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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK — Shirley Fairclough

As I write this, welcome rain is tipling down after weeks of sunshine and overwhelming heat. It's soaking the parched land and soil, feeding the plants and flowers, saturating the farmer's fields so that the crops can grow. It's damping down the dreadful wildfires, filling the rivers and lakes, washing away the sand and dust on our roads, clearing out the drains. It's essential to life in all its forms.

We need that balance between sunshine and rain. Just like the flowers, plants and crops returning to life we're renewed by God's love for us, by prayer for each other, by human fellowship, by smiles, hugs and understanding.

Prayer is very powerful. *"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them"* (Matthew 18:20). Jesus spoke these words to show that God is present even in the smallest groups. So in a quiet moment just close your eyes, lift your heart to God and give thanks to Him for all that you have.

A few weeks ago, I mentioned that we had been forced to remove a Cordyline Australasia from our front garden due to its instability. The stump that was left was bare and after 28 years of watching it grow and develop I thought it had died. Oh ye of little faith! It's now showing signs of life with leaves developing all over it so we can hopefully watch it grow, its life renewed!

*"Never measure your life by your possessions.
Measure it by the hearts you've touched
The smiles you created
And the love you shared."*

Until next time, hug your loved ones, remember the food banks, dance in the rain and always be grateful for all that you have.

*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, Roger Jenkins, David Mason, Gordon Orritt, Ellie Clark, Anne & Joe Johnson, Lol Crilly, Elaine Tiscornia, Christopher Jones, Peggy Furmage, John, Simon & Crystal, Joanne Duthie, Jean Sergison-Main, Richard Gedge, Jonathan Etheridge, Andrew Harwood, Simon Warren and the bereaved family & friends of Rob MacDonald



Names for this prayer list
can be e-mailed to:
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www.stnicholasblundellsands.org and  [stnicholaschurchblundellsands](https://www.facebook.com/stnicholaschurchblundellsands)



Sponsored Bike Ride

Good Luck to all those taking part in the community bike ride **this Saturday (29th) at 9am!**

Whichever route you cycle, please be safe and know that we very much appreciate you doing this for church funds.



Thanks go to the many people who responded to our Gift Day appeal.

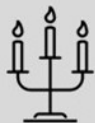
The appeal was a great success with one off donations totalling just over £5,000. This will nearly cover the deficit of £5,500 in 2025, albeit that costs are continually rising. We also have not yet been told the amount of Parish Share we'll need to pay for 2027. So it is great news that many of our regular parish giving scheme givers have also chosen to review their giving totals, and for July we received an additional £500.

If this additional giving is sustained throughout the year it will go a long way towards meeting our immediate financial needs.

Thank you to each person who has given - whether smaller or larger amounts according to financial circumstances - to help us sustain our worshipping community in difficult financial times.

Liz Sinker, PCC Treasurer

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

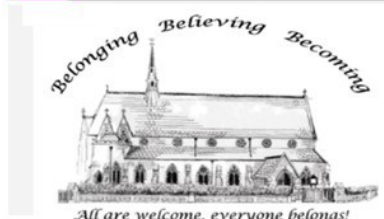


Prayer For August

Loving Father God, you made all of creation from the ladybird to the planets in their orbits. Help me to notice you in the wonder of creation. Help me, this month, to take times of rest and to value all people as made in your image. Please give me your grace each day.

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 August...

Read something you enjoy and revel in the writer's skill

Pray in a time of stillness and rest.

Learn to pause.

Tell someone each week what they mean to you.

Serve God in small acts of kindness.

Give someone a second or third chance!

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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Thank you so much for all the stationery donations made over the Summer holidays.

Your kind gifts are with the Foodbank and will be distributed accordingly.



This is Nicola, our Parish Assistant, who works in the office on a Wednesday morning. She is also on the PCC and helps out with our Wellbeing services

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!

Sefton Warm Spaces

a space for community and warmth in Sefton

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

