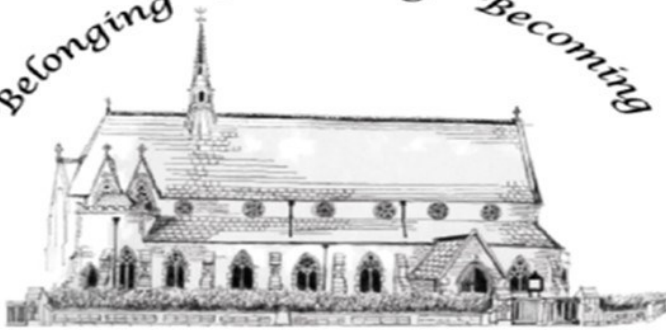




Belonging Believing Becoming



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NEWSLETTER
12th May 2024

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK — Chris Jones

Some of the prayers that we say regularly in our church services have the most beautiful words in my view. For example, one of the prayers we say after communion says this:

"Father of all we give you thanks and Praise that when we were still far off you met us in your son and brought us home."

When I felt that I was still "far off from God", it was this prayer that encouraged me to let Him draw me closer emphasising his love for me and my need for him. I enjoy being reminded of this in the communion service, especially when the difficult things in life make me feel distant from him.

I have always known that he is there but not always lived with that thought in the forefront of my mind. He has "brought me home" to where I belong with him for eternity.

Because of Christ's death and resurrection all that separates us from God is dealt with by him - sin, worry, bereavement are all left at the cross and I can live with the reassurance that in spite of all the failings in my life, we have his presence with us all the time and his spirit empowering us to live life in the knowledge of his forgiveness.

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, Anne & Cyril Runacres and all the staff and residents of St. Jude's Care Home



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

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Keep up to date online with our church family at:
www.stnicholasblundellsands.org and  [stnicholaschurchblundellsands](https://www.facebook.com/stnicholaschurchblundellsands)

LATEST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



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.

Click here to buy tickets: <http://ticketsource.co.uk/st-nicholas-church-blundellsands>



All are welcome to this birthday celebration of the Church including 150 years at St. Nic's!

Tongues of Fire LIVE

Pentecost Praise is back!

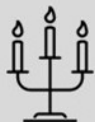
7:00 pm on

Sunday, 19th May, 2024

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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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Feel free to contact us:

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In its last meeting our PCC voted unanimously that St Nicholas Church be willing to offer Prayers of Love and Faith within an existing service to same-sex couples who seek the recognition and blessing of the church. This is not a marriage service and the details of these prayers can be found here - <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2023-12/prayers-of-love-and-faith.pdf>

This is part of a controversial issue for the church and for some people these prayers will seem a step too far and for some not far enough. However they are a part of the national church's journey of Living in Love and Faith and of St Nic's intention to welcome all people in God's name. There is a 5 session Living in Love and Faith course which we have done twice in the past at St Nic's. If anyone would like to explore this further we can provide the course again or if you would like to discuss it please contact Beth.

St. Nicholas' Church Blundellsands

Celebrating 150 Years of rich architectural heritage and fascinating social history

FRIDAY 8TH - SATURDAY 9TH MARCH 12noon - 4.00pm.

Talks on Friday at 2pm (*repeated Saturday at 2pm*) by Professor Peter Batey about the origins of Blundellsands, and the early years of St. Nicholas' through the memoirs of W.E. Tyson, long-time member of the church.

*Tours *Refreshments

THURSDAY 30TH MAY from 11.00am

Talk at 11.30am by Peter Cousins (*military and family historian*) on the Christmas Truce 1914.

*St. Nicholas' Church through two World Wars

*Tours *Refreshments

SUNDAY 14TH JULY 10.30am - 4.00pm

10.30am - a service to celebrate Sea Sunday. We are joined by members of the RNA

12noon - join us to learn about our links with the sea and the heroism of our seafarers in war and peace.

*Displays *Refreshments

St. Nicholas' at the heart of the Blundellsands community

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