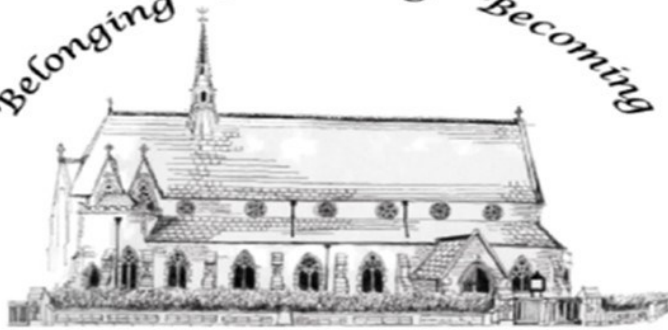




Belonging Believing Becoming



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**NEWSLETTER
5th May 2024**

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK — Lesley Utley

Well, one minute you're making tea, arranging flowers and keeping the children's corner tidy and the next you're a churchwarden!

After six years in the role, I can honestly say that it's been a pleasure and an absolute privilege to serve the family of St Nicholas Church in this way. I've had immeasurable support from former churchwardens, standing committee, PCC and retired clergy - always a team effort.

It's been a busy few years for me. Of all the events the most memorable would be the impact of Covid. Derek Parkinson and I maintained the security of the church, halls and grounds during lockdown, helped Keith to organise services online, set up a network of phone contacts to keep in touch with the congregation, delivered weekly newsletters to those without access to the internet and then gradually reopened the building with regard to Covid restrictions. It was a very interesting time which set us many unprecedented challenges!

Christmas 2022 brought freezing weather conditions followed by a rapid thaw; a burst pipe above the office caused major water damage, not least to the brand new photocopier. Beth, Keith and I mopped and padded and rescued as much as we could and footed the ladder for Stephen to carry out an emergency repair to the fractured section of pipework. We're blessed with excellent insurance and everything was eventually refurbished, much to Nicola's relief.

I can honestly recommend the role of churchwarden. There is no single or correct way of carrying it out as everyone comes with unique interests, talents and way of working. Can I tempt anyone to give it a go?

At the end of our Sunday services our clergy say, "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord."

Wouldn't this be a great way to do just that?

In your daily prayers, please remember especially the following members of our church family:

- Stephanie Cater, Sarah Russell, Dorothy Williams, Doreen Gerrard, Mike Oswald, Janet Humphries, the Keeley family, Albert & Sue Kirby, Lesley Davies, John Orme, Mike Foy, Agnes Yarwood, Peter Fallows, Bernadette Hallman, Phil Pennington, Keith Johnston, Jane & family, Alf & Maureen Fairclough, Marjorie Newman, Carol Swinyard, Taylor Range, George Pennington, David Brooks little Barrett, Katherine Howe, Catherine Jones and Anne & Cyril Runacres



Names for this prayer list can be e-mailed to: stnicspa@gmail.com

St. Nicholas Church, Bridge Road, Blundellsands, Liverpool L23 6SS



Keep up to date online with our church family at:

www.stnicholasblundellsands.org and [stnicholaschurchblundellsands](https://www.facebook.com/stnicholaschurchblundellsands)

St Nicholas' Church Music Festival

Sunday 19 May - Tongues of Fire *Admission free*
A service of praise and reflection

Tuesday 21 May - Sophie Clarke and Classical Guitarist Ravi Nathwani
Unique blend of arrangements from Edelweiss to Spanish music

Thursday 23 May - Kirsty Ligertwood and Aimee Harris
Songs through the ages: classical and musical theatre

Friday 24 May - Liverpool Male Voice Choir **7.30pm**
A very varied repertoire of songs

Saturday 25 May - Indigo Vibe followed by Crosby Strings Ukulele Band
Presenting a lively mix of songs from 1950's - present day
Pot pourri of music for all ages

Sunday 26 May - Maghull Wind Orchestra and Phil Shotton

All concerts start at 7pm unless otherwise stated

£6 per concert (under 16 free)

Tickets available on line from

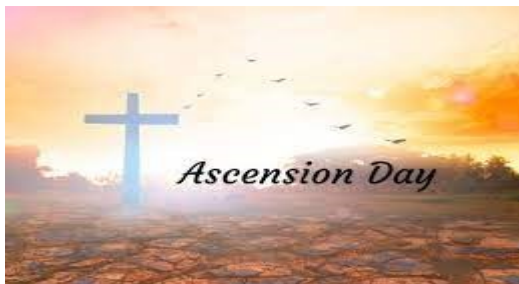
<http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-nicholas-church-blundellsands>

Charity registration No. 1158819

If you are able to volunteer to help run the festival, please sign up at the back of church. Alternatively, please speak to Anne, Lesley, Beth, Derek or Glenda.

We would also be grateful for donations of raffle prizes and are delighted that several local businesses have pledged some so far.

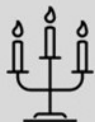
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You are most welcome to come to the L23 Ascension Day service here at St Nic's church on **Thursday 9th May at 7.30pm** for a reflective service.

Refreshments will be served following the service

PRAYER OF THE MONTH



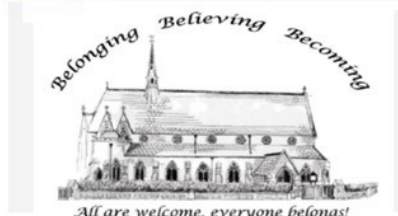
Prayer For May

Lord God, we thank you for your faithfulness to us. As we celebrate the gift of your Holy Spirit at Pentecost, please draw us closer to you. Inspire us, equip us and empower us to love you and others more, to serve you and others more and to spread the good news of your saving love.

Make us bold for you, in your holy name.

Amen.

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OUR REGULAR SERVICES/EVENTS

SUNDAYS

8.30am - Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer on **1st Sunday** of each month)

10.30am - Eucharist. All Age Service on **2nd Sunday** of each month.

4.30pm - Picnic Praise on **1st and 3rd Sundays** of each month.

MONDAYS

6:00pm – Prayers together in the Council Chamber

TUESDAYS

1:30pm Bible Study in church

WEDNESDAYS

9:00am -10:00am Church is open for private prayer

10:15am - Eucharist

THURSDAYS

9:00 am - 2:00pm - 'Soupa Thursday'. Play, tea/coffee, toast, soup, company and chat

6:00pm - 7:00pm - Bridge Youth Group

7:00pm - 8:00pm - St. Nicholas' Church Choir practice



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THIS MONTH'S RULE FOR LIFE

**Called to pray, read and learn.
Sent to tell, serve and give.**

Suggestions For May...

Read – Acts 1 and 2 and keep going – see how the church can grow...

Pray – for God's Holy Spirit to guide you and teach you new things – a bold prayer!

Learn – a tiny prayer that you can use over and over again in any situation - maybe **"Lord Jesus please show me your way."**

Tell – someone else something that you are praying for and ask them to pray too.

Serve – volunteer to help on the rota for our Music festival.

Give – some time to come to our planning meetings for our big event in June – watch this space!

Please e-mail items for newsletter

(by Wednesday 9 a.m.)

to: stnicspa@gmail.com



Our 10:30 Sunday Service is
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MORE NEWS



We are pleased to say that the plaques have now been placed in the Memorial Garden.

Please be aware that some of the perished plaques have been replaced. Names have been transferred onto new ones and may be in a different order now.

Thank you so much to Ian and Pat for all their hard work in laying the plaques and tending the garden so beautifully.



Thank you so much to everyone who came to our APCM last Sunday. It was well attended.

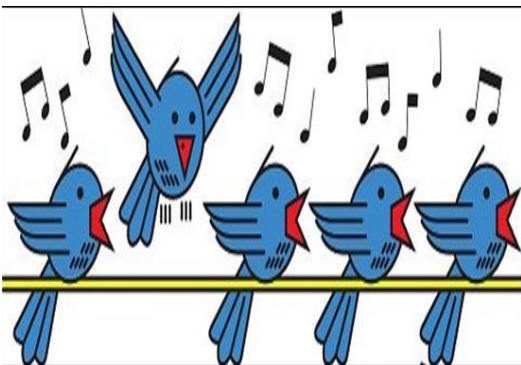
Congratulations to Anne Dobie, elected again as our church warden and Lesley Utley and Gill Enstone elected to PCC.

We say a huge thanks to Lesley who has had to stand down as church warden after 6 full, varied and challenging years of dedicated service.



Thank you so much to the children from early years at our church school for visiting Souper Thursday.

They really brightened our day by singing for us and everybody really appreciated their performance!



LAUNCHING THURSDAY 9TH MAY!

'Early Birds' playgroup for children aged 0-4 and their grown ups in the church hall **9am - 10:15am**

There will be fun, friendship, stories, music and a healthy snack.

Please do come along and tell your friends and neighbours!



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