

St.Mary, Alderley Cheshire



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Rector Writes:

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At St Mary's Church at the end of this month - Monday 28th July at 11am we are offering a Requiem Mass for the fallen of the First World War. This marks the first day of the First World War one hundred years ago. I would like to invite you to this Service, the invitation is extended to anyone who would like to attend and you may wish to make this Service known to your friends. We are doing our best to collect all the names of the fallen Servicemen from neighbouring parishes. In this way the event is more than just a Nether Alderley occasion but something for the wider area. The celebrant is the Rt. Reverend William Pwaisiho OBE and the preacher the Reverend Canon Peter Hunt. We have asked Parish and County Councillors as well as the British Legion and civil dignitaries if they would like to attend. We will be having a light lunch afterwards in the Parish Hall.

There will be an opportunity to buy a centenary cross to be placed either side of the path in the Church Yard as an act of remembrance on 28th July and also on 11th November. I hope to have a hundred marking each year that has past. These are priced at £3 and the money goes to support the good work of the British Legion. A centenary wreath will be laid at the Service. However to mark the centenary of the First World War in a more fixed way I would like to collect donations for a black Altar Frontal to be dedicated on Remembrance Sunday – I have already received two donations from parishioners for this. One of those parishioners has given me a picture of their great Uncle who lost his life in Suvla Bay in 1915. Losses were predictably heavy. The Allies suffered approximately 18,000 casualties at Suvla Bay and at Anzac Cove, plus a further 3,500 at Helles. The German commander Liman von Sander oversaw 14 divisions of Ottoman forces. He suffered 18,000 casualties at Anzac Cove and anything from 9,000-20,000 at Suvla Bay. Looking at the picture of someone's great uncle whilst I write this and trying but failing to process the huge loss of life from the comfort of the Rectory brings home the importance of remembering.

A Requiem Mass gets its name from a sentence found in the apocryphal book of 2 Esdras chapter 2 verses 34-35 "And therefore I say unto you, that hear and understand, look for your Shepherd, he shall give you everlasting rest; for he is nigh at hand, that shall come at the end of the world. Be ready for the reward of the kingdom, everlasting light shall shine upon you for evermore". Everlasting rest in Latin is 'requiem æternitatis' and at this Mass we pray for all those who died as a result of this war that they will indeed receive the reward of the Kingdom and be in the everlasting light of God's presence.

James

DIARY FOR JULY 2014

Sat. 5th 12.30pm Holy Matrimony at Alderley

Sun.6th Third Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion at Birtles
 9.45am Holy Communion at Alderley
 11.15am Family Service at Birtles
 6.30pm Evensong at Alderley

Thur.10th 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley
 Sat. 12th 1.00pm Holy Matrimony at Alderley

Sun.13th Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion at Alderley
 9.45am Family Service at Alderley
 11,15am Holy Communion at Birtles
 6.30pm Holy Communion at Alderley
 6.30pm Combined Service at St.Cross, Knutsford

Wed. 16th 2.00pm Mothers' Union Holy Communion
 Thur.17th 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley
 Sat. 19th 2.30pm Holy Matrimony at Alderley

Sun. 20th Fifth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion at Alderley
 9.45am Holy Communion at Alderley
 11.15am Mattins at Birtles
 6.30pm Evensong at Alderley

Thu. 24th 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley
 Sat.26th 1.00pm Holy Matrimony at Alderley

Sun.27th Sixth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion at Alderley
 9.45am Mattins with Sunday School at Alderley
 11.15am Holy Communion at Birtles
 6.30pm Evensong at Alderley

Thur.31st 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley

August

Sun.3rd

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion at Birtles
 9.45am Holy Communion at Alderley
 11.15am Family Service at Birtles
 6.30pm Evensong at Alderley

COFFEE is available in the Parish Hall after the 9.45am Service.

At the end of the Morning Service coffee and biscuits are provided by a stalwart group of volunteers in the Parish Hall. Donations will be given to charity.

COLLECTION TOTALS

Week ending	Gift Aid Envelopes	Non-Gift Aid & Misc Cash	Standing Orders	Total
May 4th	292.00	31.10		323.10
May 11th	325.65	62.90		388.55
May 18th	483.95	38.23		522.18
May 25th	239.00	23.50		262.50
TOTAL	1340.60	155.73	1180.00	2676.33

ST MARY'S NEED NEARLY £6000 PER MONTH FOR RUNNING COSTS



Thanks to all COLLECTORS for the house to house, COUNT DAY helpers, PLANT CONTRIBUTORS, JAMIE and LYNN for running the plant stall AND all supporters of both efforts who have worked to raise money for CHRISTIAN AID projects and outreach.

TOTALS RAISED: £263.44 Plant Stall
 £54.20 St.Mary's Church Service
 £904.58 House to House

Plus Gift Aid Contributions

Your commitment is appreciated. Many Thanks. **Fiona Ablett.**

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We had a **Tea Party** as planned on **Tuesday June 3rd** at Alderley Cottage. It was good to see some new faces! We look forward to welcoming everybody again next time, sometime in the Autumn.

The planned **Summer Lunch** outing on Tuesday 5th August is being currently being planned. I have spoken to several people regarding the venue and although we went last year to Abbeywood Gardens it once again appears seems to be a popular choice. I have handed out a lot of information so please let me know if you have an interest to join in. We have a committee meeting very soon, and will be discussing the details.
All information will be discussed nearer the time.

The **Coffee** after the 9.45 service each week is continuing to go well. Thanks are due again to the washing up helpers!! Thank you in advance to people helping in my absence.

The plans for the **September WW1 and Family History Weekend**, Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st are also under consideration. Please is there anyone who could help with the Café? All these activities do need willing hands. We will be working in conjunction with Jenny.

Janet Adamson Tel: 01625 583320

ST MARY'S WALKING GROUP

Saturday 2nd August – 10.00am start prompt



Walk: Bakewell to Chatsworth

Starting Point: : Bakewell Old Station on the Monsall trail. £4.50 parking for the day BUT there is free parking on the road on a first come first served basis. Turn left in Bakewell, cross the river, turn immediately right and then left up the hill until you see the sign for the Monsall Trail car park.

Map: OS Explorer OL24 Grid Ref: 223690

Length: 8 miles, moderate with a bit of a steep climb out of Bakewell.

Further info: Bring food and drinks

Contact: Don Henderson (07919 055941) for more info or if you want a lift.

Alderley Church Flower Fund

Afternoon Tea Party on the Church Paddock - Sunday 13th July 2014

Afternoon Tea served at your table - 3.30pm – 5.00pm.
(sandwiches, homemade cakes, strawberries and cream)

(IF WET – IN PARISH HALL)

Please bring a plant for the 'bring and buy' plant stall.

Tickets : £10 per person which includes Afternoon Tea and entry to a prize draw.
Children free. Every ticket is numbered and entered into the draw.

1st Prize. Voucher for 2 persons (double or twin) for 2 nights B & B at the 5* Award winning 'Cleifiog' in Beaumaris - an historic townhouse on the seafront.

2nd Prize. Voucher for £25 Ivy Cottage Christmas Tree Farm and shop, Wilmslow.

3rd Prize. Voucher for £20 Steve Leyland Flowers, Grove Street, Wilmslow

Tickets: Michael Penlington 01625 530084 or Fiona Robinson 01625 860679

All proceeds to Alderley Church Flower Fund

1914-2014

St Mary's Church, Alderley
Requiem Mass for the fallen of the First World War



Monday 28th July at 11am

Celebrant: Rt. Reverend William Pwaisiho OBE

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Peter Hunt

An informal lunch in the Parish Hall is offered afterwards

**Nether Alderley Parish Council
Chairman's Annual Report 2013/2014**

It gives me great pleasure to present my annual review of the activities of the Nether Alderley Parish Council following my reappointment as Chair of the Parish Council at the Annual General Meeting last May 2013.

As usual, I would like to summarise the highlights of what has been a very busy year. Firstly, after a considerable amount of hard work, we were very pleased to support the publication of the Parish Plan following a very successful and well attended parish meeting to discuss the results of the parish plan survey.

The Parish Plan has now been finalised and published and a copy delivered to every household in the parish.

The Parish Council are very pleased to learn that, following on from the publication, three very active working groups have been set up to address the priorities outlined in the Parish Plan. The three working groups are continuing to work independently from the Parish Council but the Parish Council will continue to take close notice on issues raised and of those issues that are of key importance to our parishioners. I would like to thank the work in the past and the continuing efforts of Councillors Mrs. Shufflebottom and Mrs. Worthington.

During the year the Parish Council has continued to receive many requests to provide comments on the various consultation documents that are circulated throughout Cheshire and neighbouring counties. This year the 2 most significant areas have been in connection with the implementation of the super-fast broadband. We are pleased to report that very recently the implementation has been completed and a significant majority of properties in the Nether Alderley Parish will very soon be able to sign up to this new service.

The other significant area has been in relation to health and safety of our roads and pavements. Significant work has been undertaken to improve the pavements and we continue to press for speed reductions in various sensitive areas of the parish. Principally these include Congleton Road in the vicinity of the Primary School, Bollington Lane and the significant junction at Monks Heath. We thank Councillor George Walton for his significant help in pressing our case at Cheshire East.

We have also devoted a significant amount of time at our meetings to considering and responding to the Cheshire East Local Plan that will provide housing and other developments to the year 2030. We have corresponded with Michael Jones the Leader of Cheshire East in connection with this plan and with the ongoing proposals at Alderley Park. This is becoming a significant issue for local residents and we monitor progress very carefully. We will continue to work with local action groups including the National Trust and Nether Alderley Rural Protection Association (NARPA)

During the year repairs have continued to be necessary to our principle asset the Parish Hall. The amount of work continues to cause concern and the Management Committee of the Hall are currently considering how to improve the facilities and affect the necessary major repairs that are required.

Throughout the year we have had several visitors from the Parish attending our monthly council meetings. We have also had presentations and updates from Inspector Catherine Mitchell of the Cheshire Constabulary and PCSO Lindsey Whitehouse, Police Community Support Officer.

I myself have attended meetings with the Chairmen of other local parishes and together we share common information on issues that are affecting the various rural parishes in Cheshire East.

Returning to the Parish Hall, the JMC (Joint Management Committee) have reported a continuing fall from bookings and unfortunately an increase in costs. The deficit is shared between Nether Alderley Parish Church, St. Mary's, and ourselves and continues to give both of us a concern for the future particularly as the Hall is in constant need of expensive maintenance and repair.

Looking to the future with the continuing relaxation of national planning rules our Planning Committee will take notice of these various changes but continue to support the wishes of the parishioners in opposing developments of an unneighbourly or unsightly case. We will continue to be vigilant to protect our Green Belt and the ever shrinking open spaces in our rural community. As mentioned the developments at Alderley Park are being closely monitored to ensure there is no encroachment of our fiercely guarded Green Belt.

Can I now conclude by thanking 2 Councillors who have sadly had to resign during the year – Cameron Dick and Amanda Worthington who have provided invaluable support and contributions to the Council over the years they have been involved and we were very sad to lose them from our Council.

I would like to welcome Dave Colgan, who joined us in January, and has been coopted to the Council to fill one of our vacancies until our next election which will be in May 2015.

Finally can I take this opportunity of behalf of the Parish Council to thank Penny Langham our amazing Clerk for all her help and guidance to the Council throughout the year in assuring that we consider all relevant matters and that we follow the relevant guidelines and regulations in accordance with our appointments.

Thank you also to my fellow Councillors for all their support and help during the year.

**Alan Clarke
Chairman Nether Alderley Parish Council**

Alderley Park Hospital & Brookdale Hospital, Alderley Edge

At the outbreak of the First World War, the British Red Cross and the Order of St John of Jerusalem combined to form the Joint War Committee to pool resources under the protection of the red-cross emblem. Because the British Red Cross had secured buildings, equipment and staff, the organisation was able to set up temporary hospitals as soon as wounded men began to arrive from abroad.

Large numbers of public buildings (often large houses) were turned over for use as small hospitals. Brookdale Hospital in Alderley Edge and Alderley Park Hospital in Nether Alderley were two such hospitals.

The patients at these hospitals were generally less seriously wounded than at other hospitals and needed convalescence. The servicemen preferred the auxiliary hospitals to military hospitals because they were not so strict. Also, auxiliary hospitals were less crowded and the surroundings more homely.

Lady Mary Katherine Stanley was commandant of Alderley Park and Emily Fenton Armitage Hutton OBE was commandant of Brookdale. (a commandant was in charge except for medical and nursing services)

Emily Fenton Armitage Hutton 1863 - 1919

Joseph John Armitage, born in Pendleton, was a cotton manufacturer. He owned extensive cotton mills around the Pendleton area. In 1858 he married Hannah Fenton.

They had five children one of them being Emily. In 1894 Emily married James Arthur Hutton (a cotton merchant) who was born in Bowden.

By 1911 the couple were living in Woodlands, Alderley Edge and in March 1918 she was awarded an OBE.

Emily died in February 1919 and a large funeral was held at St.Philips officiated by both the Vicar and also the Rector of Alderley, the Rev. C Welland. Emily's body was then conveyed up to St.Mary's and she was buried there next to the Stanley Mausoleum.

Lady Mary Katherine Stanley 1849 – 1929

Mary Katherine Bell, normally called Maisie, was the daughter of Sir Isaac Lowthian Bell of Bell Brothers, a very prosperous, rich and successful steel manufacturer.

Mary Katherine was married to Edward Lyulph Stanley, the 4th Lord Stanley. She was 65 years old when WW1 broke out.

Both she and her husband are interred in the Stanley Mausoleum.

5. The emergency services will be contacted immediately by the Warden on duty.

Alderley Park Hospital & Brookdale Hospital, Alderley Edge (cont)

In November 1914, Lord and Lady Stanley had the Tenants Hall at Alderley Park fitted up as a hospital for wounded soldiers. Lady Stanley had long been prominently associated with the Red Cross and took a keen interest in the work of nursing. She was Vice President of the Alderley Division and also received the Royal Red Cross award for services rendered in establishing and maintaining the Normanby Park Hospital in Doncaster.

By December 1915, 26 patients had been treated at Alderley Park including several overseas soldiers from both Australia and New Zealand and by August 1916, due to the large numbers of wounded soldiers being sent to Alderley Park, it was enlarged and for that purpose several of the private rooms were used.

In the 4 years Brookdale had been running it had treated 1817 patients (only one man died) and by the end it had 73 beds in operation. Some open air wards proved to be an asset. Alderley Park treated 824 patients.

Throughout the war years there were frequent musical concerts held at both Alderley Park and Brookdale which helped raise funds and boost morale. The Park even hosted a few fancy dress balls!

Brookdale and Alderley Park closed in February 1919.

Dunham Massey

'Sanctuary from the trenches' at a Red Cross hospital

During World War One, the Countess of Stamford opened her doors to the British Red Cross. Dunham Massey became a convalescent hospital for ill and injured soldiers. Now the National Trust is recreating the hospital for visitors to mark the centenary of the war. The elegant Edwardian interiors in the saloon have gone, replaced by the ward that was created in 1917. The room is filled with 25 beds for ill and injured 'other ranks' soldiers, while the billiard room has once again become the nurses' station.

Visitors can find out more about Lady Stamford, the vice-president of the Red Cross division in Altrincham, who became the Commandant of the Hospital. Her daughter Lady Jane was a Red Cross VAD.

Discover the stories of the 282 soldiers who were treated at Dunham Massey between April 1917 and January 1919.

On the perils of 'standing in' for another vicar

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren,

You should not complain about doing duty in other churches when their clergy are on holiday. It is only in other churches that you will be appreciated. Beatification only comes from your own church on the day you leave – which is a way of firing a shot across the bows of your successor. I remember being greeted by a churchwarden on my first day here at St. James the Least with the encouraging words: 'I've seen six Rectors of this parish; each one was worse than the last.' As the years have gone by, I am sure I will have entirely fulfilled his expectations. No; when you visit another church, you will be told all the many defects of their own vicar, and whatever you do will be praised. Store up these memories for the day you return to your own patch – when you will then be told how outstanding your own temporary replacement has been and how congregations thrived in your absence.

Naturally, this gives you the right to make similar remarks about your own congregation in the churches you visit. Unfavourable comparisons with the bell ringers, vergers and congregational singing in your home patch to the superb standards in the church you're temporarily serving will be much appreciated. Just make sure that the church you are staffing is sufficiently far from your own that word will not get back to your home team.

It is a mistake I made only once. After filling in for a colleague, I happened to complement the choir on the singing of the anthem. Unknown to me, a tenor was the second cousin of my organist, who received a rather embellished story that I had compared my own choir back home unfavourably with theirs. On my return the following Sunday, all the hymns were played fortissimo and at double speed and the choir in rotation dropped hymn books throughout my sermon.

Inevitably, when you staff another church, you will be told: 'It's the normal Service.' It will be nothing of the sort. Hymns will appear in unexpected places, Sunday schools will enter and leave (and enter again) apparently at random, objects will be brought to you to be read from, placed on the altar or blessed - just as you were about to try and find the pulpit. In any case, wherever you are standing, you will find you should have been standing somewhere else. But not to worry - most mistakes will be forgiven – provided your sermon is short. So - enjoy your visits to other churches. And above all, make sure that your temporary replacement is so spectacularly incompetent that your own people will welcome you back with open arms on your return.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

ROTA FOR JULY 2014 LADY SIDESMEN / SIDESMEN / LECTORS

DATE	TIME	SIDESMEN	LECTOR
6 th	9.45am	Mr G Woolley & Mrs G Beeley	Mrs E Jackson
	6.30pm	Mrs J Bean	Mr P Bean
13 th	8.00am	Mrs B Essayan	
	9:45am	Mrs J Adamson & Mr J Ratchford	Miss S Varden
	6.30pm	Mr G Barrie Holy Communion at St Mary's Alderley & Joint Choral Evensong at St Cross, Knutsford	Mrs F Robinson
20 th	8.00am	Mr R Akester	
	9.45am	Mr J & Mrs C Stephenson	Mrs C Stephenson
	6:30pm	Mrs A Cobb	Mr P Reynolds
27 th	8.00am	Mr P Bean	
	9.45am	Mrs J Martin & Mr M Stonehewer	Miss S-J Dunhill
	6.30pm	Mrs A Robinson	Mrs A Dodd
3 rd August	9.45am	Mr M Wilkinson & Mrs J Robinson	Mrs J Lee
	6.30pm	Mrs J Bean	Mrs E Jackson

FROM THE REGISTERS

Christenings

Sun 1 st June	Elizabeth Margaret Morris
Sat. 7 th June	Sebastian Philip Andrew Hall
Sun 22 nd June	Henry Christopher Charles Kemp
Sun 29 th June	Liberty Stott
Sun 29 th June	Matthew Alan Thomas Cross

Weddings

Sat. 7 th June	Carolyn Kingston and John Parkin
Sat. 14 th June	Kimberly Minchin and Dunn

FLOWER ROTA

July 6 th	Wedding
July 13 th	Wedding
July 20 th	Fiona Robinson
July 27 th	Wedding

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

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