

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

Sunday 10th June Margot Isabella Walker

Weddings

Saturday 23rd June Ashley Lapedus and Billy Grant

Saturday 30th June Lily Downey and Adam Ross

Funerals

Friday 15th June Mrs Eva Rosemary Brindle

FLOWER ROTA

July 1st Joyce Davis

July 8th Joyce Davis

July 15th

July 22nd Sally Hilldrup

July 29th Sally Hilldrup

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

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Rector Writes

July 2018

The Rector writes about miracle and mystery and wonder

Christians believe that God is Trinity: we know God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Alone among the three religions of Abraham – Judaism, Christianity and Islam – only Christianity believes that the one true God is a God of three persons. The doctrine that God is both three and one stretches the mind.

The Sunday after Pentecost is celebrated as Trinity Sunday. Successive Sundays through to the Autumn are ‘Sundays after Trinity’, so we have plenty of time now to meditate on God as Trinity. I was doing just that at the service at Chester Cathedral on Saturday 2nd June for the ordination of seventeen Deacons as Priests. The Reverend Fiona Robinson – known to many of us at St.Mary’s and St.Catherine’s Churches – was ordained Deacon last summer, and, as is usual for a Deacon, she was ordained priest 12 months later.

The preacher at the ordination service was the Reverend Catherine Williams - the Church of England’s National Advisor for Selection of Clergy. The Gospel reading was the Feeding of the Five Thousand. Our preacher suggested that just as we all ask ‘How can this be?’, when we read such a miracle of Jesus, so also newly ordained clergy ask “How can this be, that I find myself an authorised minister of the church and ambassador for Christ?” All clergy live with the mystery of being a minister of a message of miracle and mystery and wonder that defies logical explanation.

Immediately after ordination as priest, each new priest was given a Bible. As this took place I remembered being given my Bible by the Bishop of Newcastle when I was ordained priest 29 years ago. And the thought went through my mind that the Bible is full of miracle and mystery and wonder – and that the miracle and mystery and wonder that I find in Scripture is plenty enough for me, and that it is this miracle and mystery and wonder that is the content of Christian faith. All of us who are Baptised in Christ live within the mystery of God.

The principle that clergy follow is that ‘their ministry’ is not theirs, but God’s, and that the Christian minister walks where the Holy Spirit leads. The good number of newly ordained priests in Chester Diocese shows the health and confidence of the church. If you are wondering whether you might be being called to serve God as an ordained minister come and talk about it with me.

Revd Jon Hale

DIARY JULY 2018

Sun.1st	Trinity 5 8.00am <i>Holy Communion at Birtles</i> 9.45am <i>Holy Communion at Alderley</i> 11.15am <i>Family Service at Birtles</i> 6.30pm <i>Evensong at Alderley</i>
Thu 5th	10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley
Sun 8th	Trinity 6 9.45am <i>Family Service at Alderley</i> 11.15am <i>Holy Communion at Birtles</i> 6.30pm Evensong at Alderley
Thurs 12th	10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley
Sun 15th	Trinity 7 8.00am <i>Holy Communion at Alderley</i> 9.45am <i>Holy Communion at Alderley</i> 11.15am <i>Mattins at Birtles</i> 6.30pm <i>Evensong at Alderley</i>
Thurs 19th	10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley
Sun 22nd	Trinity 8 9.45am <i>Mattins at Alderley</i> 11.15am <i>Holy Communion at Birtles</i> 6.30pm <i>Evensong at Alderley</i>
Thurs 25th	10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley
Sun 29th	Trinity 9 9.45am <i>Family Service at Alderley</i> 11.15am <i>Holy Communion at Birtles</i> 6.30pm <i>Evensong at Alderley</i>

ROTA FOR JULY 2018
SIDESPEOPLE / LECTORS / WARDENS

D'T	TIME	SIDESPEOPLE	LECTOR	W'N
1st July	8.00am	(at Birtles)		
	9.45am	Mrs W. Liddle & Mr G Hilton	Mrs W Liddle	MP
	6.30pm	Mr M Dyer	Mr M Dyer	AJH
8th July	9.45am	Mr A Claridge & Mrs J Martin	George Vardon	TF
	6.30pm	Mrs J Bean	Mr P Bean	PB
15th July	8.00am			HW
	9.45am	Mrs R Dyas & Mrs G Beeley	Mrs K Hale	KW
	6.30pm	Mrs A Robinson	Mrs A Robinson	AJH
22nd July	9.45am	Mr M Stonehewer & Mrs E Jackson	Mrs J Lee	MP
	6.30pm	Mr G Barrie	Mr M Dyer	AJH
29th July	9.45am	Mr J Ratchford & Mr M Wilkinson	Mrs SJ Wikinson	KW
	6.30pm	Mrs L Kershaw	Mr P Kershaw	AJH

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.

Manchester 10K Run.....Peter Reynolds

“Why has he got a wheelbarrow on his back”, Mark turned to me and asked as we entered Portland Street to join the waiting throng of runners? “I have no idea”, I replied, “have a look at his running vest it might tell you” - such is the draw of these major events that people have so many different, special reasons for their participation.

Sunday 20th May dawned bright, clear and warm, perhaps a little too warm in fact. Manchester was coming alive again for the annual ½ marathon and 10k running events which have become a hallmark of the city since the first 10k back in 2003. Mark was joining Katherine and me for a family participation in the 2018 event. Neither he nor Katherine had ever run a 10k race a before and for their first one to be the largest 10k run in Europe, was quite an introduction to running!

As we entered Portland Street to join the ‘000s of other runners, there was an announcement for a 1-minute silence – the whole city stopped and an absolute hush descended. The dreadful events of the Manchester Arena bomb which had so shocked the city and the world on 22nd May 2017 were being respectfully remembered. The very visible presence of armed police was also reminder of the tragedy of just one year before. As we looked around to find our place and get ready for the start of the run, it was impossible not to read some of the stories written on other people’s vests to tell for whom or why they were running this year. Some very poignant comments meant you felt in some way humbled to be participating alongside those who were running in memory of loved ones, sick ones or to support the huge range of wonderful charities which are the backbone of so much love and care in our society today.

At the ‘gun’, we all started together and although we were almost immediately separated in the melee, we finished within 25 seconds of each other with Mark being the fastest of our trio in 54:23, a very creditable time in the warm conditions. We never did find out why the man was carrying a wheelbarrow on his back but I am certain it was in aid of a wonderful cause. Our run this year was again for Oasis the amazing charity in Gorton, East Manchester supporting so many of the poor and homeless and poor in our great city. With the wonderful support of the congregation of St Mary, Alderley; my employer, Hilti (Great Britain) Ltd. and other supporters, we will have raised a further £620 for Oasis. I feel privileged to have been able to participate in several of these events and this year with Mark and Katherine alongside me was ‘special’. Thank you again to St Mary’s without whose support we would only have raised a fraction of this money and will there be a ‘next year’ – let’s wait and see!

With our very grateful thanks, Peter, Katherine & Mark (Reynolds)

Email addresses

The email address of the Office at The Rectory is alderleyandbirtles@gmail.com . Ken Wilkinson – the Church Administrator – works in the office on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

You can also contact the Rector on this email address: vicar@jkcahale.co.uk

COLLECTION TOTALS

Week	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid &	Standing	Total
May 6 th	171.00	62.00		233.00
May 13 th	238.70	124.00		362.70
May 20 th	261.00	25.10		286.10
May 27 th	77.00	28.20		105.20
TOTAL	747.70	239.30	2411.00	3398.00

Donald Henderson Tel 01625 584008 or email orchardmain@ntlworld.com

NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB

June draw winners

1st prize Jon Hale
 2nd prize Geoff Woolley
 3rd prize Rachel Mogg

Congratulations to all the winners

Your cheque or standing order gives you a chance of being the winner.

Forms can be found at the back of Church and in the Parish Hall Kitchen.

A total of £5000 has now been handed over to St Mary's treasurer, towards the day to day running costs of the Church.

Thank you to all participants!!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Apologies that 2 reminders are appearing again. Please look at them. Please let me know your thoughts on the subjects. We try to organise a few Social outings. If there is no feedback it is difficult to know how to progress.

The Summer lunch outing is Tuesday August 21st at Wilmslow Garden Centre. We meet at 12.30 in the restaurant. I need to know numbers by Saturday August 18th. At the last lunch the numbers went up by 12 the day before!!

The theatre outing to see Joseph Technicolour Dreamcoat is Saturday matinee November 10th at the Evans theatre in Wilmslow. There is a list in the kitchen. For a block booking we need to make a decision in good time. Marie Stonehewer is going to deal with the booking.

I am sure you are aware there is a Church Opening Weekend at Harvest. We shall be offering tea and cake during Saturday and Sunday, please spare a small amount of time to help in the kitchen. Or make a cake. Again let me know.

Janet Adamson 01625 583320.

Walking

A group of friends from St Mary's are going for a walk on Saturday August 4th 2018. The details are given below and anyone interested is welcome to join the group.

If you do come along, you do so at your own risk as walking can be a hazardous activity. Children and/or dogs are also welcome but you have to take full responsibility for them. It is advisable that you have appropriate footwear and clothing with you to cope with any weather and ground conditions that might be met.

Date: Saturday August 4th

Place: Dane head, Axe Edge Moor, Grid ref SK0267 70336

Directions: After the cat and Fiddle pub turn right on A54 Leek road then quickly left to Axe Edge Moor Road. Parking is limited so choose a spot on the road

Time: 10.00am

Distance: 6 ½ miles. Three shires head via Dane Valley way, fairly easy undulations. Please bring packed lunch

Contact: Terry Fones 01625820738

Prayer Calendar for the Parish of St.Mary, Alderley

Week beginning Sunday	Please pray for
1 st July	All parents in the parish
8 th July	Moss Lane
15 th July	Paddock Hill Lane
22 nd July	Knutsford Road
29 th July	All households in the parish

The church parish of St.Mary, Alderley includes the civil parishes of Nether Alderley and Great Warford. I have drawn up a prayer list of 52 entries (one for each week of the year) which has all roads in the parish that have residential properties, and all institutions, public amenities, pastoral priorities, and democratic bodies in and serving the parish.

Alderley Church News

July sees the launch of a new St.Mary's Church regular publication: Alderley Church News, aimed specifically at the new homes in Alderley Park.

The first new home was occupied in May, and the new community will be growing fast throughout the summer and autumn. Every few weeks, **Alderley Church News** will be delivered to all the occupied homes in Alderley Park.

If you would like to join the distribution team please let the Rector know

Diocesan Prayer Intentions for July 2018

The Benefice of Alderley & Birtles lies within the Diocese of Chester and the Deanery of Knutsford. Throughout the year, on a daily basis, you are invited to hold in prayer all aspects of Diocesan life in Christ. This is the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer.

July 2018

- Sunday 1st Give thanks for 70 years of the National Health Service
- 2nd The parish of Chester St.Mary Without the Walls (Blacon)
- 3rd The parish of Chester St.Mary Without the Walls (Handbridge)
- 4th The parish of Chester St.Paul with St.Luke
- 5th The parish of Christleton
- 6th The parish of Dodleston
- 7th The parish of Eccleston & Pulford
- Sunday 8th On Sunday pray for weekday living
- 9th The parish of Guilden Sutton
- 10th The parish of Hoole
- 11th The parish of Kelsall
- 12th The parish of Lache cum Saltney
- 13th The parish of Plemstall
- 14th The parish of Tarvin
- Sunday 15th Pray for universities in the UK.
- 16th The parish of Upton by Chester
- 17th The parish of Plas Newton
- 18th The parish of Chester Christ Church
- 19th The parish of Chester St.Oswald with St.Thomas of Canterbury
- 20th The parish of Chester St.Peter
- 21st The Bishop's Blue Coat Church of England High School
- Sunday 22nd Pray for the ordination of deacons at this time
- 23rd University Church Free School
- 24th Chadkirk Deanery
- 25th The parish of Bredbury St.Barnabas
- 26th The parish of Bredbury St.Mark
- 27th The parish of Romiley
- 28th The parish of Disley
- Sunday 29th Pray for Bronte 200. www.bronte.org.uk/bronte-200
- 30th The parish of High Lane
- 31st The parish of Low Marple

Thank you to Mark Wilkinson and Will Ablett for arranging Text Giving and Online Giving for St.Mary's Church.

Text Giving: Text SUND05 £5 to 70070 to donate £5 (the £5 can be any amount up to £10).

Online Giving: go to www.alderleychurch.co.uk and click on 'Donate to St.Mary's Church, Alderley'. There is no limit to the amount that you can donate by using online giving.

More people use a card for all payments now and do not carry cash or a cheque book. That's why more and more parish churches have Text Giving and Online Giving. These methods also enable giving by people who want to support St.Mary's Church but who do not come to the church or who live at a distance away.If you have queries about this please talk with Mark Wilkinson or Will Ablett.

The Rector writes about Judaism and art

Three years ago this summer I was fortunate to be allowed to take a three-month sabbatical from parish ministry to study 20th Century Jewish art. Having studied the history of 19th Century British and French art at school for A Level, I wanted to get more up to date with art history. And having served as a full time parish clergyman since 1988, I wanted to increase my knowledge and understanding of the Old Testament. The organisation 'Art & Christianity Enquiry' - <https://www.artandchristianity.org/> - put me in touch with a tutor who willingly led me through some of the most significant works of art criticism and history concerning Jewish painters of Europe and the USA between the 1920s and the 1980s. And I looked at a lot of paintings!

On Thursday 28th June I will be giving an illustrated talk at the meeting of Knutsford Deanery Synod on the subject of 'Judaism in the 20th Century, and into the 21st Century', and all are welcome. The talk will be at St.John's Church, High Legh, at 7.30pm.

Seeking a Family Missioner for Alderley Edge

Earlier this year a joint venture of Alderley Edge Methodist Church and St.Philip & St.James Church advertised for applicants for the new post of Family Missioner in Alderley Edge, to work with children age 0 to 11 years.

It was not possible to make an appointment so the post is being re-advertised. Find the details at this address: <http://www.chester.anglican.org/support-services/job-vacancies/external-vacancies/family-missioner-6674.php>
The Revd Robin Pye – Vicar of St.Philip & St.James Church – writes: "This is a re-advertised post and we have amended the job description to give it a much clearer focus on working with younger children. So, if you know a Christian who loves to work with young children, then it might be the right thing for them".

Alderley Church Flower Fund

Afternoon Tea Party

Sunday 29th July 2018

on the Church Paddock

(if wet in the Parish Hall)

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

Entertainment by Macclesfield Brass and Tina Spiers (vocalist)

A plant for the 'bring and buy' plant stall would be much appreciated

Tickets £10
(children free)

includes afternoon tea and entry into the prize draw

- 1st Prize: voucher for 2 persons for two nights Bed and Breakfast at the award-winning 'Cleifiog' in Beaumaris - an historic townhouse on the sea front with magnificent views of the Menai Strait and Snowdonia
- 2nd Prize: £25 voucher - Ivy Cottage Christmas Tree Farm and Shop, Racecourse Road, Wilmslow
- 3rd Prize: £20 voucher - Steve Leyland Flowers, Grove Street, Wilmslow

Admission is by tickets bought in advance only
as capacity (if wet) is limited in the Parish Hall

Tickets from: Michael Penlington 01625 530084
Jenny Youatt 01625 585226
(cheques made payable to 'Alderley Church Flower Fund')

All proceeds to Alderley Church Flower Fund

Alderley Mothers' Union News

Mary Sumner was a woman of faith with determination to make a difference within the lives of others around the world. She listened to God and acted on His call. We give thanks for the far-reaching vision of our founder as we remember her on Thursday 9th August, Mary Sumner Day.

Within our branch, we have a service of Holy Communion led by Rector on Wednesday 18th July at 2pm in church to finish our programme for the summer with tea in the hall afterwards.

There will be no meeting in August and we look forward to a new programme of meetings in September.

We had a good response to our appeal for socks for the refugees.. Thank you for your support.

We would love to see you at any of our meetings. There are many interesting speakers to look forward to.

Ann Austin

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