

St Margaret's Parish Church, Burnage

in Touch Summer 2014



Love Burnage



After a year's break, Love Burnage is back on . . .

Saturday 14th June from 2pm to 4pm

As I write these words in mid-May it's pouring with rain! But we are hoping for a lovely warm summer's day for what will be the sixth **Love Burnage Community Fun Day**. Hopefully you've already got the date on your calendar or in your diary, and you are planning to come along. Remember, it's all absolutely free!

The year of 2014 is special for a number of reasons. This summer marks the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War; England are playing in the football World Cup finals in Brazil; and from July 23rd Glasgow will be hosting the Commonwealth Games. The Fun Day will in some way reflect each of these themes.

There will be the usual attractions like face-painting, bouncy castles, the ever-popular climbing wall, and so on. New for this year we are planning a special BMX bike riding display, a special visit from Mary Poppins and the opportunity to handle real-life reptiles! Children from local schools will be performing (choir and steel band) and the Burnage Community Choir will be singing.

Various kind of food will also be on offer including Indian curry, cream teas and an outdoor barbecue. There will be special flowers and artwork on display in church. Last but not least, George the puppet will be with us again this year together with his 'handler' Dave Glover. Dave and George will be visiting the local primary schools during the week leading up to the Fun Day so lots of children will already have met them. They will also be participating in a special Love Burnage **Messy Church** during the afternoon of Monday 9th June between 3.30 and 5.30pm.

Finally, to round off the weekend, George and Dave Glover will be taking part in a special Love Burnage Celebration Service in St Margaret's Church at 10.30am on Sunday, 15th June. We do hope you'll join us for the Fun Day and share in a great afternoon's entertainment, and that you'll perhaps think about coming along to church on the Sunday morning as well.

Postscript: Love Burnage is not a fund-raising event. It is made possible through the generosity of local people who attend St Margaret's Church, and with the help of a grant from Manchester City Council. As a faith community our desire is for the people of Burnage to come and enjoy a good family day out because we believe of God is unconditional and freely available to all.

Ian Thompson, Rector, St Margaret's, Burnage.

Building bridges between church and community

Burnage Holiday Special for older people

5 days of Fun, Food and Friendship.

July 28th to 1st August 2014

St Margaret's Parish Centre, Burnage Lane,
10.30 to 12.30 and 2.00-4.00 daily

Those were the days



Music

Talks
Curling
Hats
Crafts

Day Trip
Snooker
Table
Tennis

Flowers
Computing
Photography
Films

Quiz



All over 55 welcome for whole or part of the day
Coffee/tea and lunch provided

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Christians Together in Burnage



Summer Classics for Dignity

Manchester-based composer Robin Stevens (RNCM, Manchester University) introduces an engaging, audience-friendly programme of popular Classics and intriguing novelties, including:

DEBUSSY: Syrinx

HAYDN: Rondo in C

RACHMANINOV: Elegiac Trio

SCHUMANN: Three Fantasy Pieces

STEVENS: Five Portraits for Three Bassoons
It Takes Three to Tango

Amici Bassoon Trio | Garde Piano Trio
Sarah Miller: Flute | Robin Stevens: Cello, Piano, Guitar
John Turner: Bass, Descant, Tenor, Treble Recorders
Ian Wildsmith: French Horn

28th June : 7.30pm

£7 - Tickets on the door

Emmanuel Church, Barlow Moor Road,
Didsbury, Manchester, M20 6TR



Burnage Holiday Special for Older People

Christians Together In Burnage are again organising for Burnage a ***Holiday Special for Older People*** at the Parish Centre of St Margaret's Church on Burnage Lane from Monday July 28th to Friday August 1st, 2014 from 10.30 am to 4.00 pm.

The theme this year is ***"Those were the days"*** which gives us scope for lots of interesting activities and talks together with food, fun and friendship.

Everything is free except for the trip out on Thursday. All over 55 are welcome every day, or as often as you can manage.

Put the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you then. !

True Colours : Laura's Story

Two and a half years ago I knew my life really needed to change. I'd been a heroin addict for 17 years, on methadone for 13 years and on all sort of anti-depressants and anti-psychotic drugs. I was taking uppers to wake up, downers to go to sleep and other stuff to get through the day. Things got so bad that I was in a mental hospital with drug-induced psychosis, and my parents were told I would spend the rest of my life in there.

I was in and out of violent relationships and I was involved in all sorts of crime and theft to feed my drug habit. On top of all this, I'd lost my son at 16 months old because I couldn't cope with being a mother at that point. I was even told I had a personality disorder. So I was trapped in a place of shame and guilt.

Basically, my life was a mess. I got to the point where I got to thinking I only had three options – either kill myself, kill somebody else or be killed. One way or the other, I was going to die.

But it all changed one night – the night I heard about Jesus. I was hearing all these testimonies, one after another about how he had changed people's lives. One person even testified to being healed from a personality disorder. So that night I made up my mind. I went to the front and said, 'If you can do it for these people, then please do it for me because I can't live like this any more.' Within 12 hours I was on the Victory Outreach recovery programme where I spent the next 18 months getting my life sorted out. The church runs a rehab with homes for men and women and a structured programme which gives people from broken backgrounds a new home and somewhere to belong.

More than anything, it's been about getting closer to God who I knew could change my life. And he has. He's given me everything back that the devil stole from me. I hadn't worked as a hairdresser for years. Now he's given me a job doing what I love.

He's set me free from drugs, healed me several times over and reconciled me with my family. I've now got a good relationship with my parents and I'm starting to get to know my son. This Christmas was the first Christmas I was able to spend at home with him since he was a baby and the first time I've ever seen him open his presents. I just thought, 'God, you've been so good to me.'

If you'd told me a couple of years ago that all this would have changed, I'd have called you a liar because I never thought that could happen to me. I didn't think I was worthy of that. But if he can do all this within just two and a half years, what's he going to do with me in the future?

I trained as a hairdresser years ago and now I work at Shine, one of The Message Enterprise businesses based in Sharston, cutting and colouring clients' hair. [Shine](#) is an amazing place. Business is growing and I'm getting the chance to be a mentor for the new apprentices coming through the salon. I feel like we're trailblazers, investing for the future.

God's using me, too. He's given me a real heart to reach out to people who don't know him who come into the salon. I can testify to his goodness. I want other people to hear me sharing my testimony and be asking God, if you can do it for her, will you do it for me too?' It's amazing to see that and to think that God could use someone like me to be a blessing to other people.

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LOVE BURNAGE 2014 COMMUNITY FUN DAY Saturday 14th June



St. Margaret's Church



COME ALONG!

**DAYS EVENTS
2pm - 5pm**

St. Margaret's Church
Burnage Lane

CLIMBING WALL
BMX BIKES
MESSY CHURCH FUN
FACE PAINTING
FAIRTRADE STALL
BOUNCY CASTLE
REPTILES
FLOWERS & ART
CHOIRS
FREE BBQ,
CREAM TEAS &
ASIAN FOOD

and much,
much more...

Come and
join us for



St. Margaret's Church
Parish Centre
Burnage Lane

**MESSY
CHURCH**

LOVE BURNAGE



MONDAYS:
June 9th | 3.30-5.30pm
July 14th | 3.30-5.30pm
September 8th | 3.30-5.30pm
November 10th | 3.30-5.30pm
December 8th | 3.30-5.30pm

SPECIAL SUNDAY MESSY CHURCH
Sunday October 5th | 10.30am-12.30pm

**GAMES, CRAFTS, CELEBRATION
AND A LIGHT MEAL**

Messy Church is FREE and everyone is WELCOME