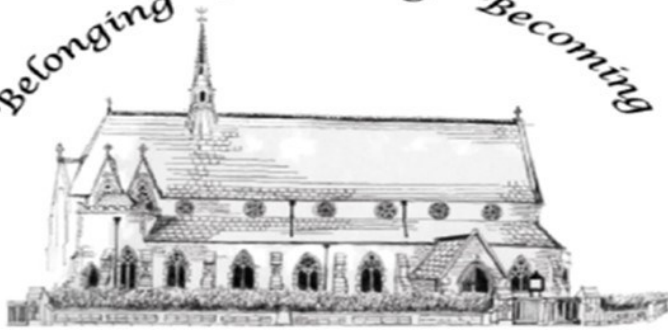




Belonging Believing Becoming



All are welcome, everyone belongs!

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK — Mike Anderson

Some of you know I'm part of the **Tongues of Fire Music Ministry Team** and we're preparing for a service on 28<sup>th</sup> June - the eve of the feast of Saints Peter and Paul at St. Paul's Church in Skelmersdale.

So, I've been doing some research on this dynamic duo and reading through **Acts of the Apostles** in a way I haven't for years. What **fantastic plotlines** it contains: desolation, joy, courtroom drama, 'lucky' escapes, encounters with magicians and fraudsters, stories of redemption, stirring speeches, violence, healings and resurrection, controversy, complete changes of heart and journeys – lots of journeys, including a shipwreck! Plenty of material for a **'binge read'**!

I've noticed Paul was no lone wolf! **Acts names 17 travelling companions** but I reckon the most prominent was **Barnabas** – and isn't it great that we have a chapel named after this **'son of encouragement'**? He was the one who **vouched for Paul** amid all the understandable scepticism informed by his earlier persecution of the followers of Jesus.

Barnabas went with Paul on his first missionary journey, but they had a fallout over John Mark, cousin to Barnabas, and went their separate ways literally – Paul to Cyprus with Silas and Barnabas and John Mark to Syria. Paul's writings seem to indicate they **eventually reconciled** but that's not mentioned by Luke (another of Paul's travelling companions) in Acts.

Anyway, thinking of **Barnabas – the great encourager** – has got me reminiscing about those who've encouraged me on my journey. I've come up with a significant and expanding list and plenty of folks from St. Nic's feature – **THANK YOU**. I definitely feel challenged to be more 'Barney'! Maybe, if you get the chance, have a few moments in St. Barnabas Chapel and thank God for the 'Barneys' who have made you who you are and, if they're still with us, why not tell them? **They might find it encouraging!**

*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, Peter Fallows, Bernadette Hallman, Alf & Maureen Fairclough, Carol Swinyard, David Brooks, Rob MacDonald, Roger Jenkins, David Mason, Dave Smyth, Gwyneth Shackleton, Gordon Orritt, Adam Newbury, Ellie Clark, Anne & Joe Johnson, Lol Crilly, Elaine Tiscornia, Christopher Jones, Peggy Furmage, John, Simon & Crystal and the bereaved family & friends of Catherine Howe



Names for this prayer list can be e-mailed to: [stnicspa@gmail.com](mailto:stnicspa@gmail.com)

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## LATEST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Our next Songs Of Praise service will be held **this Sunday 14th June at 10:30am.**

This uplifting service will feature members of our church family speaking about hymns that mean a lot to them and why.

Please do join us!



Do come with us to be part of Kate's Ordination to the priesthood at **3pm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June in Liverpool Anglican Cathedral.**

The next day, **Sunday 21st June**, in the 10.30am service at St Luke's Crosby Kate will be celebrating communion for the first time. We are going to join in this wonderful celebration at St Luke's so **THERE WILL BE NO 10.30AM SERVICE AT ST NICHOLAS ON 21ST JUNE!**

**There will be 8.30am communion service here but we will be at St Luke's for the 10.30am service.**



Our next Wellbeing service will be at **10:30am on Sunday 28th June.**

Weather permitting, it will be held in the garden and **will incorporate a pet blessing for our furry friends!**

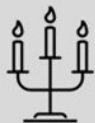
We hope to see you there.

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*thank you*

A huge thank you to everyone for your continuing generosity in response to our Gift Day and funding appeal. It is hugely appreciated!

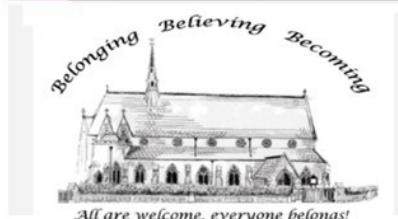
### PRAYER OF THE MONTH



### Prayer For June

Generous Father God, thank you for all you have provided for us, for all the blessings you give us each day. Help us to pass your blessings on in the ways we treat each other.

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Please show us more ways to care for our neighbours, in your holy name. 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



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### THIS MONTH'S RULE FOR LIFE

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

#### Suggestions for June...

**Pray** that our church family grows in faith and in numbers.

**Read** the Larger Single Parish info on the notice board in church (and in the bulletin!)

**Learn** the names of people who run groups and lead teams in this church - and pray for them.

**Tell** 3 people this week why you appreciate them.

**Serve** someone who might not expect you to this week - surprise them!

**Give** yourself a few quiet 5 minutes this week to rest in God's presence. If you nod off, he'll know you needed it!

Please e-mail items for newsletter

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Picnic Praise is being postponed on Sunday 21st June as it's Fathers Day.

It will be back on Sunday 5th July!



Say hello to Jan who is one of our school governors and who runs the craft group at Soupa Thursday. She creates a lovely space for people to relax, chat and make the wonderful art displays for the back of church.

# Soupa Thursday

Tea, coffee, cakes, biscuits  
toast, soup and toasties,  
company and chat.

Food served 9am to 1pm

Pay as you can!

All are welcome - everyone belongs!



In St Nicholas small hall – best accessed through the rear carpark.

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a space for community and warmth in Sefton

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