort code: 01-02-69

Kahoot!

Please visit this website <https://kahoot.com/> to participate in the quiz (you will need to click the 'play' button to join the quiz)

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.

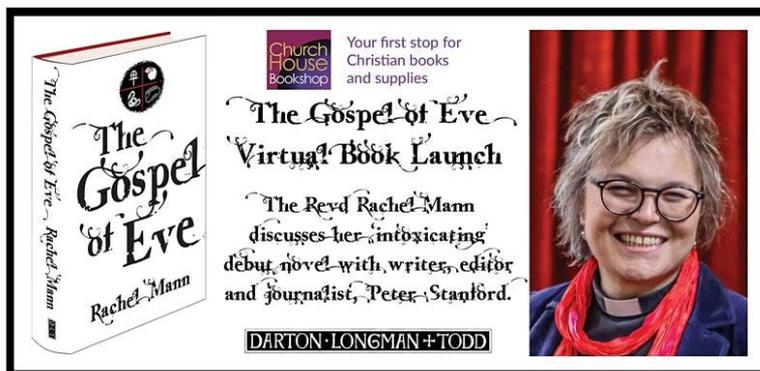
Sunday 8th November 10.30 am Remembrance Sunday

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

Sunday 20th December time to be confirmed Carol Service.



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.*



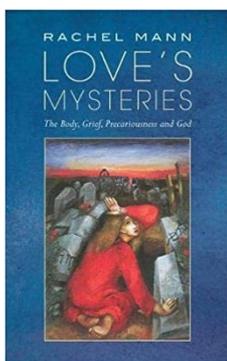
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The Gospel of Eve - Virtual Book Launch

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 earlier this month 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>

Final edition of the Church Magazine

We will be publishing one final edition of the church magazine for November/December 2020. Thank you to all our loyal supporters. A new free newsletter will be published from January 2021 and will be sent to all our current newsletter subscribers and to all those who receive the church magazine.

We would like to make our last issue special by including lots of your stories and contributions. Storm Janeway the editor of the Church Magazine would love to hear from you with stories of your staycations during lockdown, visit you've made, walks, a review of your favourite book, tale of your pets or some recommendations on films or TV programmes to watch or a favourite recipe. Please write or type your articles and send them via email to editor@st-nicholas-church.org.uk or post them through the rectory door, or send them to the Churchwardens, we have a deadline of 30th October for all contributions. Thank you.

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 ONLY £10.50 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 us 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.