

In Touch

St Margaret's Church, Burnage

Love Burnage, June 2016



How did Love Burnage begin?

It all dates back to April 2007 when Ian Thompson, Chris Hardy, Les Salter and myself attended a one day course at Manchester Cathedral about reaching out to our community. The opening speaker was so encouraging and motivating that we were all so excited about the very real possibilities of reaching out to the people of Burnage through an innovative weekend of fun. When you have a community weekend, he said, something will happen, **God will act.** Wow, we couldn't wait !

We little knew at that time what we were letting ourselves in for and how our initial ideas would grow and grow.

There is no regular format for such weekends, we were told, they are not "off-the-peg". Each one is uniquely designed to suit our church, our congregation, our community.

It would be our role to identify our aim, whom we are trying to reach and why, and to draw in and excite the congregation so that they own and support our plans.

Instructions - Keep it simple
 Keep it focussed
 Keep the congregation involved

That was our challenge.

' Love Burnage '. How did we arrive at the name ?

We drew on the expertise of Andrew Foulkes, Susan Stansfield and Jane Franklin and met to discuss our aim, which we decided was to reach out to the community of Burnage to show the people that God loves them. We would do this by giving them a great fun day that was absolutely free.

Why is it free, because it our love gift from the church to express God's love for the people of Burnage.

We hoped that in this way we would build bridges into the community, make St. Margaret's more visible and sow seeds of love, in other words, God loves the people of Burnage and so do we.

In addition to the Fun Day, we have had access to schools to present Assemblies and through this and Art projects, we have established good relationships with staff.

As a follow up to the Fun Day the START course was developed for people who expressed an interest in exploring the basics of the Christian faith.

All of this would not be possible without the support of the Parochial Church Council and the funding allocated by the church, although we always try to obtain grants to help. And of course, where would we be without the stalwart work of the congregation who work tirelessly throughout the day?

It is wonderful, on the day, when we see all our plans coming to fruition and families enjoying themselves.

I pray that our next Fun Day, on June 18th, will be just such a day and that the people of Burnage will see God at work in the lives of the people around them and want to know more about God's love for them.

Marjorie Edwards



Burnage Holiday Special for Older People

Are you over 55 and fancy a "Holiday at Home"? If so, then Burnage Holiday Special for Older People is just right for you! Organised by Christians Together In Burnage (CTIB), it takes place in the Parish Centre of St Margaret's Church on Burnage Lane from Monday July 25th to Friday July 29th 2016 from 10:30am to 4:00pm. The theme this year is "Cherish our World" which gives us scope for lots of interesting activities and talks together with food, fun and friendship.

Everything is free, including lunch except for the trip out to Llandudno on the Thursday which is arranged for those attending the event. All over 55 are welcome – come every day or as often as you can manage. Put the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you then.



St. Margaret's Church
Parish Centre
Burnage Lane



Come and join us for
church with a difference!
Crafts, games, prayer, stories,
songs and a delicious meal!

Monday 13th June
3.30pm-5.30pm
Then again on July 11th

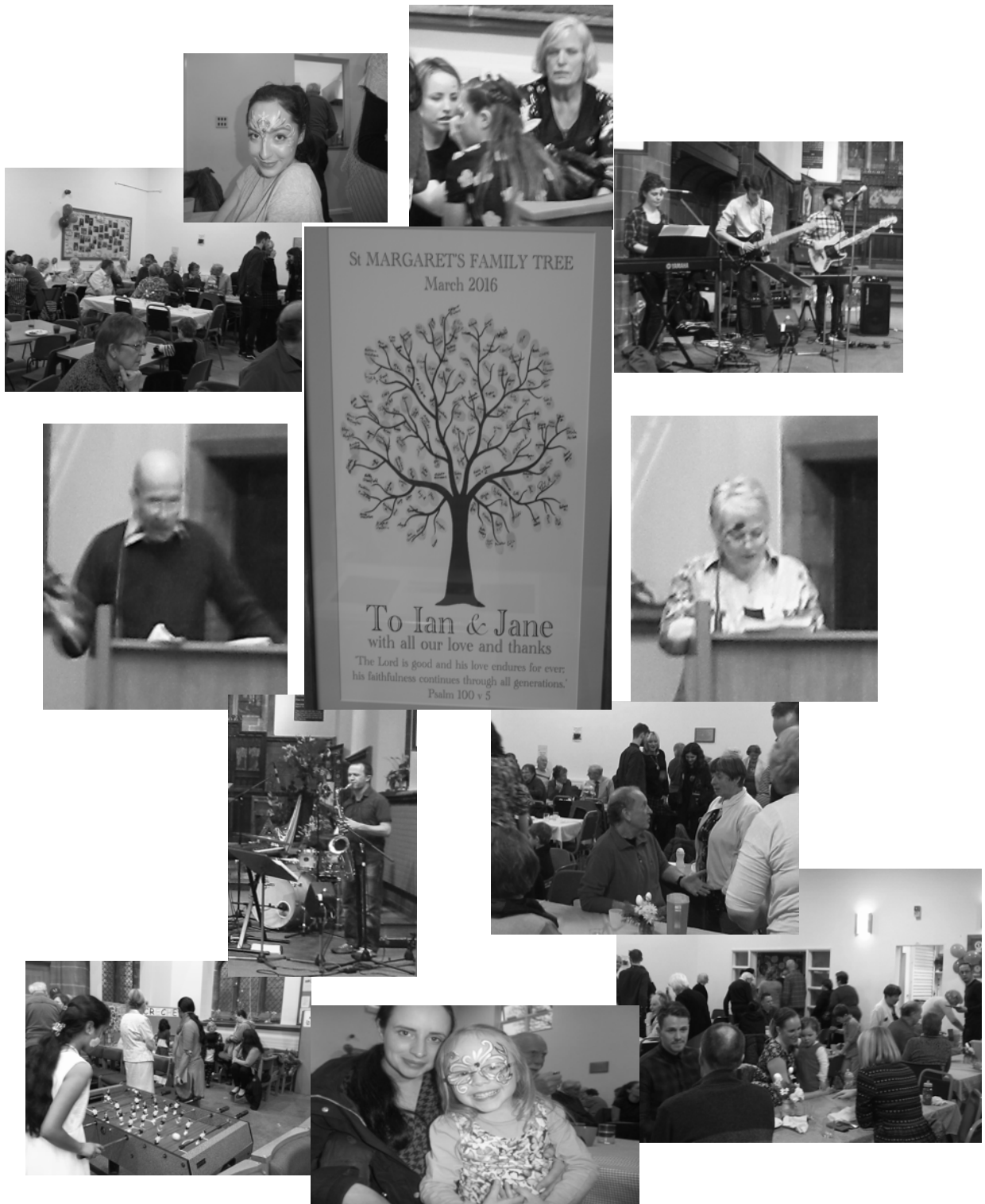
LOVE BURNAGE



Messy Church is FREE
and everyone, of all ages
are WELCOME

If you would like more information then please text
'Messy Church' to 07769 644 191

Farewell , Ian and Jane



Members of St Margaret's said farewell to Rector, Ian Thompson and his wife, Jane, at a party in March. A "family tree" was presented with everyone's finger-print making up the leaves (see pic' above).
We now await the appointment of a new rector.



Did you know?



Burnage Foodbank fed over 1000 people last year due to your generous donations

We work with over 30 local agencies that can issue a voucher to people in a crisis due to benefit changes, debt or other issues



**We operate from two centres:
Tuesdays 12.30pm-2.30pm St Nicholas Church
Fridays 3.00pm-5.00pm St Bernard's Church**

We have permanent collection points at Tesco Burnage and Burnage Library for donations of food and toiletries



THANKYOU

**for your continued support
for people in Burnage**

Burnage Foodbank will be collecting at the national Tesco collection at Burnage Tesco on the 1st and 2nd July 2016



To find out more: www.burnage.foodbank.org.uk

Facebook and Twitter - Burnage Foodbank



Members of St Margaret's will pray for people in the following streets in the next 3 months

JUNE 2016		17/07/16	Kingsway Crescent, Woodbray Ave
05/06/16	Thornfield Road, Sunnylea Ave, Briarlea Gdns & Holcombe Gdns	24/07/16	Briarfield Rd (from the railway line to Kingsway),
12/06/16	Broadlea Road (Rosevale Ave to Broadhill Rd)	31/07/16	Northbank Gardens & Burnbray Ave
19/06/16	Hovington Gdns, Woodlea Ave, Shawlea Ave & Brookdene Rd		Kingsway (East side) Mauldeth Rd. to Barcroft Rd, & Ferndale Gdns.
26/06/16	Broadhill Road	AUG 2016	
JULY 2016		07/08/16	Kingsway (East side), Grangethorpe Drive to Mauldeth Rd.
03/07/16	Kingsway (west side) Mauldeth Road to Kingswood Road	14/08/16	Burnside Dr. & Astor Rd
10/07/16	Southbank Rd, Southlea Rd (from the railway line to Kingsway),	21/08/16	Kingsway (West side), Burnage Park to Grangethorpe Rd.
4		28/08/16	Grangethorpe Rd

You may know Jane from when she worked in a local school..... But her association with abc has nothing to do with that. Rather Adult, Babies and Children..... Read on about Jane's experience at St Margaret's toddler group:

I first went to ABC over 30 years ago when my daughter, Angela, was very young. I went with a neighbour to meet Alison, who later became Angela's childminder. At that time it was held in the old hall, which was a separate small building in the current car park and was much the same as it is today, run by volunteers who set up each Thursday night and supervise on Friday.

When my husband began taking our granddaughter, Poppy, I wondered what it would be like now after so many years. I found out when I retired last year and was able to take Poppy myself every week. I think the only change is that it's in the new Parish Centre and I'm much older. It still has the same welcoming, friendly atmosphere. There are lots of adults of all ages with even more children enjoying themselves. With a great selection of games, toys and dressing up clothes there's plenty to keep the children entertained and the adults can chat and make new friends. Each week there is a different art project where the children can make a picture which relates to the story told at the end of the session. There's still tea, coffee and toast aplenty for all. After tidy up time at 11.00 we gather round for juice for the children, a story, some songs and an occasional birthday celebration with a cake and gift for the birthday boy or girl.

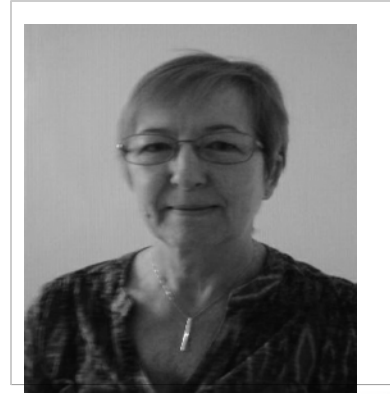
The volunteers are not there solely to look after the children. If you feel you need to speak to someone they will listen in confidence. There is a prayer box near the signing in book.

At different times of the year there are extra celebrations. At Christmas we have a Nativity followed by a party and present, at Easter it's Easter eggs and in Summer it's strawberries and cream outside, if the weather is good. On the last day of the summer term any children leaving to go to primary school in September receive a gift and leaving certificate.

You don't have to attend St Margaret's Church and you'd be very welcome, to enjoy abc.

Jane Corrigan

Jane's abc



abc GROUP

Adults, Babies and Children



**St. Margaret's Parish
Centre on Fridays
9.45 - 11.30am**

abc Toddler Group is part of St. Margaret's Church and reflects our commitment to serving the local community and supporting family life.

AT ABC WE AIM TO:

offer a safe, happy environment where parents/carers and their children can have lots of fun doing a variety of activities together

provide a place for parents/carers to meet and feel welcomed

Burnage

Holiday Special for Older People

**5 Days of Fun, Food and
Friendship**

July 25th to July 29th 2016

St Margaret's Parish Centre, Burnage Lane

10.30am to 4.00pm

Cherish Our World

Talks
Computing

Games

Flowers

Wild Life

Day Trip

Tea and Cake

Crafts

Music and Song

Drinks and lunch provided

All over 55 welcome for whole or part of the day

Further Information Contact:
Tel: 0161 431 5172

Organised by
Christians Together in Burnage

Sponsored by Age Friendly Burnage and Manchester City Council

Love Burnage Community Fun Day Competitions - Are you going to enter?

Bake Off



To Celebrate the 90th Birthday of the Queen we think it would be great to bake her a cake. We will have three age groups for the competition Primary School Age (and under !!!) Secondary School Age and Adult. so we will have three prizes. The competition will be judged on the day so bake your cake at home and bring it along (entries close at 4.00pm on the day) the prizes will be awarded in the closing ceremony ...aaaaaaaand BAKE !!

Costumes Through the Ages

Our Queen is 90 this year so she's lived through a few fashion trends in her time... We want to celebrate her life and wonder what she and her friends would have worn through the ages...come dressed from any decade 1926 to 2016 and whether you dress as royalty or a subject !! have some fun ...prizes for the best dressed competition judged in the closing ceremony at 4.50pmYour Majesty !

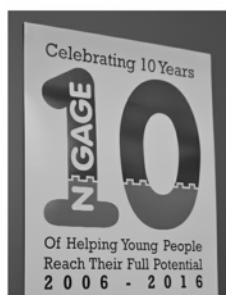


PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

20th March 2016

Amiyah Renae Bell; Navayah Grace Bell



N-GAGE

Saturday 14th May saw the new N-GAGE Catalyst Youth Centre open right here in Burnage. This newly refurbished centre next to the Health Centre and Community Centre will be a HUB for local young people. The amazing new space provides room for music, movies, art, gaming, table tennis, pool... N-GAGE want to listen to the needs of local youth but will initially open on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

One of the team bringing his musical expertise is looking forward to helping young people enjoy being creative in the awesomely equipped music studio.

Check out the centre when you can. It is going to be a HUB for youth here in Burnage. Visit www.n-gage.org.uk/



Burnage Catalyst Youth Centre Now Open



St Margaret's Church

Join the Fun
Everyone!



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LOVE BURNAGE 2016



Community fun day



Bake Off

Bake a Birthday
Cake for the Queen

Competition
See inside for details



Dress Up

In Costumes Through
the Ages - 1926-2016

Competition
See inside for details

**Saturday
18th June
2pm-5pm**

Loads of FREE fun for all the family:

- 😊 Bouncy Castle 😊 Climbing Wall 😊
- 😊 Live Music 😊 Cue Ball Crazy 😊
- 😊 Face Painting 😊 Choirs 😊 Karate 😊
- 😊 Tea & Cake 😊 Flowers & Art 😊 BBQ
- 😊 Messy Church Fun 😊 and more... 😊

St Margaret's Church, Burnage Lane

For more info call 0161 432 4606

Love heals. Love protects. Love builds up. And more change occurs with love than with criticism.