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Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away, and your
daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice. ISAIAH 60. 4-5



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REGULAR SERVICES

Our regular services are shown below; a calendar at the back of this magazine details special services, groups and events happening throughout the next two months.

	St Nicholas', Worth	St Barnabas', Pound Hill
Sundays	08.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer, 1662) 10.00 Sung Eucharist (Common Worship)	10.00 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays - Eucharist and Sunday School 10.00 4th Sundays Child- friendly Eucharist
Tuesdays		10.30 Eucharist
Wednesday		15:15 Messy Church at St Barnabas' 11 Dec & 15 Jan
Thursdays	10.30 Eucharist	
Saturday		15:30 Messy Church at St Barnabas' 7 Dec & 11 Jan

And here's what's happening in the café each week:

St Barnabas' Cafe RH10 7DY		
Tuesdays	10.30 - 12.00	Pop in for a cake and a drink
Thursdays	14.00 - 16.00	Knit and Natter -bring any crafts to do
Fridays	10.30 - 12.30	Pop in for a cake and a drink
	12.30	Lunches – please prebook tickets (£6.50) by calling 0300 111 8150
Saturdays	10.30 - 12.00	Pop in for a cake and a drink. Market on the first Saturday each month

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All your Christmas Services on a handy pull out middle spread.

A note from your Ed



What a great job our cooking volunteers do producing lunch for 12 to 20 people each Friday.

Gill made this fantastic pie the other week which I managed to capture on camera before it was eagerly devoured. I also gather that a Roast of Beef has been donated and Pam will be cooking that to perfection this month. As a parish we are blessed with a large number of volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes doing their best for the good of our community.



Gordon's sermon the other week was about the current culture of always looking for someone to blame when something goes wrong. What we should be saying if something is not as we would like is 'What can we do to help get it right?'

In this mag we have the usual eclectic mix of past, present and future; the Church Mouse has been persuaded to give us another festive collection after the midweek service before Christmas followed by equally festive fare, I understand. Hopefully I will see you at many of our events. Wishing you a joyous Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. *Sue x*

Vocals from the Vicar

Christmas approaching.....

All I want for Christmas is a donkey! I wonder, as I write this, what may be uppermost in your mind as we approach the end of November and beginning of December with all the associated festivities.

The reason I am thinking about donkeys is that since I arrived at this Parish, I have had several conversations with Jane Stanford about them being involved in our crib service. Earlier, in June, I met a lovely donkey called Annie at the Maidenbower School Summer Fair and I asked whether it would be possible for her to come to us at Christmas.

Sadly, we have not been able to secure such an animal, donkeys are definitely in high demand! Indeed, they are wonderful creatures and feature in the stories of the Bible that we love so much. Not only on the road to Bethlehem with the Holy Family, but also with Jesus riding into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Can you think of any more examples?

Donkeys have a special nature which I admire: gentle and hardworking. It is quite something to be up close to one; they have such large ears and the cross on their back fascinates me; maybe it is the legend I heard told about the shadow of the cross forever imprinted on their back.

So for this year at least, there may not be the clatter of hooves at St Barnabas' or St Nicholas', but the age-old story of the birth of Jesus will be looked forward to and examined in many different ways, even if you find this time of year particularly difficult because of loss or bereavement. We are introducing a 'Blue Christmas' quiet service this year, where we hear the Christmas story together with prayer and reflection; a space for sadness to be acknowledged alongside hope.

Do come along and enjoy one, or all, of our special services, as we remember and celebrate that amazing day when Jesus was born, our Saviour and King!

I take this opportunity to ask God's awesome blessing upon you this Christmas time and peace for you and all those you love, always!

Peace be with you,

Rev'd Sarah

TIMES PAST



In September, Bill & Helen Puttick celebrated 60 years of married bliss, by renewing their wedding vows. Fr Michael then hosted a reception at the Rectory.

Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham.



"An excellent place of Faith and Worship"
Pamela Newley

"Wonderful"
Graham Beaumont

"I found this to be an uplifting experience. It gave me a greater feeling and understanding of the immense love of God"
Margaret Spurgeon

"Feeling healed, uplifted and joyful"
Liz Gallagher

"I would be more than happy to drive the Mini-Bus again"
Michael Thompson

"I had a wonderful time and was happy to meet all our Pilgrims"
Soroya Thompson

In the update of things M.U. for the last magazine, I mentioned that we would be holding a Harvest Afternoon Tea. Well... we did! It was a lovely social afternoon and the sun shone on us in true Harvest style. The food was made, supplied and served by the Committee and "a good time was had by all." Perhaps those of you who missed it can join us next time! We also had a Harvest Hamper raffle made up of lots of fresh fruit, vegetables, and cakes.



Sadly, September was also the month that Rosemary Wakelin died, one of our long-serving members. She had been a faithful member since long before moving to Crawley, always ready to help at all our events, including the parish ones, and served on our Committee for many years. Rosemary's funeral was held at St Nicholas' on 25 September; Jacky Hemsley and Joan Tick read at the service.



At the end of October we held our Branch's 32nd Birthday evening with a Songs of Praise service, led by our newest Member, Revd Sarah; then much needed tea, coffee, cake, a lot of chat and laughter followed the singing!

In November there will be a 'Looking Forward to Advent' Eucharist service, then we will have a Christmas break before getting back into the swing in January, with our New Year Supper.

Please remember that all our services are open to everyone. If you would like to come along to one of our Branch evenings, to see what being a Member of the Mothers' Union is all about, you will be very welcome. Look out for the dates on the Pew Sheets.

In the meantime, we wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a happy and healthy 2020.

Joan, Simon, Jacky, Mary, Pam & Sue
The Committee

St Nicholas Circle



In October we welcomed Pastor Naeem Shahbaz to talk on his life and his faith. Born in Pakistan, where Christianity is very much a minority faith, he did much to plant Churches and spread the Word in his home country before coming over to the UK more than 20 years ago. His depth of knowledge of the Bible was impressive and we enjoyed many quotes linking in with the work he is doing. Shahbaz has preached in Churches in the UK and also in a number of countries in Europe, including Germany and Italy. We were joined by his wife and daughter, Mary and Rebecca. The evening was a foretaste of his preaching at the St Barnabas' service on 17 November. (Max)

November's St Nicholas' Circle was titled "Desert Island Discs" and was an evening with Max Perry (otherwise known as Roy Plomley) interviewing our own Graham Beaumont about his life, interspersed with his choice of music. It was a thoroughly entertaining evening and it was a joy to find out facts about Graham's life and the stories behind the music choices. For example, how many know that Graham was Professor of Psychology at Swansea University?

As we moved through Graham's life, we heard an eclectic mix of music from The Beatles' "A Hard Day's Night", "Saddleworth Festival Overture" (Waltzing Matilda), "Aqualung", Vivaldi's "Nulla in Mundo Pax Sincera" and John Rutter's "On the Wings of the Morning" from his Children's Mass.

Other facts we uncovered were that Graham has a love of Venice, the Maldives, and art history as well as the history and modern politics of the Middle East. He is, as many will know, the St Nicholas' historian where he continues to unearth more facts about the church and churchyard.

To close the evening Graham had to select a book and a luxury item that he would take with him. The book he selected was "Our Mutual Friend" by Charles Dickens as it was one he could keep re-reading. The luxury item was the San Zaccharia Altarpiece by Giovanni Bellini. (David)

We now look forward to our December Cheese and Wine on Thursday 5 December. Doors open 7.30 p.m and we start at 8 p.m. Please bring a raffle prize if you can spare one. Most of all, bring yourself.

Programme 2020

St Nicholas Circle takes place at 8p.m on the first Thursday of each month. Doors open at 7.30p.m. Everyone welcome. Secretary Ann Lane on 07973 214095

January	No Meeting.
Thurs 6 Feb	Table top Quiz and fellowship.
Thurs 5 Mar	A Baltic Cruise – Sue and Max Perry
Thurs 2 April	Hands on cake decoration – An interactive demonstration with Julie Francis.
Thurs 7 May	SOE – Special Operations Executive – Churchill's Secret Army. A talk by Gilly Halcrow.
Thurs 4 June	Sharing Supper.
July/August	Summer break.
Thurs 3 Sept	Ann Phillipson and Max Perry: Songs and a talk on the United Bible Societies Association.
Thurs 1 Oct	Neil Sadler: "Come Fly With Me. An odd thing happened today at the airport."
Thurs 5 Nov	Desert Island Discs music and vision. The life of a Parish member.
Thurs 3 Dec	Christmas Cheese and Wine.



Christmas Shoe Boxes

Four more boxes were added to the collection growing on the table at St Barnabas' which made a total of 22 boxes. These were filled with a selection of goodies aimed at



elderly people or whole families.

Ann Phillipson and Sue Perry delivered them to a local collection point in Ardingly and they are now on their way to Eastern Europe. Link to Hope aim to deliver about 30,000 boxes each year and like the parable of the mustard seed every single box is important. Thank you to all who contributed.

Sue

Piano Passion and Peace

On Sunday 13 October we were treated to an enjoyable piano recital in St Nicholas' by Sam Higgs. Sam is a young musician developing his career and all the pieces presented were composed and performed by him.

The pieces which he had written were in a contemporary, yet accessible, style and included personal references, which he explained. To my inexperienced ear I was rather reminded of the film music of Michael Nyman (especially, and appropriately, *The Piano*) and I would not be surprised if Sam's career does not take him in the direction of film scores.

The music did express both passion and peace and, aided by the glorious acoustic of the church, provided a stimulating and reflective concert which was much enjoyed by all.

Graham Beaumont



A View from a Home Pew

Harvest Festival at St Barnabas'

On 6 October fifty-one adults and ten happy children joined together to celebrate an enjoyable Harvest Service.

The windowsills were decorated with pumpkins and sheaves of corn while candles were placed in glass containers and decorated with leaves.



A step ladder was used to display some traditional Harvest offerings and at the base of this were placed the more modern offerings of tins and packet food. Later these were thankfully received by Open House and The Easter Team.

All this led me to think of Harvests past when the church was decorated with large sheaves of corn, a harvest loaf and fruit and vegetables. Harvest Festivals in those days had a very distinct aroma and were a feast to behold. My cousin's small daughter at

the age of three was sorely tempted by the sight of an apple (a direct descendant of Eve!!) and took a bite from it. Sadly, her Sunday School teacher was not sympathetic and she was banned from Sunday School; I don't think the Good Lord would have agreed.



At school on the day following the Harvest Festival groups of children, accompanied by the classroom assistant, took harvest gifts to the elderly of the village. I am pretty sure that they enjoyed the visit every bit as much as the gift. In these days of Health and Safety I wonder whether this would be allowed?

On a more personal note I remember the frantic rush when, one morning, as we were all getting ready for school, my daughter said, "Mummy it's Harvest Festival today." This resulted in a hasty search for the right contribution. Tins and packets did not come into it in those days.



Mary

+ some photos from
St Nic's



A Time to Remember

A Congregation of twenty-two gathered at St Barnabas on Saturday 2nd November to remember those who have died in the past both recently and long ago.

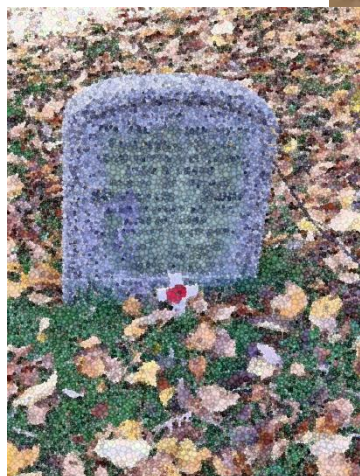
Rev'd Sarah conducted a beautiful service of prayer, hymns and readings. The opening prayer started "We are who we are today because of those whose lives touched ours" and we quietly remembered them throughout the service.

The Service closed with a hymn "We place into your hands O Lord, the souls of those we love" sung to a familiar tune. We all left the church quietly with our own personal memories.

Stuart



We will
remember
them



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH?



PCC

Meeting 27.11.19 – after this mag has gone to print.

St Barnabas' Refurbishment

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After we agreed the planning submission documents received from Jonathan Cerowski, our Architect, they were submitted to Crawley Borough Council, mid-October, for their approval. Hopefully these will be accepted within the next few weeks so that we can apply to the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) with a full Faculty submission.

CTP Consulting Engineers have been appointed to design our alterations. Neill Wates, Engineer of CTP, visited St Barnabas' on Tuesday 12 November when he toured the site and made notes. He will be liaising with the architect.

Our year's link with the Co-op (October 2018-October 2019) has now ended and they are appointing three new local charities for this next year. We may be permitted to apply for 2020 – 2021. We are grateful to the Co-op for their support and to all the Co-op shoppers. Our link has raised a whopping £6,301.80! ASDA too, supported us!

The refurbishment is likely to cost around £160,000 and in 2020 we look forward to raising sufficient funding for our project to proceed. At the moment we have about 40% of the funding required and hope to achieve our target with successful grant applications and fundraising events. STOP PRESS – 18 Dec 14.00 - Fundraising games afternoon with cake – Scrabble, dominoes, etc £3.50 please join us

Phyl Pennell 12 November



St Nicholas' Refurbishment

The Architects are progressing with detailed plans of the overall scheme including regular discussions with the Parish team. The priorities are the removal of the trees and creation of a new access path, and the repairs to spire, tower and roof. We have received formal approval from the Diocese to apply for a Faculty to remove the trees which are now restricting access to the West door. We have also notified the Local Authority, Historic England and the Church Buildings

Council; this being a legal requirement. The LA have delayed their decision due to a very late response to their publicity. HE have made a few comments to the DAC and the Parish and Crawley Borough Council will accept the DAC's decision.

We hope to resolve the outstanding queries without too much delay so that we can legally proceed with the work which is now becoming urgent.

Gerald Sandwell



News of our Home Groups

Home Group in Worth

We thought you might like to know what those of us who attend the Worth Home Group have been up to over the past few months.



We do our best to meet every two weeks on a Tuesday evening, but from time to time this has to change, sometimes the day, sometimes the week, mostly to avoid only two of us spending the evening chatting instead of studying! This is as a result of work commitments of two of our group, or babysitting duties, illness or holidays. Whatever the reason for not getting together every other week, we still manage to find an evening that suits most, if not all, of the seven of us, usually a minimum of four, to complete our studies.

Since Easter we have studied the Book of Daniel, making us realise more than ever that history repeats itself, not always in a good way. Currently we are reading Paul's First letter to the Thessalonians, with study notes that are really making us think and question what is happening in the world, Crawley, and even in our parish today.

After Christmas we intend to "Follow the Star" until Lent. This is a short 12-part study and we will be able to cover 3 or 4 sessions each time we meet.

As a group we have built strong friendships, supporting each other through good, bad or difficult times; prayed together for all sorts of things; and thanked God for giving us the opportunity to meet together and learn more about His Word.

My thanks to Chloe, Kay and Sue for hosting us during the year and to all of us for the fun, laughter, fellowship and refreshments we share. If you would like to join a small jolly band of Christians please email me for details.

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PUT THAT LIGHT OUT... RESPONSIBLY!

In this season of Advent and Christmas when candles abound, a quick plea on behalf of the cleaners of the world (well, the Parish) that everyone is mindful of MOLTEN wax.

We all know the theory that wax melts to a liquid that flows yet, somehow, when called upon to read, or pass round the collection, during a candlelit service, hastily blown out candles are put down before the wax has solidified - thus leaving, once the service is over, a trail of errant solid wax for all time (it seems) on stone or polished surfaces and soft furnishings (St Nic's lovely red seating cushions).

Of course, 'tis the season for Christ's light to pour into the world, and what better symbol than a dark church coming to light from every individual holding a candle shared from the same source but ... when the appropriate time comes, carry and then extinguish yours with care (you're not making a birthday wish - little lung power is required!) and keep it UPRIGHT until the wax is sufficiently solidified not to drip or spill.

You know it makes sense!

From a grateful cleaner, Ivor Henry Hoover

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Christmas cards will again be on sale on Saturday 14th December at the Sat Market 10 am in the Pastoral Centre. The Christmas Cards have a quotation from the Bible and come from The Leprosy Mission.

THANK YOU ASDA

An application to the Asda Foundation for a Local Impact Grant has proved successful and Asda have donated £700 for the purchase of items for the Pastoral Centre. Some mugs and oval plates have been ordered to match our present crockery as well as some games. We hope in the New Year to hold some games afternoons raising some funds towards St. Barnabas Refurbishment. In the New Year, Laura Lavers, the Asda Community Champion, will be visiting us to see their donation in action!

Phyl Pennell.



SATURDAY MARKETS

14 December
11 January
1 February
10 - 11.45am

Pastoral Centre, St Barnabas
Pound Hill, RH10 7DY

REFRESHMENTS CLOTHING HOME MADE PRODUCE BOOKS TOYS

FRIDAY LUNCHES

Main course
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Palestine

Many years ago, on a trip to the Middle East to visit Crusader Castles, I visited the so-called Holy Land and was shocked at what I found. Recently I went to the URC where a young student talked and showed pictures of what she found and was equally shocked. One picture of the wall which has been erected between the Palestinian and Jewish territories particularly sent a chill through me, especially as it meanders through what are still legally Palestinian territories. I do not have space to write in more detail but at the end of the meeting a poem was read out which I would like to share with you. The author is Ann Thorne, a member of the URC Church.

Myrtle Taylor

Close your eyes and listen
Tell me what you hear.
I hear the sound of birdsong,
I have no need to fear.

But there are those who listen
And all that they can hear
Is the sound of bombing.
They live their lives in fear.

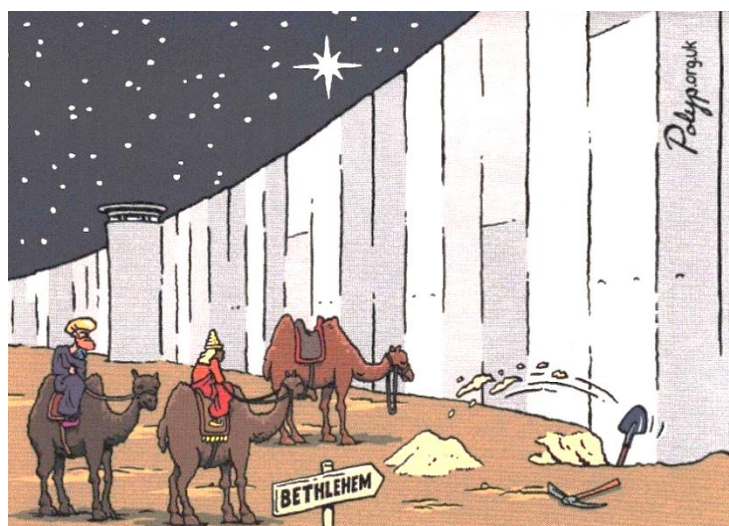
So different yet so similar
Parents with kids to feed.
Mums and Dads and children
Cut us and we bleed.

My blood is red like theirs
Their blood is red like mine,
But they live in a war zone,
Their home is Palestine.

Two sides to every conflict
-But in this Holy place!
Where Jesus walked and talked
And lived a life of grace.

They have the right to live in peace
They have the right to hope
If only we would help them
Then maybe they could cope.

Close your eyes and listen
Tell me what you hear
I hear the sound of talking
But peace is never near.





Saturday 14 December 6pm

Blue Christmas

ST BARNABAS' CHURCH POUND HILL RH10 7DY

A quiet service for those who may find this Christmas difficult

A space for sadness to be acknowledged alongside hope

A telling of the Christmas story together with prayers and reflection

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CRIB SERVICE

Tuesday 24 December 2pm



St Barnabas' Church
Worth Road, Pound Hill
Crawley, RH10 7DY

Just turn up and take part
no rehearsal required



CAROLS FOR ALL

SUNDAY 15
DECEMBER 4PM

ST BARNABAS' CHURCH,
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Sunday 22 December 6:30pm

LESSONS AND CAROLS

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, WORTH, RH10 7RT
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24 December 11:30pm

Midnight Mass

St Barnabas' Church
 Pound Hill
 Crawley
 RH10 7DY

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CRIB SERVICE

Tuesday 24 December 4pm

St Nicholas' Church
 Worth, RH10 7RT

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Every Sunday throughout the year, you are welcome at our regular services, the 8am Holy Communion at St Nicholas', the 10am Eucharist at St Barnabas' or the 10am Eucharist St Nicholas'. Additionally, please join us for any of these special Advent and Christmas events:

- Sunday 1 December, 6.30pm A Candlelit Advent, St Nicholas'
- Saturday 7 December, 11am-2pm Christmas Fair, St Barnabas'
- Sunday 8 December, 4pm Christingle, St Barnabas'
- Saturday 14 December, 6pm, Blue Christmas, St Barnabas'
- Sunday 15 December, 4pm Carols for All, St Barnabas'
- Sunday 22 December, 6.30pm Lessons and Carols, St Nicholas'
- Tuesday 24 December
 - 2pm Crib Service, St Barnabas'
 - 4pm Crib Service, St Nicholas'
 - 11.30pm Midnight Mass, St Barnabas'
 - 11.30pm Midnight Mass, St Nicholas'
- Wednesday 25 December
 - 8am Holy Communion, St Nicholas'
 - 10am Christmas Day Eucharist, St Barnabas'
 - 10am Christmas Day Eucharist, St Nicholas'



Midnight Mass

24 December 11:30pm

St Nicholas' Church, Worth, RH10 7RT

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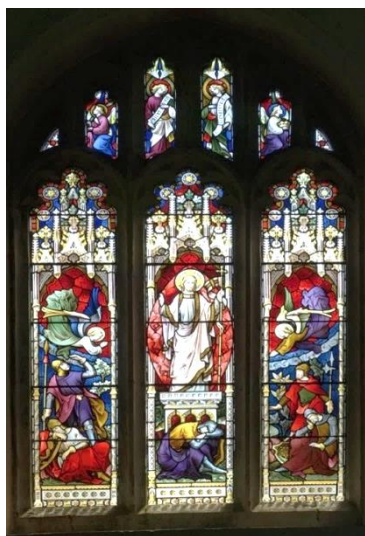
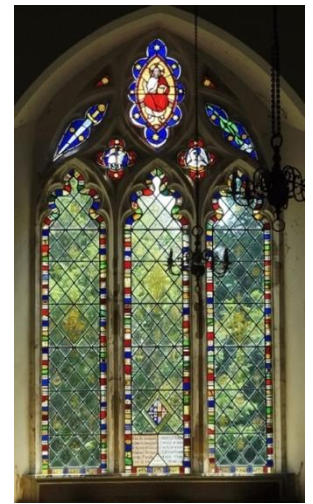
And the other Windows ...[1]

Church Mouse has previously written about the Faith and Hope window in the Chancel but, as there is little information in the Church guide, it seemed worth discussing the other stained and painted glass at St Nicholas'.

We may start at the 'low side' window of Faith and Hope, in the South of the Chancel, which has been addressed in a previous article (*Faith and Hope – a centenary*). Designed by Robert J Newbury, it is dated 1919.

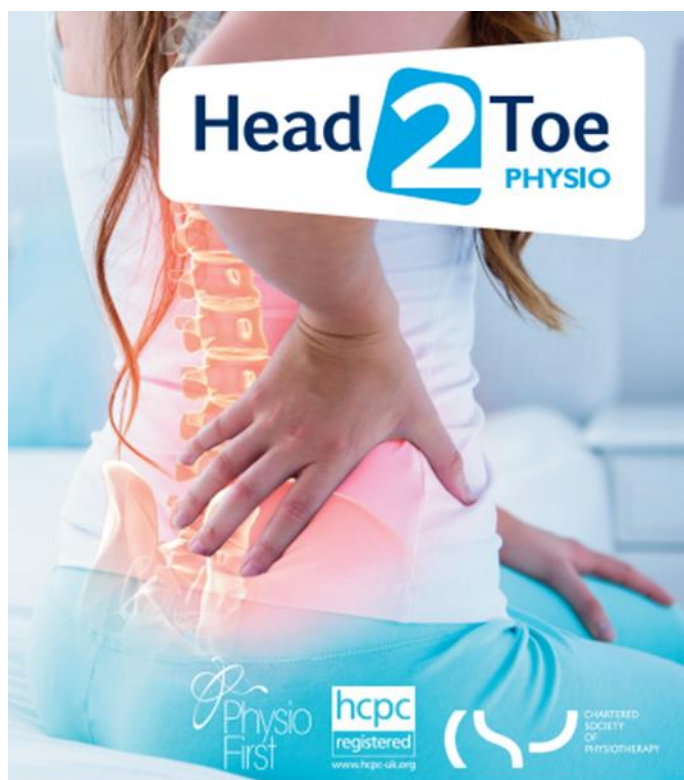
Moving clockwise, in the South Porticus is an interesting window showing Christ in Majesty at the top with, just below, the Agnus Dei to the left and the Pelican in her Piety to the right. In medieval times the pelican was believed to peck at her breast to feed her chicks with the resulting blood – an obvious type for Christ's passion. In the window there is also some armorial glass (of the Bethune family) and in the left hand light (division of the window) is a monogram for St Nicholas with small churches, ships, an anchor, three gold balls, and a crozier – all symbols of our patron saint. The right hand light has a monogram for the Virgin Mary and small symbols for her of a lily, fleur de lys, rose and a star. The central light contains symbols of the Passion: the bag of money, a hammer and pincers, the spear and sponge, nails, the sword with a severed ear, dice, the pillar and scourges, and the crown of thorns.

This window is dated 1850 and the dedication reads 'To the beloved memory of Anna-Maria daughter of Simon Ewert Esq. and widow of the Revd Geo=Maximil: Bethune LLD late Rector of this Parish. Obijt May 20th 1849. Aetat 75'. Thomas Willement, 'The Father of Victorian Stained Glass', designed the window. Willement was the most prominent glass artist of the first half of the nineteenth century and became 'Artist in Stained Glass' to Queen Victoria. He restored the ancient glass of St George's Chapel, Windsor and provided some new windows. His later home, Davington Priory, is now the home of Bob Geldorf. This window was restored by Dennis King in 1975.



Continuing clockwise, the large window in the South wall of the Nave is probably the finest in St Nicholas'. It shows the Resurrection and is full of incidental detail and rich textures. Note particularly the guards at the tomb and the angels in the red mandorla surrounding the risen Christ. The glass was inserted in 1857 in memory of Mary Fautleroy (d.1854 aged 51), wife of Charles Fautleroy Esq. of Tilgate House, as described in the brass plaque below the window. We know that it was commissioned from Hardman & Co, a leading supplier of church glass and fittings from 1844, having previously specialised in ecclesiastical metalwork. The window appears in the Hardman Order Books and the designer was most likely John Hardman

Powell; it is original and of superb quality. John Hardman Powell was the nephew of the founder of the firm, married A. W. Pugin's daughter in 1850, and became chief designer in 1849, and later head of the firm. *(to be continued in the next mag)*



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From the Ordinand's Dog

Not much about myself this time, as I have done as promised and put on my investigation boots to bring to you the role of a Curate in the Church of England.

I was quite surprised to find that, technically speaking, the Incumbent (Rector or Vicar) is the Curate. A Curate is the person who has the 'Cure of Souls' in the parish, acting on behalf of the Bishop who is responsible for the 'Cure of Souls' in the diocese. So, in fact the proper term is Assistant Curate.

But the word Curate is more commonly used to describe someone who is in training for ministry. Training for and in ministry never ends but here is an overview of the initial stages.



1. IME 1 (Initial Ministerial Education): this predominantly theory stage usually starts at the beginning of the first academic year following the discernment process and BAP (Bishops Advisory Panel) at a TEI (Theological Education Institute). It usually lasts 2 to 3 years and can be either residential or non-residential, full or part-time, and is overseen by a MF (Ministry Facilitator).

2. IME 2; this predominantly practical stage starts at the point of ordination to Deacon, when the Deacon takes up their Title Post as a **Curate**. It is overseen by a TI (Training Incumbent) who acts as a trainer, adviser, guide and consultant. It usually lasts 3 to 4 years.

A Deacon is called 'Reverend' and can wear a clerical collar, but cannot preside at Holy Communion, or pronounce the Blessing or Absolution. After a year, and provided the required training goals have been met, the Deacon is ordained Priest (although some Deacons choose to remain as Deacons). The curacy continues for a further 2-3 years to enable the Curate to gain experience and competence across a range of ministerial tasks as well as continuing in their formation with a deepening faith, spiritual life and discipleship. At the end of this period, the Curate is formally signed off by the Bishop and is then free to seek a post as vicar or more usually associate vicar in the first instance.

What was clear from my investigation is that the Curate's post is first and foremost a training post, much like an apprenticeship, and involves a lot of shadowing (*I know a bit about that!*) and learning from the TI so that all the necessary competencies can be addressed and signed off. It is also a time of continuing spiritual formation.

I know that my human is really looking forward to joining you as a Curate next year, and she is relishing the challenge of a being an SSM (Self Supporting Minister), as she continues in her paid employment, intertwining her ministry in the parish and workplace.

Must go, next time it will be much more about me... I'd better start writing it now!

Shadow the Ordinand's Dog

Joseph Dowgill c.1865

Verger at Eccleshare (Lancs.) employing a secret cupboard let into the pulpit pedestal as a fermenting chamber, was only unmasked when a demijohn of elderberry wine exploded whilst the congregation was at prayer.

#trendingchurch the hangout

Hi Everyone,

Our Youth Group (the Hangout) all got together to raise money for Young Minds (affiliated to Mind mental health charity) and took part in their #helloyellow campaign. We raised a fantastic £80 by decorating yellow cup cakes and planting yellow violas... We had a 'Yellow quiz' and ate 'Yellow food'.

Such a vital charity that is supporting young people and their parents... Here are some of the pics taken on the night.

Open to anyone between the ages of 11 and 16, we look forward to seeing you all.

The Hangout Team



kindle



St Barnabas were very happy to host kindle again on 12 Oct. We had great fun with lots of games in the hall. A big thank you to the Team. Special mention to Adrian from St Andrews who led our prayers and gave us much to think about regarding what Truth looks like for each of us.

The worship was wonderful and as you can see, the hall was transformed. Really great evening for us all... *Caroline*



Pound Hill Toddlers



Build it up..... Knock it down.

Good times are had by all at our Toddler Sessions. Everyone welcome every Tuesday and Thursday morning (term time only) 09.00 – 11.00 in St Barnabas Church Hall, £1 per family.

Last session before Christmas will be Thursday 12 Dec and we are back on 7 Jan 2020
Sue



Sunday School

10.00am every Sunday at St Barnabas. Nicky helped the children make some wonderful Poppy wreaths on Remembrance Sunday.

We were honoured to have Myrtle tell us all about her husband's service during the war and share her memories. The children sat and listened with interest. So very important that we remember those that helped us to win our freedom...

Thank you Nicky and Myrtle for making such a special memory for our children...

Caroline x



Child-friendly services
Come and celebrate with us!

At St Barnabas' Sunday School is every week and the 4th Sunday every month is especially child-friendly and at St Nicholas' Advent Sunday, 1 Dec, the Epiphany on 5 Jan and Candlemas, 2 Feb.

Also

Christingle, 16.00 8 Dec at St B + Crib services on 24 Dec 14.00 at St B and 16.00 at St N.

All children are welcome to come dressed in nativity costumes. Don't have one? Not a problem we can provide... Every child can be part of this wonderful celebration. If your child would like to take part at St Nic's please call Joan Tick on 07799767905 – see posters elsewhere in the mag.



Holy Baptism



October

Sophia Lily Coleman
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To Those Who Bring Small Children to Church:

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I want you – mothers and/or fathers – to know just how encouraging you are to so many. The elderly woman who often feels alone beams with a smile at the sight of you wrestling with your little one. She's been there before. She knows how hard it can be, but she smiles because to hear that brings back precious memories. Seeing young parents and their small children brightens her day; she may have just received bad news about her health but seeing the vitality of young ones removes – if but for a moment – her fears. The older man who always seems to be grouchy notices you too. He's always talking about how children in this day have no respect or sense of goodness. But he sees you – a young family – in church every week. Like clockwork, he can depend on the sight of you and your young family. You give him hope that maybe the Church isn't doomed after all, because there are still young parents who love God enough to bring their restless children to church.

Bring your children to church! If we don't hear crying, the church is dying. As hard as it might be for you as a parent who's half-asleep, keep on doing what you're doing. You are an encouragement, and you're starting off your children's lives as you should.

Taken from a Facebook Post 'We Believe in God' Author unknown

The Brook School visit St Nic's

During October Revd Sarah and Caroline Formby hosted 120 excited children and their teachers from The Brook School for a Harvest Service.



Revd Sarah asked two teachers to volunteer and see who could make the best dough plait whilst the children cheered them on. As you can see, they did an excellent job.



The children sang beautifully with lots of actions.

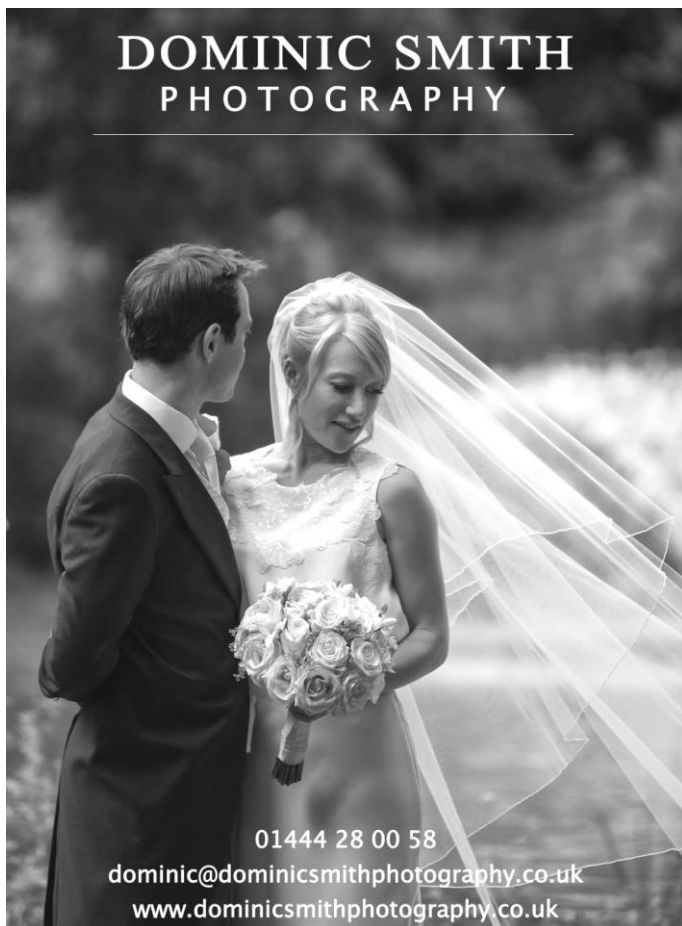
Revd Sarah got some of the children up to share out a delicious fresh loaf of bread, some had much more than others. Sarah pointed out that we should share what we have fairly. We are fortunate to have plenty whilst others have less. She said that they were the next generation to take care of our harvest and planet and to thank God for His provision.

It was a huge blessing to spend time with such polite, happy, and respectful children. A big thank you to their teachers for being such good sports. It was a long walk back to school and as the children filtered out into the fresh air, we could hear the excited chatter among them.



Looking forward to their next visit... *Caroline*

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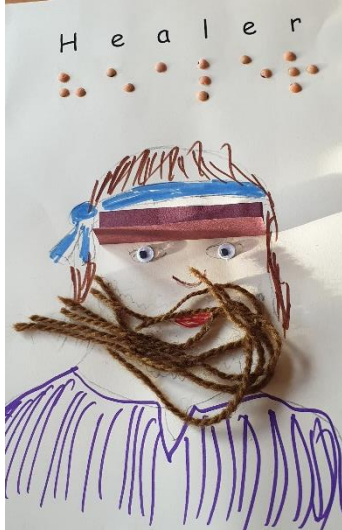
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Magnificent Messy

It is amazing what inspiration even a few verses of the Bible can give us. In October we looked at the 6 short verses which give us the story of Blind Bartimaeus. We imagined what it must be like to be blind and looked at how Braille can be helpful. In November just two verses in each of three of the Gospels gave us the Parable of the Mustard Seed, where we learned that however small we are, whatever small things we do in life, each is so important to us, our, community and the whole world.

Sue x



It Can't be Christmas Already!



Oh dear, I'm late, I'm late. I am beginning to sound like the White Rabbit in *Alice in Wonderland*. Don't worry I am still your very own Cuddly Christmas Bear, with your special Christmas message!

I am only late because I have been busy and only just realised the date. Where has the year gone? I have not really thought about Christmas presents or food and you know how fond I am of things honey. I must think about how much I need over the festive-tide!

Pause for shopping..... Ah, that's better!



I know I was being selfish and I am really sorry. After all, it is not how I have been brought up. I should be remembering all those people, and indeed creatures, who do not have enough, or any, food. I do think about them, honestly, every day.

Did you know that on Christmas Day in 1906 the suffragettes in Holloway Prison refused to eat Christmas Dinner? This was a 'protest' because women were being refused the right to vote. Sadly, lots of folk, young and old, do not have the choice to refuse food. They would be thrilled to receive a slice of dry bread or a bowl of rice. We must remember them at



Christmas and every day, giving what we can to help, there are lots of ways, including our Blue Boxes at both St Barnabas' and St Nicholas'. Everything we can give is a lifesaver to someone. Jesus said, "Do this for one of these and you do it for me." Let

us do something for Jesus, this year and always.

I must think about presents/gifts and in this makes me think about lamb; no, not as food but the animal itself. The little lamb that was taken by the shepherds as a gift to the baby Jesus, too young to understand why it was given to Him, or even think about eating it but it was important; a symbol of what Jesus was to become: gentle, loving, but sadly, like a lamb, He was led to be slaughtered. However, when we see a lamb and one with a banner, the banner of victory, it signifies the Resurrection and the joy it brings, overcoming sin and death and being born again. This reminds me to think carefully about the gifts I shall buy this year to ensure they are all special to those who will receive them, not just something grabbed hurriedly off a shelf at the last minute. Each recipient is special and so shall the gift be (as always, I hasten to add).



What do you do with your gifts at Christmas - rush out of bed, rip the paper off the parcel, make some suitable comment, then move on to the next one? Perhaps you wait until after dinner and open them carefully and thoughtfully and write a list of who to send "Thank you" letters or cards to; do you remember to do that? We should always remember to say 'thank you' for everything we receive, whether it is a gift, food or help from family and friends, but especially we must thank the Lord for **everything**, including each and every day and for His promise of eternal life.

Thank you for reading this, let us see if it helps to bring something good next year for everyone. Have a wonderful, happy & healthy Christmas and a fantastic 2020.

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Mrs Euphemia Beswick c.1803

A Manchester deacon's rich widow, notable for her staring eyes, left an annuity to her Baptist minister conditional upon his visiting an attic each New Year's Eve and feeling the pulse of her body enclosed in a long-case clock whose face she had replaced. The bequest lapsed with his death and, still within the clock, she was removed to holy ground.

DECEMBER and JANUARY CALENDAR

Travelling far? - we recommend you check dates/times either on our website calendar, or with the office.

When?		What?	Where?
Sun 1 Dec	18.30	A Candlelit Advent	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Tues 3 Dec	11.00	Home Communion	<i>Lanehurst Gardens</i>
Thur 5 Dec	20.00	St Nicholas' Circle: Cheese & Wine	<i>Pastoral Centre</i>
Sat 7 Dec	11.00	Christmas Fair	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Sat 7 Dec	15.30	Messy Church	<i>St Barnabas' Hall</i>
Sun 8 Dec	16.00	Christingle Service	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Mon 9 Dec	11.00	Julian Group	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Wed 11 Dec	14.30	Pastoral Assistants' Tea	<i>Pastoral Centre</i>
Wed 11 Dec	15.00	Messy Church	<i>St Barnabas' Hall</i>
Thur 12 Dec	14.30	Julian Group	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Sat 14 Dec	10.00	Saturday Market	<i>Pastoral Centre</i>
Sat 14 Dec	18.00	Blue Christmas	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Sun 15 Dec	16.00	Carols for All	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Tues 17 Dec	14.00	Christmas Service	<i>Lanehurst Gardens</i>
Wed 18 Dec	14.00	Scrabble & Cake (see page 11)	<i>Pastoral Centre</i>
Thurs 19 Dec	11.30	Church Mouse's Christmas	<i>St Nicholas</i>
Sun 22 Dec	18.30	Lessons and Carols	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Tues 24 Dec	14.00	Crib Service	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
Tues 24 Dec	16.00	Crib Service	<i>St Nicholas'</i>
Tues 24 Dec	23.30	Midnight Mass	<i>St Barnabas'</i>
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Wed 15 January	15.00	Messy Church	<i>St Barnabas' Hall</i>
Thur 23 January	18.30	Mothers' Union Branch Meeting	<i>Pastoral Centre</i>
Sat 1 Feb	10.00	Saturday Market	<i>Pastoral Centre</i>

Will Seaford c.1583

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