



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK —

Lesley Utley

18th January is quite a significant date in our family. Firstly it's Alan's birthday and secondly this year it's an incredible 50 years since we moved into our house! Obviously I remember the date because it was Alan's birthday and such an exciting day for us as we installed furniture, possessions and pets from the rented home we'd left.

The Utley Chronicles unfolded here with many twists and turns including the addition of children, grandchildren and a kitchen extension. We relocated from Waterloo to Brighton-le-Sands without moving a muscle when they renamed this little area and we've seen plenty of changes here in terms of the shops and businesses on Bridge Road and neighbours who have come and gone. But essentially our house has stayed the same and has always felt like home.

From our front window we have a great view of people coming and going – we're a pair of "Net Curtain Nellies" because we're so interested in our neighbourhood. We even have nicknames for people whose names we don't know, some of which aren't very complimentary!

Now we've never consciously had a long term plan or any specific goals in life other than having a peaceful and happy home but we've rubbed along together and lived to tell the tale. Maybe our paths were on God's map all along.

Can we apply the same principle to St Nicholas Church which is God's house, a place of worship? Do people feel comfortable and at home here? Do we trust God enough to present us with opportunities which may take us in a new direction, one we wouldn't have considered without a prompt? Maybe we could be "Net Curtain Nellies", look out into our community and take a genuine interest in what's out there for us.

It's worth a try!

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

Stephanie Cater, Brian Fairclough, Sarah Russell, Dorothy Williams, Mike Oswald, Janet Humphries, Sue Kirby, Lesley Davies, Agnes Yarwood, Peter Fallows, Bernadette Hallman, Alf & Maureen Fairclough, Carol Swinyard, David Brooks, Catherine Howe, Rob Scott, Rob MacDonald, Roger Jenkins, David Mason, Dave Smyth, Gwyneth Shackleton, Gordon Orritt, Stuart Prendergast, Ellie Clark, Anne & Joe Johnson, Cathrine Munikwa, Adam, Gill Sanderson and the bereaved families & friends of George Pennington, Colin Green and Dorraine Morris



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

Keep up to date online with our church family at:

www.stnicholasblundellsands.org and  stnicholaschurchblundellsands



Picnic Praise returns after the festive break this Sunday (14th)!

Do join us in the small hall at 4:30pm for fellowship, games and prayers.

Don't forget your picnic, it would be lovely to see you!



Sefton CVS are currently recruiting to the position of Heritage Development Officer:

- Sefton CVS Job Title: Heritage Development Officer
- Salary: £26,000 pro rata
- Hours: 21 hours a week
- Term: Fixed Term (12 months)
- The closing date is Monday 2 February 2026
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Location: Based at Sefton CVS Burlington House, Waterloo L22 0LG

Benefits: Your health and happiness are important to us; we offer a comprehensive staff wellbeing package, generous holidays, life assurance and income protection along with flexible working.

<https://seftoncvs.org.uk/opportunities/sefton-cvs-heritage-development-officer/>



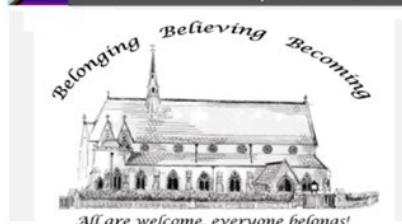
Thank you so much for your donations in lieu of Christmas cards. We will be able to send £100 to the Salvation Army in Bootle to help them in the wonderful work that they do.

A huge Thank You too for the gifts that you gave to the Children's Society at Christingle. Your generosity will make such a difference.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH



St. Nicholas Church, Blundellsands



Prayer For January

Lord of all time, thank you for your faithfulness throughout the years. Thank you that there is nothing in this coming year outside your control. Please bless, guide and inspire us each day to draw close to you and to live and love as you do.

Amen.

OUR REGULAR SERVICES/EVENTS

SUNDAYS

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

10.30am - Eucharist

10:30am All Age Service on **2nd Sunday** of each month (No Eucharist)

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

MONDAYS

6:00pm – Prayers together in the council chamber

WEDNESDAYS

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

10:15am - Eucharist and Bible Study

THURSDAYS

9:00 am - 1:00pm - 'Soupa Thursday'.

Tea/coffee, toast, soup, company and chat

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



THIS MONTH'S RULE FOR LIFE

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

Suggestions for January...

Read a psalm a day.

Pray for 5 people you love to know God more this year.

Learn Jeremiah 29:11 -13

Tell 2 people what God means to you.

Serve those around you with a smile and some time to listen

Give yourself 5 minutes quiet each day to connect with God and tell him what is on your heart.

Please e-mail items for newsletter
(by Wednesday 9 a.m.)
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Feel free to contact us:

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Our 10:30 Sunday Service is

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