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Rector Writes

May 2019

The Rector writes about Dietrich Bonhoeffer

On Tuesday 9th April, the church commemorated Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a young German student of Christian theology – and then lecturer in theology in Berlin. It was the coming to power in Germany of the Nazi Party in 1933 when Bonhoeffer was 27 years old, that changed Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and set the course for the remaining 12 years of his life.

Writings on Dietrich Bonhoeffer acknowledge his heroic defiance of Nazism, but they also show the complexity of the man. The story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer is a story of personal struggle to know what was the right thing to do, and to remain true to Christ, and to remain true to the church, and to remain true to his calling as a theologian. Throughout his defiance of Nazism, Bonhoeffer wrote, and these writings have survived. When his writings are set alongside the decisions and the risks that Dietrich Bonhoeffer took, the man is seen as a modern saint. The decisions taken by Dietrich Bonhoeffer led him to death in a Nazi concentration camp on 9th April 1945 at the age of 39.

In 1927, at the age of 23, Bonhoeffer wrote that the church may only be understood as a work of God. The origin and the life of the church is not how we feel about it or how want it to be run, but it is 'Christ existing as community in this world'. There is not a 'better church' – or a 'worse church'. But Bonhoeffer was conscious of the church's failure to live up to its high calling as Christ in the world today. The German Protestant Church had completely failed before Nazism. Bonhoeffer expected that the nature of church life would change in the future.

Bonhoeffer was one of the main influences on the 'modernising theology' of the 1960s which was typified by John Robinson's 1963 book: 'Honest to God'. Bonhoeffer argued that the pressures of modernity were causing religion to engage in an undignified retreat, until only a 'narrow strip of territory known as the ultimate questions remained' – and even this territory was shrinking. And this was in the early 1940s. Bonhoeffer called for an end to the church's rear-guard action, and, instead, a confident assertion that all of life is claimed by Christ, with the church taking on the modern world on its own terms.

Fifty years after 'Honest to God', I work on the basis that, in a Godless age, there is everything to play for and there is no reason not to confidently assert Christ in all aspects of life. We are not fighting a rear-guard action. We are not defending anything.

The church will continue to change in the future. This parish church will survive, but like all parish churches, it will be different in the future.

The church is 'Christ existing as community in this world'.

DIARY MAY 2019

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|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----|
| Thur 2nd | 10,00am | Holy Communion at Alderley | BCP |
| Sun.5th | Easter 3 | | |
| | 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 |
| Sun 12th | Easter 4 | | |
| | 9.45am | Family Service at Alderley | CW |
| | 11.15am | Holy Communion at Birtles | |
| | 6.30pm | Evening Prayer at Alderley | BCP |
| Sun. 19th | Easter 5 | | |
| | 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 23rd | 10.00am | Holy Communion at Alderley | BCP |
| Sun 26th | Easter 6 | | |
| | 9.45am | Family Service at Alderley | CW |
| | 11.15am | Mattins at Birtles | |
| | 6.30pm | Evensong at Alderley | BCP |
| Thurs 30th | 10.00am | Ascension Day at Alderley | |

ROTA FOR MAY 2019

SIDESPEOPLE / LECTORS / WARDENS

| D'T | TIME | SIDESPEOPLE | LECTOR | W'N |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----|
| May 5th | 8.00am | (at Birtles) | | |
| | 9.45am | Mrs W Liddle & Mr S Welsh | Mrs W Liddle | MP |
| | 6.30pm | Mr P Kershaw | Mrs L Kershaw | AJH |
| May 12th | 9.45am | Mr & Mrs Woolley | George Vardon | MP |
| | 6.30pm | | Mr T Fones | TF |
| May 19th | 8.00am | | | HW |
| | 9.45am | Mr G Hilton & Mrs R Dyas | Mrs J Lee | KW |
| | 6.30pm | Mr M Dyer | Mr M Dyer | TF |
| May 26th | 9.45am | Mrs J Martin & Mrs G Beeley | Mrs A Davis | DH |
| | 6.30pm | Mr G Barrie | AJH | AJH |
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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.

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.

Next is Capesthorne and its squire
 Ne'er a better man than he,
 Now a member for our shire,
 Know right well in Alderley

Chelford then and Little Warlord,
 Marthall too, and Mobberley,
 Better neighbours can't be offered
 To their friends in Alderley.

Colonel Parker, don't forget him,
 Were he here, I'm sure that he
 Would fill his glass, and with great pleasure,
 Drink good health to Alderley.

Then those squires further from us,
 Two good fellows both are they,
 Squire Leycester and Sir Thomas
 Landlords both in Alderley.

Leaping over cops and ditches,
 Oft may we Sir Harry see,
 In red coat and leather breeches,
 Riding bold through Alderley.

Here's to all, and it's worth knowing,
 Drink good health with three times three,
 Hearts and souls for ever going
 Hand in hand with Alderley

It was composed and sung on the occasion of a village feast given by the Revd. Edward Stanley, afterwards Bishop of Norwich (the father of Arthur Penrhyn Stanley, Dean of Westminster) on the expiration of his 25th year as Rector of Alderley. He was appointed Rector in 1805.

COLLECTION TOTAL

| Week Ending | Envelopes | Misc Cash | Standing Orders | Total |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|---------|
| Mar 3rd | 245.00 | 46.00 | | 291.00 |
| Mar 10th | 166.53 | 152.50 | | 319.03 |
| Mar 17th | 174.87 | 55.00 | | 229.87 |
| Mar 24th | 206.00 | 46.20 | | 252.20 |
| Mar 31st | 260.00 | 80.50 | | 340.50 |
| TOTAL | 1052.40 | 380.20 | 1136.00 | 2568.60 |

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NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB **Latest draw winners**

1st prize Will Ablett
 2nd prize Geoff Woolley
 3rd prize Robert Padfield

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

We are progressing with coffee after Morning Service when possible.

On Mothering Sunday we felt we had a happy successful time. Thankyou to everybody who supported us.

We are still collecting for either Oasis or The Hospice in our donations pot. This is good for the Church to be supporting charitable activities.

Soon we will be planning an outing in August.

Janet Adamson 01625 583320.

Walking

A group of friends from St Mary's are going for a walk on the **18th May 2019**. 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.

A circuit by the River Ribble from Hirst Green (near Clitheroe)

Starting at 10.00 am prompt from the car park in front of the Memorial Hall in Hurst Green (Post code BB7 9QB).

Map: OL287 – **Ref:** SD684383

Length: 7 miles.

Grade: Easy – height gain 538 ft

Further information: Packed lunch and drinks will be needed. Contact Will Ablett (01625 585180 or 07977 978620) with any questions.

(NB NO WALK IN JUNE)

The current Diocesan prayer intentions ends mid May so there are no Diocesan prayer intentions this month

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

| Week beginning | Please pray for |
|----------------------|--|
| 5 th May | Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service |
| 12 th May | All who live on Finlow Hill Lane |
| 19 th May | North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust |
| 26 th May | All who live on Bradford Lane |

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

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Annual Box Opening

Amount donated £998.71

(£1007.07 last year)

Thank you to St Mary's boxholders for your continuing generosity.

Bert Wright

PLANT SALE

SATURDAY MAY 11th 10 -12am

ALDERLEY METHODIST
CHURCH HALL

Herbaceous plants and more,
all ready for planting out in your garden or greenhouse.

Last year we had many hardy varieties of perennial plants and hope
our happy gardeners will be busy growing more this year.

All are sold to raise funds for Christian Aid - our prices are very moderate.
Last year we raised £450.

If you can offer any plants grown in your garden please phone
Fiona or Lynn to advise varieties available.
Tel 585180 or 585245

Garden annuals, Book and Preserve stalls, Tea, Coffee,
Cake also provided by the Methodist church team.

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 Easter Flowers in Church were kindly donated in memory of

*Peter Adamson
Valerie Barlow
Archie Barrie
Evelyn Barrie
Malcolm Barrie
Jack Beeby
Ellinor Beeby
Andrew Beech
Mary Bliss
Dennis Bliss*

*C. Geoffrey Boddington
E. Nora Boddington
Gwendolen R. Boothman
Harold F. R. Boothman
Allan Brown
Dennis Buckley
John Davis
Glyn Davis
Ernest Dyer
Marjorie Dyer
Harry Fairhurst*

*June Gass
Peter Gass
Charles Godfrey Gould
Dorothy Gould
Vera Grundy
Cecil Grundy
Frank Hallinan
Ada Hallinan
Patricia Hamilton
Raymond Hamilton
Elsie Hartley
John Hartley
Muriel Hayden
Reginald Hayden
David George Holland
Frank Holland
Roy Neville Howard
Alex Humphrey
David Joseph
Louis Kaufman
Harry Kirby
Muriel Kirby
May Leary
Frank F. Lee
Isabella G. Lee
John M. Lee
Margaret Lee*

*John Macnab
Sheila Macnab
Tom Manning
Mabel Manning
Lara Marsh
Wilf Monkman
Doris Monkman
Gary Moss
Julie Moss
Ken Moss*

*Henry Peter Nairn
Trudy Nairn
Charles Henry Neale
Eleanor Penlington
Stanley Penlington
Barbara Joan Pickett
John Pyatt
Norman Ashton Ratchford
Winifred Mary Staynes Ratchford
Richard John Ratchford
Christopher John Rennie*

*Ernest Rennie
Patricia Rennie
Rosina Rennie
Dudley Reynolds
Molly Reynolds
Frank Cavendish Shepherd
Elsie Shiers
Jill Shiers
Robert Shiers
Robin Skelton
Michael Slater
Anne Sutcliffe
Horace Musgrave Swales
John Musgrave Swales
Pathanea Swales
Stuart Taylor
David Watkins
Kathleen Watkins
William Watkins
Cecil Watson
Andrea Welsh
Tanya Welsh
Ken Wilkinson
Alice Wilkinson
George Yarwood*

Ordained Ministry in the Church of England

The Rector writes

Ordained ministry is an exciting and big commitment. It requires thought and prayer as you prepare. On the Chester Diocese website and on the Church of England's website you will find practical information to help you understand selection, training, financial support, and life in ministry.

Go to: ·

<https://www.chester.anglican.org/ministry/is-god-calling-you/ordained-ministry/ordainedministry.php>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/vocations/preparing-ordained-ministry>

Please be supportive to anyone who tells you that they are considering offering themselves for ordained ministry.

Reader Ministry in the Church of England

The Rector writes

Readers are lay people, called by God, trained and licensed by the Church to preach, teach, lead worship and assist in pastoral, evangelistic and liturgical work.

If you feel that you may be called to Reader ministry it is helpful to explore it thoroughly.

Begin by doing the following:

Pray that God will help you to know whether you are being called to this ministry

Talk with me to explore your calling further

Discuss your ideas and feelings with your family, friends, other members of your church fellowship and if possible with a Reader.

Consider the demands on your life and the training involved.

Go to: <https://www.chester.anglican.org/ministry/reader-ministry/>

Please be supportive to anyone who tells you that they are considering offering themselves for Reader ministry.

THE TOWNSHIPS SURROUNDING ALDERLEY.

Round the Beacon welcome neighbours,
All of high and low degree,
He who rests and he who labours,
Here's his health to Alderley.

All the townships that surround us,
Chorley, Hough, and Bollin Fee,
Every parish close around us
Joining in to Alderley.

Where the highway turnpike crosses
Wilmslow town; and Pownall Fee,
Lindow sides and Lifeless mosses,
Street-lane-ends, to Alderley.

May each honest jovial soul
In Mottram heath and Within Lee,
On the hills and Truggs-in-th'-hole.
Kindly smile on Alderley.

Here's to all beyond the Highlees,
Southward, on to Henbury,
Here's to every neighbour while he's
True at heart to Alderley.

Little Birtles, close beside us,
Here's a hearty health to thee,
Prestbury Lane alone divides us
All but one with Alderley.

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