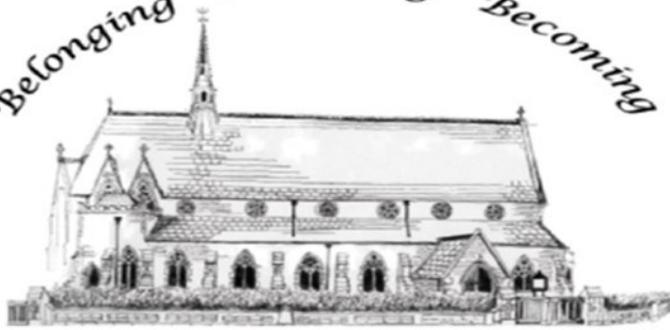




Belonging Believing Becoming



All are welcome, everyone belongs!

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK — Beth

I am a very recent convert – to the Spin Class! It involves people on exercise bikes and you cycle at various speeds and resistances to loud music. When really good at it, you are out of your seat dipping and weaving to the instructor’s count. I aspire to that!

Setting up the bike is the first challenge and I am so grateful for the kind help of initial strangers, now classmates. The screen on the bike is colour coded and you set up different levels of resistance to pedal against – red is the killer mode!

Wouldn’t it be great if we could choose our own levels of resistance in life – opt for the easy ride when we are low or tired and maybe enjoy a challenge when we are up for it. Unfortunately life doesn’t seem to work like that and it’s often when we are struggling that another difficulty arises and we can feel it is all too much. The possibility of ‘overwhelm’ can be all too close!

During Lent we accompany Jesus from his wilderness temptations towards the short-lived joy of Palm Sunday and his subsequent betrayal and horrific death. Facing increasing resistance and opposition, he is eventually overwhelmed and his followers left bereft. And yet, the story does not end there. Despite it all, he is not beaten and at Easter we celebrate!

How marvellous then that we have our God for all times! Whether we are freewheeling downhill on a smooth track or we are crawling up the steepest hill against a fierce head wind, he is with us and for us. Whatever our circumstances and whatever resistance we are facing we can hold onto Paul’s words from Romans ch 8 – “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Love that guided his walk to the cross for us.

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, Adam, Ellie Clark, Anne & Joe Johnson, Gill Sanderson, Joanne Duthie, Lol Crilly, Elaine Tiscornia and the bereaved families & friends of Susan Ellis and Chris Oxley



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

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LATEST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



As we approach Easter, we are collecting small eggs (e.g Creme eggs and similar sized of all varieties) netted chocolates (like bunnies and eggs) and Easter themed sweets, for the Foodbank.

If you would like to donate, please bring your gifts to church and put them in the Foodbank box. Your kindness will make a big difference to those in our area who may not otherwise receive an Easter treat.

The last day to donate will be Sunday 29th March.



We are having another one of our successful 'Party Sunday' services on **Sunday 29th March 2pm-5pm**

Do come along for a short service, music, games, crafts and fun for **ALL** ages!

Refreshments will be served throughout and then we will all share an informal meal at the end of our time together.

Please note there will be NO morning services on this day!



St. Nicholas' is delighted to be hosting Bishop Ruth and the Confirmation service for Sefton North Deanery on **Tuesday 28th April at 7pm**

If you would like to explore being confirmed, please contact Beth.



Our annual APCM is on **Sunday 26th April** following the 10:30am service.

If you are not already on our Electoral Roll, please prayerfully consider joining.

It will enable you to vote on issues our church and also, if you would be like to be considered, be elected onto our PCC.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH



Prayer For March

God of light and life, please bless us this month. Help us to persist in drawing close to you in prayer, companionship and worship. Help us to take your kindness and generosity to everyone around us in our attitudes, words and service. Please make us more like you.

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

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



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THIS MONTH'S RULE FOR LIFE

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

Suggestions for March...

Read our Deanery Lent Reflections each day - in the booklets, on our website or our Facebook page

Pray - for each church pictured on the front of the Reflections

Learn - a new person's name every time you come to church

Tell - your family and friends and neighbours about our wellbeing services, the next Party Sunday on 29th March and our Holy Week get together and invite them along.

Serve - consider what roles or rotas you might like to contribute to as we prepare for our annual meeting in April

Give - what you can afford each week or month to support St Nic's community work

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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Palm Sunday 29th March 2pm - 5pm

Party Sunday!

Holy Week (Mon, Tues, Wed) 7pm

Meditations

Maundy Thursday 7pm

L23 Maundy Thursday service at All Saints & St. Frideswyde's

Good Friday 2pm

An hour at the cross

Easter Sunday 8:30am and 10:30am

Easter Eucharist



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