

The Magazine

Of St Nicholas' Church, Burton-in-Wirral

Growing and thriving with God in our community

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From our Vicar

Rev. Cathy Helm

Nearly three years ago as a church we looked at how we could do something helpful for the members of our community who found it difficult to get up the hill for services. For two years we were able to meet in the Atelier as it was then and thanks to the Burton Manor volunteers, for the last year we have met in the Glasshouse once a month for an informal Communion service followed by soup and sandwich lunch provided by a wonderful band of volunteers.

It has enabled up to 15 of our more elderly members to continue to have Communion and to meet their friends and I believe the gardening volunteers have enjoyed the left over sandwiches on more than one occasion.

As part of our Growth Action Planning we have felt however there was still so much more we could do to support people of all ages within our church and wider community. Ruth Chesworth has kindly offered to be the co-ordinator for our pastoral care, a role she has undertaken informally for many years and others have offered to hospital visit or join me going into nursing homes.

However, one area of care need which I believe has been overlooked in so many ways is that of mental health and especially dementia. It's an issue that many don't want to talk about or admit

it may be becoming a problem. My father lived with a specific form of dementia for 9 years before he died and the impact on him and us all as a family was huge.

I remember he used to joke that he had a 'very good forget-tary' and then when we began to notice he couldn't remember the plot of a book he was reading or how he had got home, we slowly realised this wasn't just his usual forgetfulness. I understand how difficult it can be not just to admit there may be a memory problem but also to recognise it. Yet statistically 1 in 5 over the age of 80 will have some form of dementia.

In the Spring we're offering training to all church members to become a '*Dementia friend*'. Some have already trained and have valued the insight into some very practical tips which can make such a difference to the confidence of someone living with dementia. We aim to become a '*Dementia friendly church*' which covers not just pastoral care but the environment within church, church services and just in raising overall awareness. There is much we can offer. My Dad didn't always recognise who I was, but he could join in with the Lord's prayer or a favourite Carol or hymn. Somehow, these familiar words spoke deep into his heart in ways I'll never understand but I could see the difference it made to him.



The church, as Christ's body is called to care for all the family, especially those who are vulnerable of whatever age. 1 Corinthians 13 reminds us that the love we have in Christ doesn't change the circumstances but it equips us to face them.

'Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes and always preserves. Love never fails.'

Cathy

GAP Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you command and inspire your church to make
disciples:

may our church become a joyful and vibrant
community of welcome, worship and service,
spreading hope to those around us
and attracting others to the fire of your love;
may your Spirit be at work through our

Growth Action Planning,
helping us to catch a vision for your church
and to serve you faithfully, to your glory and
honour. **Amen**

Holy Communion Soup & Sandwich

Monday 5th January at 11.30am

Monday 2nd February at 11.30am

*An informal Holy Communion service for all who find it hard to get up to the church building, followed by a soup and sandwich lunch in the **Glasshouse** at Burton Manor.*

*If you're interested in coming please contact:
Vicar: 353 0453*

Basil Keys: 336 4933



How much does church cost to run?

Whether you're a long-standing worshipper or a newcomer, there's a chance that church finance continues to remain a mystery. In this article we aim to shed some light on the costs we face on a monthly basis and to detail exactly how much we need to generate in order to cover this expenditure. We will also help to expel some of the myths around church budgets and the source of our income.

Contrary to popular belief, St Nicholas receives no direct financial support from any external organisation such as the Church of England, the Government or taxpayers.

The vicar is employed by the Church of England and St Nicholas Church pays the Church of England a monthly amount to cover all ministry costs including salary, pensions, housing, local ministry supervisions, the ordination and training of new ministers, and other support costs such as those for underprivileged parishes.

For the forthcoming year (2015), these costs amount to £67,517 which are payable in monthly installments of £5,626.45. These equate to £1,298.40 per week and have to be met before the Church even considers how it will fund the costs of running and maintaining the church building.

In 2015, the cost of running St Nicholas in terms of maintenance and repairs, as well as all church-related activities, will amount to around £50,000. To cover

these costs and those above, it is estimated that St Nicholas will need to generate around £2,200 per week in the next year to maintain the current ministry and all that it entails.

Currently, the Church's income falls £20,000 short every year of its total expenditure. To cope with this situation, the Church has been drawing on a small amount of reserves in recent years to help overcome the deficit. However, these reserves are unlikely to last more than another year which leaves the Church facing a challenging funding position.

St Nicholas relies heavily on church members to help fund its outgoings and this means that it needs to generate an average of £35-£40 per month from every person listed on the electoral roll who regularly attends church.

Many people give very generously, some to an extent that far exceeds the average required. Others donate considerable free time to help support the Church and fulfil positions such as lay readers, churchwardens, PCC secretary, treasurer, choir and music director, vicar's administrative assistant, magazine editor, vergers, church florist and vergers.

On average, volunteers donate three days per month to Church activities. If these were paid posts, the Church's outgoings would be considerably higher than they stand today.



How can Gift Aid help?

Gift Aid helps to boost St Nicholas' income considerably. The scheme enables the Church to claim back the equivalent to 25% of the amount of money donated to church funds.

In November 2014, St Nicholas Church received a payment from HMRC which amounted to £17,196 as a result of the Gift Aid Scheme which was a welcome contribution towards its overall annual income. This was only possible because the Church receives regular funds from many church members who use the Gift Aid Scheme. This means that for every £100 that is donated, St Nicholas Church receives an extra £25.

The financial benefit to the Church of donations received by monthly standing order - and Gift Aid - is considerable. It also helps significantly from an administrative point of view, enabling those entrusted with the Church budget to plan better with the knowledge that they have a steady stream of income.

If you would like to support the work of the Church and ensure it remains central to village life, the best way of doing so is by making a monthly standing order contribution. You can find the necessary form and further information on the Church website www.burtonchurch.org.uk. Alternatively, you can pick up a form at the back of the Church. Monthly standing orders are available for £30, £40, £50 or

whatever is affordable. All donations are very gratefully received.

By Danielle Nuttall

And from one of the judges...

I was pleased to be asked to judge the Bake off. The entries were of a very high standard all the way through and tasted wonderful, sorry there could only one winner As judges we found it very hard to choose those to go through to the next round. Well done every one especially our winner and runners up.

A huge WELL DONE to all the children who entered the Big Bake off, we raised £65 for the Tearfund 'No Child taken ' campaign to support vulnerable children in countries like Loas. Also a big Thank You to the judges, Ron Curnow, Janet Collier, Helen Jones and for the final Phil & Jenny Thomas from the Marsh Cat in Parkgate. Their expertise was needed as the standard of baking was so high.

Hymn stories

O perfect Love, all human thought transcending, lowly we kneel in prayer before thy throne, that theirs may be the love which knows no ending, whom thou in sacred vow dost join in one.

O perfect Life, be thou their full assurance of tender charity and steadfast faith, of patient hope and quiet, brave endurance, with childlike trust that fears no pain or death.

Grant them the joy which brightens earthly sorrow; grant them the peace which calms all earthly strife; grant them the vision of the glorious morrow that will reveal eternal love and life.

Dorothy Frances Gurney was an English poet and hymn writer. Born in London in 1858, Dorothy and her Anglican clergyman husband, Gerald Gurney, converted to Catholicism in 1919.

Although best known for her poem *God's Garden* which is the source of the verse often seen on garden plaques, bird baths and sundials: *One is nearer God's heart in a garden/Than anywhere else on earth*, she also wrote the hymn *Oh Perfect Love, all Human Thought Transcending* for her sister's wedding in 1883. It soon became popular, especially in London, where it was used at many fashionable weddings, including those of royalty.

Spiritual insight into the meaning of hymns isn't always easy. However, in his book *The Gospel in Hymns*, Albert Bailey points out that in this hymn, 'the Lord Jesus Christ is given two titles that are of special

Dorothy Frances Gurney

significance in marriage - 'perfect love' and 'perfect life'. He concludes that these titles speak of two great ideals which are important in every marriage; motive and performance. If these ideals are honoured and obeyed they will yield joy and peace in any marriage.

Perhaps it's also worth noting that Mrs Gurney certainly brought out the truth that human love cannot begin to compare with God's love; which 'transcends all human thought'.

She died in 1932 and the London Times printed the following tribute: '*Thousands of people at thousands of weddings must have sung, or heard sung, O Perfect Love, without ever knowing that Mrs Gurney was the writer.*'

Eddie Newall



January in history

January is often thought of as a quiet month - however in history the following events all occurred in January

200 years ago:- on 15th Jan 1815 that Emma, Lady Hamilton, mistress of British naval hero Lord Nelson, died.

175 years ago:- on 10th Jan 1840 that the Penny Post was established throughout the UK.

100 years ago:- on 2nd Jan 1915 that the Germans used chlorine gas against British forces, killing 140 of them. This was the first known use of chemical warfare in WWI.

75 years ago:- on 8th Jan 1940 that food rationing began in Britain (bacon, butter and sugar).

70 years ago:- on 16th Jan 1945 that Adolf Hitler took up residence in the Führerbunker, a subterranean bunker complex in the garden of the Reich Chancellery in Berlin. It became the headquarters of the Nazi regime until Hitler committed suicide there in April.

Also 70 years ago:- on 17th Jan 1945 that the Nazis began evacuating 58,000 prisoners from Auschwitz concentration camp as the Soviet Red Army closed in. Thousands died on the subsequent death march to Bergen-Belsen.

50 years ago:- on 24th Jan 1965 that Sir Winston Churchill, British Prime Minister (1940-45, 1951-55), died. He is considered one of the greatest wartime leaders of the 20th century and named 'the Greatest Briton of all time'. He won the 1953 Nobel Prize for Literature.

30 years ago:- on 1st Jan 1985 that the first mobile phone call in the UK was made. It was made by comedian Ernie Wise who called Vodafone's head office in Newbury from St Katharine's Docks in London.

Also 30 years ago:- on 17th Jan 1985 that British Telecom officially retired the iconic red telephone box.

20 years ago:- on 22nd Jan 1995 that the British Army ended daytime patrols of Belfast.

GAP update

As a church we have been asked again by the Diocese to look at our Growth Action Plan [GAP 4]. In other words, what are the priorities we need to have, to encourage our church community to grow and thrive?

The PCC have spent some time looking at our current priorities and we aim to be focussing over the next year or so upon three main areas:

1. To further develop the Pastoral Care Team and pastoral outreach to all ages.
2. To run an accessible discipleship course during Lent, especially encouraging those who may not have participated before in a group.
3. To explore more ways in which we can use the newly refurbished church to provide more opportunities to engage with the community and school. [ie. Harvest Songs of Praise, Christmas Tree Festival, Pop uk]

When we look back what we have achieved since GAP 1 five years ago it's wonderful how so many have worked with great commitment and enthusiasm seeking to build up God's church in this parish. We have learned a lot about God's faithfulness, the importance of trusting in Him in all circumstances, and also that at times it can be difficult to work together as a church family,

but that we should seek to 'love one another, as Christ has loved us.' To be 'united in Christ' as a family does not mean 'uniformity'. Thankfully we are all different and as such add to the richness and diversity of gifts needed within the church family for our church to flourish and grow. GAP 4 helps to remind us that there is always more to do and my prayer is that we will achieve that with our eyes firmly fixed upon Jesus and the way in which he wants us to go.

Cathy



Saturday 17th January 4-6pm at
Gladstone Village Hall

THE KINGS VISIT

More details: Cathy 353 0453



New recruits required for Gladstone Village Hall

Gladstone Village Hall (GVH) was built in 1906 for the use of Burton village; a committee was set up to look after its affairs. The sports pavilion was added some years later and now both these buildings with their car park, playing fields and play area form the Gladstone Village Hall Charity.

Both venues are available for hire either on a regular basis or for one-off functions, including christenings, weddings and anniversaries. Rates are very reasonable and include an alcohol licence. The pavilion has a well-stocked bar.

The hall is currently used by many groups, covering all ages and a huge variety of interests such as gardening, sewing, history and bridge. It's also home to The Village Playschool. Sporting groups (overall chaired by Mike Carlyle) are generally based in the pavilion and welcome anyone who enjoys tennis, walking, art, bowls, snooker or cricket.

Burton is well known for its events, not only the sizeable Summer Fete and Bonfire Night but also the Fun Run, Horticultural Show and Christmas Craft Fayre. They involve an enormous amount of organisation - liaising with the council, police and other groups and undertaking duties such as advertising, sponsorship, recruiting manpower, catering, setting up gazebos etc.

These events are essential to raise funds for the facility and to keep it going. Each event can generate anything up to £7K, but despite all this effort, the charity barely manages to accrue the £25K per annum needed to break even.

Ingrid Sturmey, chair of the Gladstone Village Hall Committee, began volunteering six years ago. Meetings currently take place once a month on a Monday evening and are very informal and friendly.

Everyone's skills are appreciated, whether suggesting new ideas, helping with friends on stalls, helping with maintenance, opening up the buildings for functions, planning events, sorting finances or promoting the use of the facilities.

It's a great way to meet new people and volunteers do not have to reside in Burton. They can do as much or as little as they have time for, but what is certain is that the continued success of the site now critically depends on us finding new recruits to spread the load.

If you really want to see the hall and pavilion continue to be part of Burton and would like to know more about their hire, classes, clubs or volunteering, then please give Ingrid a call on 0151 336 4974 or email ingridsturmey@hotmail.co.uk. You might also like to visit our website www.gladstonevillagehall.org.uk



Remembering Sir Winston Churchill - more than an eloquent voice

Fifty years ago, on 24th January, Sir Winston Spencer Churchill died aged ninety. He was buried at Bladon church, near Blenheim Palace, the Spencer family seat. Every year hundreds of visitors still come to the grave, many of them from overseas, to remember a remarkable man and leader of men.

A soldier (in the Boer War), and then a controversial politician, he held several important offices of state, but it wasn't until 1940 that his unique gifts, both of leadership and oratory, became widely recognised. When Neville Chamberlain's government was replaced by a wartime coalition - a 'national government' - Churchill was appointed prime minister. From the first time he rose to his feet to address a tense and anxious House of Commons it was clear that a remarkable personality had assumed high office. At the end of his first wartime broadcast a few days later the whole nation knew that it had found its voice.

Churchill's wartime oratory was unique, both in its impact and its eloquence. Although showing no academic prowess at school, and without the advantages of a classical or university education, he revealed an absolute mastery of the rhythms and cadences of the English language.

That, allied to an uncanny appreciation of the public mood and the responses of the human heart, enabled him to evoke a unique response from the British people. Whether it was after Dunkirk, when

invasion seemed imminent - 'we will fight them on the beaches . . . we will never surrender', or in the aftermath of the Battle of Britain - 'never in all the field of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few' - his words breathed courage into a beleaguered nation.

He ended one long speech, which realistically set out the military position at the time, with words that have a Shakespearian ring to them: 'Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duties, and so bear ourselves that, if the British Empire and its Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will still say, "This was their finest hour".'

Many remember parents or grandparents sitting spellbound around their wireless sets hanging on his every word. He was, quite simply, the voice of Britain, distinctive, eloquent, passionate, utterly committed to the national cause. If ever a sequence of speeches changed history, this was it.

He was precisely the right man for those potentially catastrophic days, urging the nation to 'blood, sweat, toil and tears', but promising in the end victory for justice and freedom. At the end of the War he counselled 'magnanimity in victory', and then, unexpectedly, lost a general election and never again achieved the heights of those wartime years, though he did return as prime minister for four years from 1951. None however can doubt his place as one of the greatest Englishmen of all time.

Recipe for a Happy New Year

Take twelve whole months.

Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate, and jealousy.

Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.

Now cut each month into twenty-eight, thirty, or thirty-one different parts, but don't make up the whole batch at once.

Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients.

Mix well into each day one part of faith, one part of patience, one part of courage, and one part of work.

Add to each day one part of hope, faithfulness,

generosity, and kindness.

Blend with one part prayer, one part meditation, and one good deed.

Season the whole with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play, and a cupful of good humour.

Pour all of this into a vessel of love.

Cook thoroughly over radiant joy, garnish with a smile, and serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness.

You're bound to have a happy new year

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Diary of Events

January 2015

Church Services

4th 2nd Sunday of Christmas (Epiphany)
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship & Baptism?
6:30 pm Evensong

11th 1st Sunday of Epiphany
(Baptism of Christ)
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship

14th 10:15 am Holy Communion

18th 2nd Sunday of Epiphany
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Communion

21st 10:15 am Holy Communion

25th 3rd Sunday of Epiphany
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship

28th 10:15 am Holy Communion

Mothers Union Programme

7th 11:00 am Bible Study

House Groups:

Christian Living:

7:30 pm Wednesdays in term time
(Contact Dee Foster 0151 336 2336)

Home Group:

8:00 pm Wednesday 7th and 21st at Danes Court (0151 336 5446)

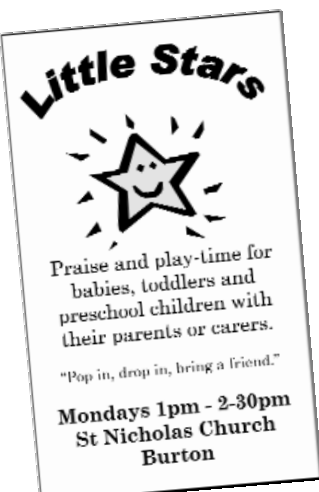
From the Registers:

Funerals:

15 August Betty Wilcox
6 Nov. Douglas Simmons
11 Nov. Rosalie Clarke
8 Dec. Pauline Hatton

Baptisms:

2 Nov. Anya McGinn
Anna Wright



All Stars

(Primary age children 5-11 Years) meet every 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday during 10:00 am Service.

Diary of Events

February 2015

Mothers Union Programme

4th 11:00 am Bible Study

House Groups:

Christian Living:

7:30 pm Wednesdays in term time

(Contact Dee Foster 0151 336 2336)

Study Group:

8:00 pm Wednesday 11th at Danes Court
(0151 336 5446)

First Week of March 2015

1st 2nd Sunday of Lent
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
6:30 pm Evensong

4th 10:15 am Holy Communion

Church Services

1st 4th Sunday of Epiphany (Candlemas)
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
6:30 pm Evensong

4th 10:15 am Holy Communion

8th 2nd Sunday before Lent
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship

11th 10:15 am Holy Communion

15th Sunday next before Lent
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Communion

18th **Ash Wednesday**
10:15 am Holy Communion
7:30 pm Holy Communion

22nd 1st Sunday of Lent
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship

25th 10:15 am Holy Communion

Start the Week in Prayer

Monday 9a.m. in Church

Come and join us in a quiet time at the beginning of each week when we pray for the needs of our church, our community, our country and the world.

You do not need to pray aloud; many pray in silence.

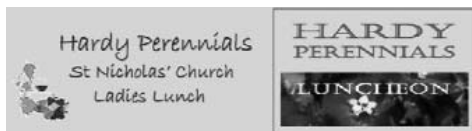
The LENT course

Last year we used the York Course during Lent which was enjoyed by all who came along. It involved listening to a discussion between three people including the Bishop of Oxford on a CD and then talking through together the issues they raised. There were no right or wrong answers just a really good opportunity to get together and talk about what faith in Jesus means in real situations and contexts.

This year we're running another York course called 'Praise Him' based on songs of praise found within the New Testament looking at songs of Gratitude, what it means to be made in the image of God, Humility, New birth and to try to understand the wonder of Jesus, the Word made flesh.

If you have never been to a group before, please do come long, it's informal, there will be refreshments and it's a good, none threatening way to explore some of these issues. There will be day time groups as well as evening so you can come along to whichever fits in with your schedule.

If you'd like to join a group sign up sheets will be at the back of church towards the end of January or contact me on 3530453.



Meeting Dates

The Hardy Perennials are a group of ladies who, for whatever reason, live alone. They meet regularly for lunch and to share each other's company

If you want to go along and haven't been before please call either Vivienne Blakeman on 015 336 7435 or Linda Jones on 336 5017

THANK YOU

To all our friends at St. Nicholas and beyond - my sincere gratitude for so many messages of encouragement, received during a rather protracted spell of hospital treatment towards the end of last year. Anne and I have greatly valued all your kind thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Let us set out into this year of grace 2015 with renewed confidence in the God who never fails us, through all the changing scenes of life

Thank you

Geoffrey

Mothers' Union

The October Meeting was yet another "Bible Market Event". We always enjoy collecting the items and referring to the appropriate texts mentioned in the Bible. How times have changed in that most of the basic materials used in biblical times and would be used in simple meals, are today still produced to satisfy the more modern sophisticated palate.

Penny Allen entertained us in November with her interesting talk on the Spirituality of a Tea-Pot. She filled a table with an amazing collection of tea-pots and giving us a history of the more interesting ones. At the Christmas Fair in the Gladstone Village Hall our table was lined with seasonal gifts, tasty treats and preserves. The display attracted lots of attention - resulting in a good profit for our Charity. I would like to thank all of you who helped to make it such a success.

Our Christmas gathering in Church was most enjoyable as we entered into the Spirit of Christmas. We always look forward to singing our traditional carols and hearing the wonderful Christmas message - A magical time! Our friends of Shotwick joined us and thanked us for an enjoyable afternoon as they shared with us seasonal goodies.

Our Christmas Tree Festival in Burton Church, where all the Church groups contributed, was a first time event - organised by Maureen - thank you Maureen - a great achievement to attract

many visitors and a wonderful event.

The Mothers Union Tree was decorated by Wendy, a lovely original design depicting the Mothers' Union colours of blue and yellow. Thank you Wendy for your artistic contribution.

We have a few members who are not in the best of health at present. We would like to remember them in our thoughts and prayers. Betty - not able to come out much at present. Dorothy - who is at present visiting Weatherstones Nursing Home; Sue (whose daughter Jesse joins our choir when she comes home from Cambridge); Anthea who is recovering from a hip replacement and Dee who is also recovering from a knee replacement. A special mention to Wendy's husband after undergoing a serious operation and Geoffrey who is about to have surgery. We wish you both a speedy recovery.

Wishing you all a wonderful 2015

Josie Isaacs

NOTICE OF AGM

Our first meeting of 2015 will be on 21st January which will be the AGM. The fee will be £21 and please enclose a cheque in a named envelope and send it to VAL DAWSON before 21st January. Cheques are payable to BURTON MOTHERS' UNION.

Autumn turns into Winter!

As the autumn weather was so mild, with the odd showers everything continued to grow and flower. The roses were lovely up to the time of writing, but now some of the tall rose bushes will have to be trimmed down to one-third to prevent wind rock on the roots. The rest of the pruning will take place in Spring. The Hydrangea heads have fabulous winter hues and many have been brought indoors to fill vases. Soon the florets will become brown but these will be left in situ to protect any new buds from frost. The lace curtains are now ready to cover the two Camelias which are in pots should the weather become really cold. (Lady Macon - pale pink and an unnamed white). Many bushes and shrubs have been cut down yet again and the Kerria has thrown up shoots in many places. These will be removed as one bush of Kerria is plenty. The many Erica Carnea (heather) on the rockery are in full bloom and give plenty of cover at this time of the year. However, the rockery requires attention at the moment. The Dahlias have been truly wonderful and have filled many vases during the past few weeks.

Many flocks of geese have been seen making their way to their winter home and the buzzards are frequently seen. The garden birds have been slow to return. However a few species have been spotted - namely 2 wrens, long tailed and great tits and, of course, no list would be complete



without lovely Robbie Robin.

Flori Bunda

January and February 2015

Christmas Tree Festival - a thank you

6th December saw the start of St Nicholas Church Christmas Tree festival and how beautiful the Church looked. In all twenty Christmas trees were decorated by different groups of the Church family.

The Church was open each day with times when it was guaranteed all the trees would be lit. A quiz was organised for any children visiting.

All the trees were very different with a wide diversity of decoration - some depicting the groups they represented and others very simple but no less stunning. The Church was open during the week and had a flow of visitors who came to view the trees and enjoy the welcome and refreshments provided by many volunteers.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in so many ways and gave of their time so willingly.

Congratulations to Maureen Liddel and Jane Davies who had organised the event and put in many hours of work to ensure every detail was taken into account.

Bible Quiz

- 1

What are the two parts of the Bible called?
- 2

Name the first man created by God.
- 3

What did God tell Noah to build?
- 4

Did Joseph's father give him a pair of shoes, a coat or a spear?
- 5

Where was baby Moses found?
- 6

What did Moses see burning?
- 7

What swallowed Jonah?
- 8

What is the name of the town where Jesus was born?
- 9

What gifts did the Wise Men bring for Jesus?
- 10

Why was Jesus born in a stable?
- 11

What is the first book of the Bible called?
- 12

Name the first woman created by God.
- 13

Which bird did Noah send out first from the ark?
- 14

How many brothers did Joseph have?
- 15

Where were the Israelites made to work as slaves?
- 16

What was the name of Moses' brother?
- 17

What was David's job before he became king?
- 18

What was the name of Jesus' mother?
- 19

What did the Wise Men follow to find Jesus?
- 20

Why did Herod want to kill the baby Jesus?
- 21

Which is the first book in the New Testament?
- 22

Where did Adam and Eve live before they disobeyed God?
- 23

In the story of the lost sheep, how many sheep were there altogether?
- 24

How many Commandments did God give Moses?



We will be continuing to collect for the Food bank throughout the year and there will be a plastic box in the porch for the weekend to collect additional donations.

Items which are asked for are:

- Tinned Tomatoes | Tinned fish
- Tinned sponge puddings | Tinned fruit
- Tea bags | Coffee | Tinned soup
- Breakfast cereal | Pasta sauce | Biscuits
- Sugar | Tinned vegetables
- Tinned meat | Pasta/noodles/rice
- Instant mash | Juice or Cordial
- Milk [UHT/powdered]
- Tinned rice pudding



Fair Trade Volunteer

St Nicholas Church is committed to making a difference to the lives of farmers, workers and their families in developing countries by adopting the Fairtrade principles.

This means that we have specifically chosen to support the use of Fairtrade products within church including tea, coffee, sugar and biscuits to help alleviate poverty globally.

Fairtrade helps to establish long-term partnerships between consumers in western countries and producers in developing nations.

The scheme supports disadvantaged farmers all over the world to ensure they receive just rewards for their hard-work enabling them to feed, clothe, shelter, provide healthcare and education their families.

St Nicholas is looking for a volunteer to take our Fairtrade activities further and to promote the Fairtrade ethos through various events during the year. If you are interested in taking on this post, please could you contact The Revd Cathy Helm at c.helm@burtonchurch.org.uk.

Bible Quiz - answers

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Old and New Testament | 13. A raven |
| 2. Adam | 14. Eleven |
| 3. An Ark | 15. Egypt |
| 4. A coat | 16. Aaron |
| 5. In a basket in the River Nile | 17. He was a shepherd |
| 6. A burning bush | 18. Mary |
| 7. A huge fish | 19. A star |
| 8. Bethlehem | 20. He feared Jesus would be King |
| 9. Gold, Frankincense and myrrh | 21. The Gospel of Matthew |
| 10. Because there was no room at the Inn | 22. The Garden of Eden |
| 11. Genesis | 23. One hundred |
| 12. Eve | 24. Ten |

Start 2015 with a smile . . .

Murphy's Laws of Work

For success in your work throughout 2015, just remember:-

- 1 Everything can be filed under 'miscellaneous.'
- 2 To err is human; to forgive is not company policy.
- 3 Important documents that contain no errors will get lost in the post.
- 4 There's not enough time to do it right the first time, but there's always time to do it over.
- 5 If you are good, you'll be assigned all the work. If you are really good, you'll get out of it.
- 6 If it wasn't for the last minute, nothing would get done.
- 7 The longer the title, the less important the job.
- 8 Once a job is fouled up, anything done to improve it makes it worse.

Home Schooling

Our fathers taught us RELIGION: "You better pray that that will come out of the carpet."

Our mothers taught us LOGIC: "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, don't come crying to me"

Our fathers taught us MORE LOGIC: "Because I said so, that's why."

Our mothers taught us about CONTORTIONISM : "Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

Our fathers taught us about the science of OSMOSIS: "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

Our mothers taught us about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION: "Stop acting like your father!"

Our fathers taught us about ANTICIPATION: "Just wait until we get home."

Our mothers taught us about ESP: "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

And finally, our fathers taught us about JUSTICE: "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

Bible

A father was approached by his small son, who told him proudly, "I now know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and asked him to explain. "It's easy. It stands for Basic Information Before Leaving Earth."

Understand church language

PROCESSION: The ceremonial formation at the beginning of the Service, consisting of altar servers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.

RECESSIONAL: The ceremonial procession at the conclusion of the Service, led by parishioners trying to beat the crowd to the parking lot.

RELICS: People who have been going to church for so long, they actually know when to sit, kneel, and stand.

TEN COMMANDMENTS: The most important Top Ten list.

USHERS: The only people in the parish who don't know the seating capacity of a pew.

Bishop Wilson CofE Primary School News

Bishop Wilson POP UK concert!

On Friday 21st of November, Bishop Wilson Primary school performed two stunning concerts. They both took place at St Nicholas' church at 2:30pm and 6:15pm. They were absolutely amazing!

The songs were very energetic and fun; they did seven different ones including a MEDLEY. This song was the most fun because of the inflatable guitars, the actions and the mix of songs!

The show was very lively with lots of things going on. It was a good experience for the children, also for the parents!

Written by: Harvey and Max (Class 4)



Bishop Wilson Bake Off

This year at Bishop Wilson Primary School in Burton, there was the Great Bishop Wilson Bake Off. Fourteen contestants took part with only nine contestants going through to the next round!!! In the first round we had to bake 4 cup cakes and they all looked like they had been baked by professionals! When the 3rd round came along my friends and I thought we were going home because the standard was so high. When our names were called out we were all jumping with joy! For the final we had to bake a 'Show Stopper' cake. The cakes were judged by a patisserie chef and the head chef of The Marsh Cat in Parkgate.

Written by: Mara (Class 4)



Pictured is the winning showstopper cake made by Mara - a vanilla and strawberry frosty ombre cake with cream cheese frosting

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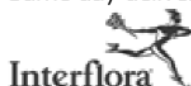


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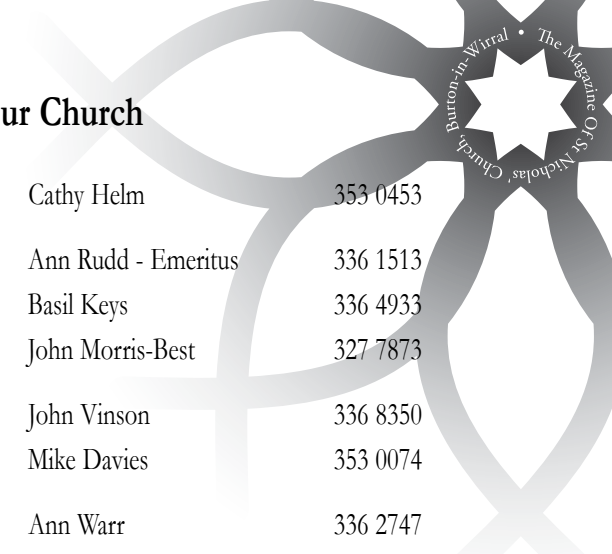


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Growing and thriving with God in our community

Community Events

The Burton Society

The Burton Society meets at 8:00pm in the Gladstone Village Hall. Do come along.

7th January - Harry and Audrey Watson share some of their experiences of working for the North West Air Ambulance Service.

5th February - Join Budge Grounell for a celebration of "The Kings and Queens of Comedy" - a light hearted look at some of our most famous entertainers.

5th March - Travel back in time with Ken Pye to learn something of the history of Liverpool and its seafarers in "Going down to the Sea in Ships".

RSPB Dee Estuary Nature Reserve, Burton

1 - 4 January a "Twelve Birds of Burton Mere" quiz trail is taking place plus a Farmland Welly Walk on 4th January.

11th February is "Make a Bird Cake" and 19 - 22nd February is a Parkgate High Tide Watch. For further information and booking/payment details please telephone 353 8478 for more information, or email decestuary@rspb.org.uk

Manor Gatehouse Club

A club for the retired or partially retired that welcomes new members and meets monthly with an invited speaker. Various interest groups include history, music, painting, literature, travel etc. All meetings are at 2.30 pm in Gladstone Village Hall and the programme is:

8th January - "The Life and Times of William Hogarth" by Jutta Hesketh

5th February - "Who was Mata Hari? Who Indeed!" by Michael Murphy

5th March - "Stories from the Theatre" by Budge Grounell

For information contact Rodney Lyon on **336 2128** or www.manorgatehouse.info

The Puddington Society Event Dates

For more information call Hazel Huxley on 0151 336 2288 or email puddingtonvillage@hotmail.com

Burton and Neston History Society

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Burton Manor

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