

# St.Mary, Alderley Cheshire



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**Rector Writes:**

**June 2014**

“But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come to me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven” *Matthew 19:14*

Our Lord's whole ministry was a statement – not just the words he spoke but also his actions. In the episode above Jesus may have been concerned specifically about children being denied access to him. However, there is something in what Jesus says that applies to every person regardless of age that we should never be prevented from accessing God. Jesus is 'God with us' Emmanuel. He is God made flesh, the incarnate deity. To stop people coming to Jesus is to stop people coming to God. Jesus wants us to draw near with faith and receive the gift of God's presence. Jesus even says that we all need to become like children to enter the Kingdom of God. We need to be open and enthusiastic in our lives of faith and like children approach both the world and God with a sense of wonder.

I recently visited both the Roman Catholic and Anglican Cathedrals in Liverpool. Both have carved depictions in stone of the little children coming to Jesus. Jesus' ministry was characterised by radical accessibility – he broke down barriers to bring people into a relationship with God. These barriers were religious, economic, social and racial. Jesus wanted people to encounter the love God had for them unimpeded by humanly devised barriers. Although Jesus' ministry on earth was over two thousand years ago in a culture and society much different from our own he remains remarkable fresh. This is because as human beings we are still trying to put barriers up and obstacles in people's paths. The fact there are two Cathedrals in Liverpool speaks about division but the fact they work so closely together is hope that we can be united in proclaiming the same message of love.

To receive in faith the gift of the Eucharist is to receive the Lord himself. We need to work passionately as a Church to bring greater access to the Eucharist. This sacrament given by Christ himself assures the faithful of Christ's continued presence with them. It is being united with Christ's spirit that we can be transformed by it. We can be empowered to break down barriers and be inspired to see each person as valuable and precious in God's sight. The Eucharist transcends us as individuals in time and space. It reaches back to former generations and will reach forward to generations yet to be born. It is Christ's gift to the whole world and although entrusted to the Church it is certainly not ours to possess. Christ makes the invitation to draw near with faith and it is our joy and responsibility to make the journey to the altar an unimpeded one. Therefore we need to ask ourselves if we stop God's children drawing near with faith and if we do we must make every effort to break down barriers so that Christ can be made known to the world

**James**

## DIARY FOR JUNE 2014

|                            |                                    |   |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Sun.1<sup>st</sup></b>  | <b>Sunday after Ascension Day</b>  | 8.00am Holy Communion at Birtles                              |
|                            |                                    | 9.45am Holy Communion at Alderley                             |
|                            |                                    | 11.15am Family Service at Birtles                             |
|                            |                                    | 6.30pm Evensong at Alderley                                   |
| Thur.5 <sup>th</sup>       |                                    | 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley                            |
| Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup>       |                                    | 2.00pm Holy Matrimony at Alderley                             |
| <b>Sun.8<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Whit Sunday</b>                 | 8.00am Holy Communion at Alderley                             |
|                            |                                    | 9.45am Family Service at Alderley                             |
|                            |                                    | 11.15am Holy Communion at Birtles                             |
|                            |                                    | 6.30pm Holy Communion at Alderley                             |
| Thur.12 <sup>th</sup>      |                                    | 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley                            |
| Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup>      |                                    | 3.30pm Holy Matrimony at Alderley                             |
| <b>Sun. 15<sup>h</sup></b> | <b>Trinity Sunday</b>              | 8.00am Holy Communion at Alderley                             |
|                            |                                    | 9.45am Holy Communion at Alderley                             |
|                            |                                    | 11.15am Mattins at Birtles                                    |
|                            |                                    | 6.30pm Choral Evensong at St.Bartholomew, Wilmslow            |
| Wed.18 <sup>th</sup>       |                                    | 10.00am Alderley Mothers' Union Outing To Little Moreton Hall |
| Thu. 19 <sup>th</sup>      |                                    | 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley                            |
| <b>Sun.22<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>First Sunday after Trinity</b>  | 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.29 <sup>th</sup>      |                                    | 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley                            |
| <b>Sun.29<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Second Sunday after Trinity</b> | 8.00am Holy Communion at Alderley                             |
|                            |                                    | 9.45am Holy Communion at Alderley                             |
|                            |                                    | 11.15am Holy Communion at Birtles                             |
|                            |                                    | 6.30pm Evensong at Alderley                                   |

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| <b>Sun.5<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Third Sunday after Trinity</b> | 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          |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| April 6th    | 292.26             | 8.00                     |                 | 300.26         |
| April 13th   | 344.04             | 57.70                    |                 | 401.74         |
| April 20th   | 776.50             | 241.88                   |                 | 1018.38        |
| April 27th   | 268.55             | 55.90                    |                 | 324.45         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1681.85</b>     | <b>363.48</b>            | <b>775.00</b>   | <b>2820.33</b> |

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



**CHRISTIAN AID 2014**

Thanks to All Collectors and Counters of Christian Aid Envelopes And

Thanks to All Growers of Plants and those who manned the Plant Stall to raise money for Christian Aid.

Also, thank you to all who made contributions or bought plants.

The totals raised will be posted in the porch. Individual collectors will be advised of the total for their round.

**Fiona Ablett**

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We are planning a **Tea Party** on Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 3.00pm at Alderley Cottage. Hopefully we will be able to enjoy the garden. It would be good to see some new faces?

We are also planning a **Summer Lunch** outing on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August. Venue to be decided.

At the moment our activities are still gently ticking over. **Coffee** after the 9.45am service each week is going well and thanks are due to the washing up helpers!! In the last few months we have collected £150 in the Pot to go to the chosen charities. We also gave £14 towards the MU cake stall held in March. This is all an important addition to the Church's charitable giving.

The plans for the September Family History Weekend, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> July – 10.00am start prompt**



**Walk:** Disley, Strines, Mellor, Brook Bottom, Woodend to Disley

**Starting Point:** Disley Railway station car park.  
Free parking in the Station car park

**Starting Point Grid Ref:** SJ 973 846

**Map:** OS Explorer OL1 Dark Peak.

**Length:** 8.5 miles. Moderate, with two hills

**Further info:** Bring lunch and drinks

**Contact:** Chris Sweetman (01565 889 057 or 07802 809 767)

1914-2014  
St Mary's Church, Alderley  
Requiem Mass for the fallen of the First World War



Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 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



## RACE NIGHT

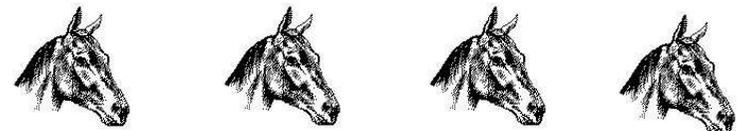
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2014 at 6pm

Nether Alderley Parish Hall

Sausage & Chip supper followed by races

Horses available for £3 each

Tickets £6 available from Fiona Robinson/ Maureen Woolley



## WW1: THEY WENT WITH SONGS TO THE BATTLE



'We don't want to lose you, but we think you ought to go', sang music hall star Vesta Tilley in the Summer of 1914, when theatre stages became recruiting centres as young men, urged on by their girl-friends and wives, made their way forward to offer themselves for military service. This was, of course, in those first heady months of the war, the 'over by Christmas' time, when not to volunteer was to risk being given a white feather of cowardice in the street. Rapidly a huge volunteer army was assembled, and soon made its way to the western front.

The songs of the music-hall went with them - indeed, this was an army that sang and whistled its way into those muddy trenches and kept on singing, even when it turned out that the war was going to be long, bitter and brutal. 'Pack up your troubles in your old kitbag', they sang, 'and smile, smile, smile'. All that was needed was a 'lucifer to light your fag'. After all, 'What's the use of worrying - it never was worthwhile'. Soon that song was joined by others: 'Mademoiselle from Armentieres, parlez-vous?' 'It's a long way to Tipperary' and so on.

The songs of the music hall became the songs of the battle-field. Soldiers on leave or in 'Blighty' for medical treatment sat in the cheap seats and sang their heads off, while a singer on stage, often wearing patriotic uniform, marched up and down orchestrating the performance. ('Blighty' incidentally was the soldiers' slang for Britain or home - it's from an Urdu word brought back from India by a previous generation of soldiers, and actually means 'European'.)

When, in his most famous poem For the Fallen, Laurence Binyon wrote that 'they went with songs to the battle' he was stating the truth. 'Pack up your Troubles' was the defining song of the trenches, though in the harsh light of reality its message seems a bit like whistling in the dark.

As the war went on and year followed year, so the songs tended to change their mood. In 1918 it was Ivor Novello's first great hit, 'Keep the home fires burning . . . till the boys come home' that stirred the audiences' hearts. The same shift occurred in the Second World War, from the confident 'We're going to hang out our washing on the Siegfried Line' in 1939 to Vera Lynn's plangent voice assuring war-weary troops in 1944 that 'We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when'.

Popular songs, in other words, captured very accurately the mood and heart of the nation. As they always have been, their trade secrets were smiles and tears.

## Alderley Church Flower Fund

### Afternoon Tea Party on the Church Paddock - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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

## MOTHERS' UNION OUTING

Wednesday June 18th

### Little Moreton Hall

- Leave St.Mary's car park at 10.00am
- Stop en route for a coffee at Astbury Garden Centre
- Arrive at Little Moreton Hall 11.45am approx.
- Return home 3.30pm (at a rough guess!!)

Make your own way for lunch, at either of the two eating places. 'The Pantry' – hot specials, high teas, homemade cakes or 'The Little Tea Room' – platters, sandwiches, soups, cakes. You are also welcome to bring a picnic to eat in the grounds, weather permitting!!

An exclusive tour – lasts about an hour

**COST:** Tour: £4.00  
Hall Entry £7.00 (NT Trust members free)

A further £2.00 **on the day** to your driver please

*If you would like to join our outing, please contact either Jenny Youatt (01625 585226) or Anne Cockburn (01625 585245)*

# St Mary's Church, Nether Alderley

## Fire Notice

There are three Fire Exits from this building:

- a. South Porch (Main Entrance).
  - b. West Door (via Choir Vestry)
  - c. North Door (via Rectors Vestry)
- Before any service commences, all designated Fire Exits must be unlocked and security bars removed. A regular check will be made to confirm that that all Fire Exit doors can be opened.
  - Where additional seating is used for larger services, it is essential that this is not placed in such a way as to restrict access to any Fire Exit.
  - Emergency lighting is not installed in this Church; a torch is available in the Choir Vestry.

## Fire Alarm System

- There is no Fire Alarm system in this building

**Fire Extinguishers are available in the building in the following locations:**

- a. Foam (door to Rectors vestry)
- b. Water (Column by
- c. Foam (Choir Vestry)
- d. Powder (Choir Vestry)
- e. CO2 (Bell Tower)
- f. Boiler Room

Unless trained, please do not attempt to use a Fire Extinguisher. Responsibility for using fire extinguishers will be allocated to named and trained Warden's / Sidespeople.

## Procedure in the event of discovering a Fire

1. On discovering a Fire, immediately notify the Priest in Charge or Warden on duty.
2. An announcement to evacuate the building will be made by the Priest in Charge or Warden.
3. Do not take any risks; leave the building in an orderly manner by the nearest Fire Exit.
4. Report to the **Fire Assembly point** which is in the **turn front of the Parish Hall**

5. The emergency services will be contacted immediately by the Warden on duty.
6. Do not attempt to re-enter the building until instructed that it is safe to do so by a member of the Fire Brigade, Priest in Charge or Warden on duty.

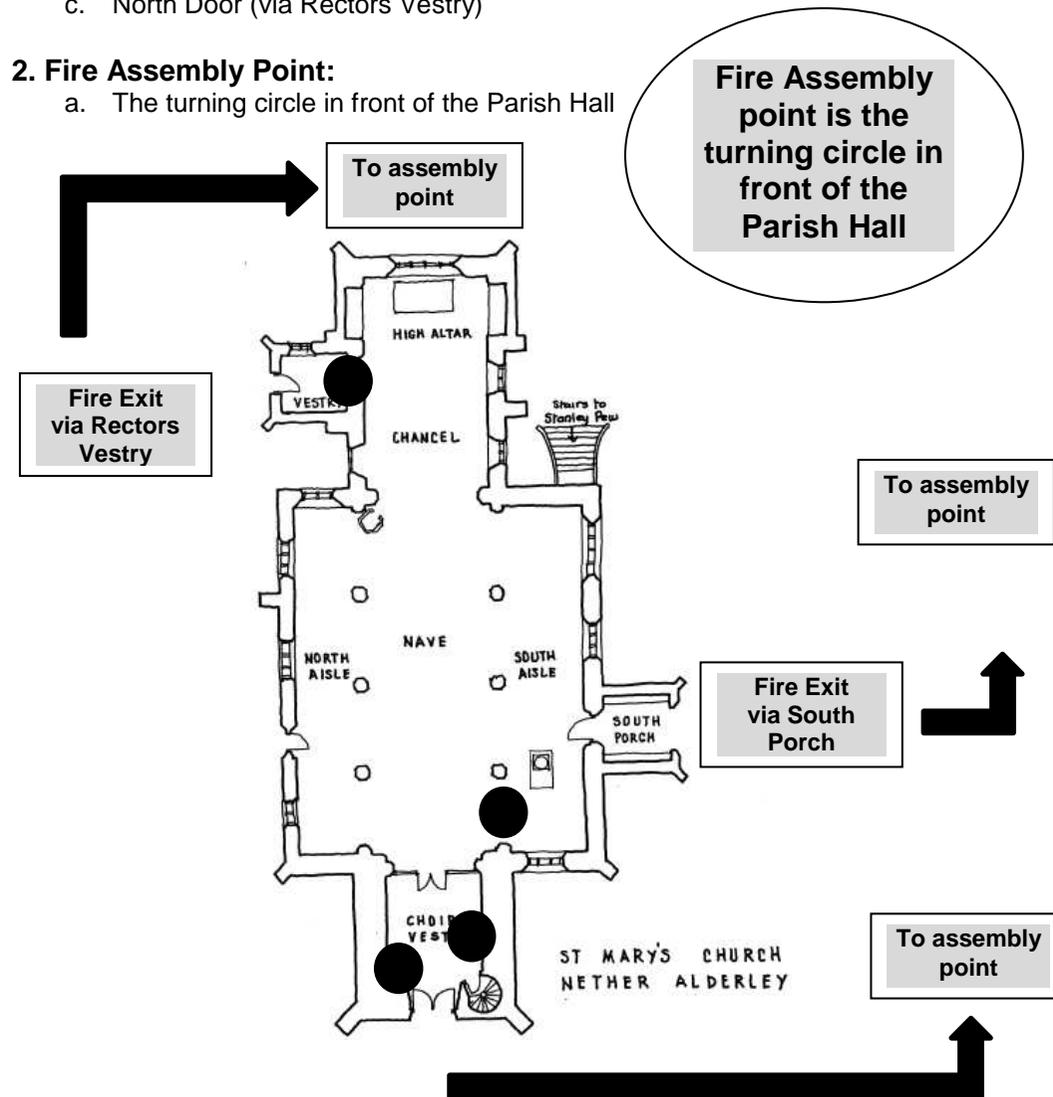
## Plan of St Mary's Church

### 1. Fire Exits:

- a. South Porch (Main Entrance).
- b. West Door (via Choir Vestry)
- c. North Door (via Rectors Vestry)

### 2. Fire Assembly Point:

- a. The turning circle in front of the Parish Hall



## The Memorial Plaque



In October 1916, the British Government set up a committee regarding the idea for a commemorative memorial plaque that could be given to the relatives of men and women whose deaths were attributable to the Great War of 1914-1918. Members of the committee were selected from the House of Commons, the House of Lords and some government departments. It was agreed that it would take the form of a small bronze plaque. In August 1917 the committee set up a competition for anyone to enter who could put forward a suitable design to record the name of a fallen British or Dominion Forces serviceman or woman.

There was such a lot of interest from people wanting to submit designs for the Memorial Plaque that the closing date was extended by a few weeks to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1917 (originally 1<sup>st</sup> November) so that servicemen on active service overseas would have an opportunity to submit a design. There were more than 800 entries to the competition from within the United Kingdom, from countries in the British Empire and from the theatres of war.

On 20<sup>th</sup> March 1918 the results of the competition were announced in The Times newspaper. This was the day before the German Army launched a massive surprise attack on several miles of the British Front on the Somme battlefield in France. By the end of the following day, there were several thousand more British casualties caused by this attack, whose names would be added to the list of those to be commemorated by this Memorial Plaque.

The design incorporated the figure of Britannia. She is facing to her left and holding a laurel wreath in her left hand over the box where the commemorated serviceman's name was to be placed. In her right hand she is holding a trident. In representation of Britain's sea power there are two dolphins each facing Britannia on her left and right sides.

A lion is standing in front of Britannia at her feet, also facing to the left with a menacing growl. As specified by the committee, the words "He died for freedom and honour" are written around the margin. A very small lion, with his head facing to the right can be seen underneath the larger lion's feet, biting into a winged creature representing the German Imperial eagle. The circular shape and coin-like appearance soon contributed to the nickname of this Memorial Plaque becoming widely known as the "Dead Man's Penny", the "Death Penny", "Death Plaque" or "Widow's Penny".

**Jenny Youatt**

*(To view an original Memorial Plaque visit our Open Weekend 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> Sept).*

## ROTA FOR JUNE 2014 LADY SIDESMEN / SIDESMEN / LECTORS

| DATE                    | TIME              | SIDESMEN   | LECTOR                    |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--|---------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>         | 9.45am            | Mr G Woolley & Mrs G Beeley  | Miss SJ Dunhill           |
|                         | <del>6.30pm</del> | <del>Mrs D Barber</del>  | <del>Mrs F Robinson</del> |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>         | 8.00am            | Mr R Akester   |                           |
|                         | 9:45am            | Mr M Stonehewer & Mr M Wilkinson   | Miss C Mowforth           |
|                         | 6.30pm            | Mrs J Bean<br>Holy Communion at St Mary's Alderley   | Mr P Bean                 |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>        | 8.00am            | Mr H A Wright  |                           |
|                         | 9.45am            | Mr G Hilton & Mrs J Robinson   | Mrs E Jackson             |
|                         | 6:30pm            | Mr G Barrie<br>Evensong at St Mary's Alderley & Joint Choral<br>Evensong at St Bartholomew's, Wilmslow | Mr P Reynolds             |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup>        | 8.00am            | Mr P Bean  |                           |
|                         | 9.45am            | Mr A Claridge & Mrs W Liddle   | Mr & Mrs Davis            |
|                         | 6.30pm            | Mrs A Cobb   | Mrs A Dodd                |
| 29 <sup>th</sup>        | 8.00am            | Mr R Akester   |                           |
|                         | 9.45am            | Mr S Welsh & Mrs R Dyas  | Mrs J Lee                 |
|                         | 6.30pm            | Mrs A Robinson   | Mrs E Jackson             |
| 6 <sup>th</sup><br>July | 9.45am            | Mr G Woolley & Mrs G Beeley  | Miss SJ Dunhill           |
|                         | 6.30pm            | Mrs D Barber   | Mrs F Robinson            |

### THANK YOU

I would like to thank dear friends at St Mary's for the "Get well" cards and the kind words of encouragement I received during my month long stay in Macclesfield hospital. You certainly lifted my spirits!

I was sent home on the 1st May where I continue with my treatment.

Best Wishes, Carolyn Poole

## *FROM THE REGISTERS*

### *Christenings*

Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> April      Flora Olivia Preston  
Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> May        Ella Grace Tait  
Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> May        Kate Rebecca Greensmith

### *Weddings*

Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> Apr        Natalie Barber and Gareth Hall  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> April        Victoria Brazier and Andrew Stinson  
Thur. 1<sup>st</sup> May        Charlotte Merrill and Timothy Clark (Birtles)  
Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> May        Lorna Holland and Jack Harris  
Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> May        Leah Patching and Michael Brown  
Sun 25<sup>th</sup> May        Sarah Balsom and Nicholas Holmes

### *Funerals*

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> April      Neville Cooper  
Thu 8<sup>th</sup> May         Robin Hinton Stewart  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> May        Sarah Christine Moulton  
Sun 18<sup>th</sup> May        Simon Towlson  
Wed 27<sup>th</sup> May        Margaret Westall

June 1st            Wedding  
June 8<sup>th</sup>            Wedding  
June 15<sup>th</sup>          Wedding  
June 22<sup>nd</sup>          Marie Stonehewer  
June 29<sup>th</sup>          Marie Stonehewer

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