

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

Weddings

Sat 25th May Jennifer Basnett and Chris Evans

Funerals

FLOWER ROTA

Jun 2nd	Michael Penlington
June 9th	Michael Penlington
June 16th	
June 23rd	Joyce Davis
June 30th	Joyce Davis

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

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Rector Writes

June 2019

The Rector writes about stewardship of creation

Throughout Holy Week and Easter Week, over 1000 people were arrested in London in Extinction Rebellion. What's going on? In 1987, the United Nations produced its report 'Our Common Future'. This put forward the principle of Sustainable Development. Put simply, the principle of Sustainable Development is that we should not continue to use the Earth's resources and emit greenhouse gases as we have been. This is because finite resources are being used at such a rate that we are stealing from future generations, and a continually warming planet could lead to drastic changes in the planet, and crisis for those who come after us. In short, we must stop living only for the present. This led to the growth in recycling, and a focus on a range of behaviour change to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases.

The challenges of changing the way we do things are very demanding. And it got a whole lot more political over Easter. The 16-year-old Swede, Greta Thunberg, said to MPs in London on 23rd April that the future of her generation has been "stolen" by the UK's failure to significantly reduce its carbon emissions. This is the principle of Sustainable Development – not stealing from the future - being brought into play by the generation after the one that adopted the principle of Sustainable Development. From 2000 to 2010 I produced a quarterly bulletin on Sustainable Development for the Church of England. At one conference, I sat through a presentation on Sustainable Development, and then I got up to ask a question. I said that while all of us at the conference may be signed up to the principle, I thought that it might be naïve to assume that everyone would be willing to forgo present expectations of 'life as usual' for the sake of future generations and an environmental crisis that was not at that time apparent. In mankind's fallen state, we prefer to look after no.1, and live in the here and now. The speaker did not have an answer to give.

A lot of progress has been made since 1987. Solar panels and wind turbines are now commonplace. Car tax is now set according to the level of emissions from your car. Waste is recycled. Many other changes have been made. Christian belief is that we are stewards of creation: we are not here to exploit but to conserve. This is so that our descendants may continue to be stewards of creation, to the glory of God, who is the creator and who is also our redeemer in Christ. This principle of Christian stewardship is the principle of Sustainable Development. The challenge has always been to reconcile the need for a healthy economy and the satisfaction of human needs and wants, with stewardship of creation.

The Paris Climate Agreement was made between all major nations in 2015. This sets a target of keeping a global temperature rise this century well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. This will impose further behaviour change – for the sake of generations yet unborn – to prevent planet Earth getting hotter and hotter. Governments need to apply the levers of power to drive behaviour change. Extinction Rebellion is holding the Government to account because the effects of climate change are now becoming all the more apparent. Greta Thunberg has criticised the UK for supporting new exploitation of fossil fuels and she says that the Government exaggerates the size of cuts that the UK has made to its carbon emissions. There is a mood of anxiety among adults and children: dangerously poor air quality in the centre of cities; plastic waste everywhere; every summer a little bit hotter and lasting a little bit longer; around the world, inspired by Greta Thunberg, children are walking out of school, demanding more action to prevent global warming. One of the tasks of Government is to take difficult decisions which are in the public interest, but which are not universally popular. In mankind's fallen state, we prefer to look after no.1, and live in the here and now. Governments must have the wisdom and the courage to know what is right, and to do it. Pray for our Member of Parliament at this difficult time.

DIARY JUNE 2019

Sun.2nd	Easter 7		
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Birtles	BCP
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
	11.15am	Family Service at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	BCP
Thurs 6th	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
Sun 9th	Pentecost		
	9.45am	Family Service at Alderley	CW
	11.15am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
	6.30pm	HC at Alderley (said)	BCP
Thurs 13th	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
Sun. 16th	Trinity Sunday		
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley	CW
	11.15am	Mattins at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	BCP
Thurs 20th	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
Sun 23rd	Trinity 1		
	9.45am	Family Service at Alderley	CW
	11.15am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	BCP
Thurs 27th	10.00am	Ascension Day at Alderley	
Sun 30th	Trinity 2		
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
	11.15am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	BCP

ROTA FOR JUNE 2019

D'T	TIME	SIDESPEOPLE	LECTOR	W'N
2nd Jun	8.00am	(at Birtles)		
	9.45am	Mrs W Liddle & Mrs E Jackson	Mrs W Liddle	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs L Kershaw	Mr P Kershaw	AJH
9th June	9.45am	Mr & Mrs G Woolley	Mrs J Lee	MP
	6.30pm		AJH	AJH
16th June	8.00am			HW
	9.45am	Mr G Hilton & Mr S Welsh	Mrs K Hale	KW
	6.30pm	Mr G Barrie	Mr M Dyer	TF
23rd June	9.45am	Mr J Ratchford & Mr M Wilkinson	Mrs SJ Wilkinson	KW
	6.30pm		Mr T Fones	TF
30th June	9.45am	Mrs R Dyas & Mrs G Beeley	Mrs A Davis	MP
	6.30pm		AJH	AJH

.PLANT SALE SUCCESS

£300 was raised on Saturday 11th May.

£70 was raised on Sunday 12th.

With any gift aid this will make a significant donation to CHRISTIAN AID.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR GROWERS;

Lynn, Don, Bert, Geoff Burgess, Fiona, Judy, Caroline, Gail, Gwynedd, Anne

SALES AND TRANSPORT

Jamie, Will, Lynn, Anne, Caroline, Gwynedd Fiona and Don
AND THE METHODIST TEAM FOR HOSTING THE EVENT

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.

NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH HALL

HEART OF THE VILLAGE



JOIN US FOR
AFTERNOON TEA IN OUR
CHARMING AND
HISTORIC PARISH HALL,
THEN EXPLORE NETHER
ALDERLY MILL AND
14TH CENTURY
ST. MARY'S CHURCH
ALL WITHIN A
SHORT WALKING
DISTANCE!

JUNE

"GOLDEN TRIANGLE" SUNDAYS

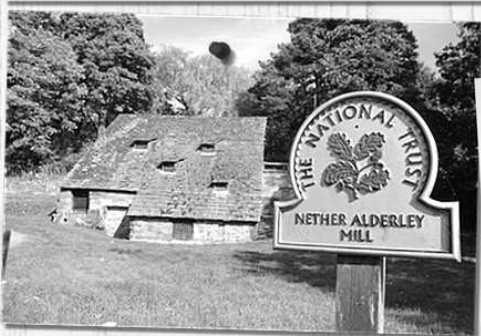
HOME-MADE CAKES, SANDWICHES, CREAM TEAS, AND
BOTTOMLESS TEA & COFFEE POTS. 2-4PM JUST £5 PER HEAD

TOUR THE ELIZABETHAN MILL - MILLER ON HAND EVERY
WEEKEND!

*ADMISSION FEE FOR NON NT MEMBERS

LOCAL GUIDE PRESENT FOR CHURCH TOUR

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COLLECTION TOTAL

Week ending	Envelopes	Misc Cash	Standing Orders	Total
April 7th	341.00	29.00		370.00
April 14th	475.00	266.30		741.30*
April 21st	572.00	119.05		691.05
April 28th	180.00	49.50		229.50
TOTAL	1568.00	463.85	1187.00	3218.85

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

NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB Latest draw winners

1st prize Edna Shepherd
2nd prize John Wilson
3rd prize Elizabeth Fairhurst

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.

Over £7000 has now been handed over to St Mary's treasurer, towards the day to day running costs of the Church.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Our next Social Committee meeting is at the beginning of June.

We are doing our best to offer tea and coffee on Sunday mornings. At the moment we can not do it every Sunday because of lack of man power? It would be really nice if there could be some new faces to prepare and organise.

The Summer Lunch will be on Tuesday August 20th. Please note the date. More detail in the July Magazine.

Enjoy your summer.

Janet Adamson 01625 583320.

Mothers' Union News

Once again our Mothers' Union Diocese will be manning a tent for Mums and Tots at the Royal Cheshire Show from 18th June for both days. This is a great asset to young mothers with their babies for a little piece of quiet away from the crowds whilst feeding and changing them. Last year we were visited by 398 families over the two days.

At our May meeting we welcomed members from the Deanery to hear Olivia Smedley talking about The forgotten Suffragette with memories from long ago.

Having no meeting in June we finish for the summer with Holy Communion at 2pm on Wednesday 17th July in church led by our Rector.

You will find a copy of The Mothers' Union "Families First" Quarterly magazine at the back of the church to look at which contains useful everyday issues. Feel free to take a copy to read.

Often it is the small things that members do that make all the difference. We need to widen our appeal both inside and outside the church and our branch. We are growing and are very pleased to now have our Rector as a Diocesan member and you know you are always welcome to join us at our meetings

Ann Austin

The Rector writes about ART

Painting has always been important to me. Recently I set up a website which shows some of my paintings. Have a look. If you would like to buy one, get in touch with me. 25% of all sale proceeds will go to St.Mary's Church and 25% will go to St.Catherine's Church.

This is the website: <http://jonhaleart.co.uk/>

Prayer Calendar for the Parish of St.Mary, Alderley. May 2019.

Week beginning	Please pray for
2 nd	Esther McVey MP
9 th	All who live on Macclesfield Road
16 th	All care givers in the parish
23 rd	Pedley House Lane
30 th	All children 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

FOOD BANKS

St.Mary's Church has a long-established link with the Oasis Centre at Gorton. Please leave in the basket at the back of church donations of non-perishable food, clothes and baby requirements which will be taken to Oasis. Our partner church of St.Catherine, Birtles now also collects items for Oasis: these are brought to St.Mary's Church regularly by the Rector. <http://oasisgorton.org/>

The churches in Alderley Edge run food banks for the Alderley area. St.Mary's and St.Catherine's Church supports this work by prayer. If you would like to give practical help to the local food banks please contact the Rector and he can put you in touch with those who run these food banks.

The Rector writes.....timeline

The history of Alderley is a source of fascination to many people. To make sense of the dates and people and places, I have produced a timeline history of Alderley, from the Domesday Book to the present day. If you would like a copy, please email me on alderleyandbirtles@gmail.com or phone me on 01625 585440.

NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH HALL REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

As I'm sure everyone is aware Nether Alderley Parish Council (NAPC) are currently planning to refurbish the Hall in the near future . The reason for this is , primarily , to preserve the integrity of the building as well as improving facilities .

So far we have :-

1) Carried out a number of necessary surveys including Condition survey , Timber survey , Mechanical and electrical survey and a Bat survey . The results from all of these has had a significant effect on the amount of work to be done

2) Commissioned architects to draft plans . Following all the surveys, plans have been drawn up and been reviewed by the NAPC and the refurbishment working group . As always some adjustments were needed to allow the required amount of storage space and adequate facilities ; currently we have no storage for tables and chairs or for regular users to keep equipment and no facilities for disabled users . It is difficult to estimate how long this process will take and , therefore , to say when the Hall is likely to close or indeed for how long it will remain closed . However discussions have taken place with Alderley Park Ltd , the company running Alderley Park , to offer our regular users accommodation in one of their conference rooms during the closure.

Once these plans have been agreed then the next step will be to present the plans to all residents during an open evening , the date of which is yet to be decided . As these plans progress we will continue to keep residents informed of progress through the Parish Magazine, through events at the Hall itself and through social media .

Angela Farrell

Alderley Church Flower Fund

Afternoon Tea Party

Sunday 21st July 2019

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 Arthur Newton (piano accordion)

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: to be confirmed at a later date

2nd Prize: £25 voucher - Ivy Cottage Christmas Tree Farm and Shop,
Racecourse Road, Wilmslow

3rd Prize: £20 voucher - Steve Leyland Flowers, Grove Street, Wilmslow

4th Prize: Mystery Prize

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

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

The Rector writes about the Annual Meeting of St.Mary's

The Annual Meeting was held on 25th April. The Churchwardens for the next 12 months will be Jenny Youatt, Michael Penlington and Ken Wilkinson. The Parochial Church Council members for the next 12 months are listed on the notice in the church porch.

The meeting adopted the Annual Report and Accounts for 2018. These show a deficit in 2018 of £28,328 which had to be met from reserves. We cannot continue like this. In my 'Rector's Remarks' made at the meeting, I said that it cuts no ice with the Bishop if we complain that our Parish Share is too high. Every parish church would argue that. Disposable income in our parish is relatively high: we have a duty to ensure that our parish pays its way in the Diocese. Most of our Parish Share payment comes back to me in my stipend. And we pay an amount in our Parish Share to help subsidise the provision of clergy in parishes in Chester Diocese which are urban priority areas, where there are many people on the breadline. If we are depleting our reserves to balance our books, we need to serve our parish better, so that it values its parish church more, and gives more.

I went on to say that St.Mary's Church has a large Electoral Roll – and that many who are on the Roll live outside the parish. A still larger number of people regard St.Mary's as their spiritual home, even if they only tell me that at baptisms, weddings, funerals, and chatting with me in the village. With so many people who belong here, and in such a wealthy area, we should not be having to take from our reserves to pay our running costs. Every parish church should pay its way from the freewill offerings of those who belong to the church. I will be working with the PCC to turn things around.

Over my remaining four or five years here, I will be working with St.Mary's Church and St.Catherine's Church to build up their innate strengths so that the identity of each church may remain, whatever the future holds.

I used to often go motor racing with my cousin, Piers. He is a gentleman racer. Ten years ago you could buy yourself a racing weekend in the British GT series in an Aston Martin – as long as you had all the gear and experience and a racing licence – for £17,500. I'm sure the price has gone up, so last year's deficit at St.Mary's equates to just over a weekends' drive in an Aston Martin in a top flight race. It must be possible in Alderley to fill this gap.

We have things to celebrate as a parish church, including:

Nether Alderley Parish Council is paying for a major upgrade and repair on the hall that stands at the churchyard gate: this work is planned to start late this year.

Management of the Parish Hall is being improved, which is to our financial benefit.

We are setting up Mailchimp so that soon we can send regular news emails

Our Facebook page has 123 Likes, with additional Likes all the time.

We have music and flowers!

Volunteering at the Oasis Centre

Like many members of St Mary's I have been vaguely aware of the Oasis Centre for a while - and I have passed on items like an outgrown high chair and pushchair to them via Anne Robinson. I think I imagined it as some kind of women's shelter. Janet Adamson has encouraged me to write this as it is likely others are equally unaware.

Talking to Anne one evening and hearing that the time had come for her to no longer act as Coordinator between Oasis and St Mary's led me to go on line (oasisgorton.org) and read about what the centre actually is and does. So much more! I have now visited four times, taking donated items including a huge pile of Easter eggs (which were gratefully received!) This has led me to offer to become our Coordinator and also to become a weekly volunteer, beginning at the end of May.

Recently retired and widowed I had been looking for a 'cause' - unsure whether to train to become a Samaritan, work in a food bank or work with refugees. At the moment it seems that Oasis includes elements from all three!

I know Gorton as I worked as an Educational Psychologist at Old Hall Drive Academy for five years until 2017 and saw a high level of need. I first visited Oasis, taking stuff, in March 2019, and was struck by how busy the centre is. Not only a shop and computer area but also a circle of twelve people singing beautifully with someone from the Halle choir. Other visits have shown me an exercise class, a raffle and creative work as well as two 'advice' spots where each day it is possible for fifteen 'problems' to be addressed. The kitchen is busy and serves sixty breakfasts and lunches daily.

Because of her ill health I have not yet met Victoria, the founder, who I am told is inspirational. I have been shown round by Dushy, Acting Manager, who was herself a client eleven years ago, and from September, when Lizzie, the Education Coordinator's maternity leave ends, I will work in education with her. Till then I am going to help out in the kitchen! Quite rightly Oasis asks for a minimum of six month's commitment from its volunteers and weekly visits from 9.30 am - 2.30 pm. I am told we begin each day with a prayer.

Geoff and Maureen Woolley have been keen supporters for many years and continue to take any donated items. EVERYTHING seems to be well received!

I feel excited about this new venture. More anon!

Lesley Marsh