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Sun 30th June Grace Ratsigi

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MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

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Rector Writes

July 2019

The sermon preached by the Rector on 26th May, 2019

Three weekends ago, on the Saturday, I was with an old friend, booked on an excursion train with the newly built steam engine – Tornado - at the front. Our destination was Chester. Travelling south from Darlington, we passed from east to west across post-industrial Yorkshire and Lancashire. From 1979 to 1986 I worked alongside the coal industry and coal communities in County Durham, so I have always had an eye out for news from the coalfields.

About 6 months before the referendum on EU membership, I joined a page on Facebook for coalfield communities. As well as the mining lore and legends, it was also political, and seething, still, about the Miners' Strike 35 years ago. And, when the date of the Referendum became known, I noticed that followers of the Facebook page increased, and the only view being expressed on the referendum was to vote to leave. And the expressed motivation for 'leave' was to have a go at the Conservative Party, as payback for the Miners' Strike. So, despite much of the new infrastructure in coalfields being funded by the EU, these are the areas that voted strongly to leave. It is pitiful, and not least because nobody wants coal mines anymore. And the political party which gave the nation the referendum has been unable to deliver on the outcome. It is a pitiful state of affairs.

For comfort, I read my book 'Coal in Great Britain' by Walcot Gibson, 1927: the detailed geological description of the nation's great natural asset under the ground. And, for comfort also, I read analyses of our current situation as a nation, and, for comfort, I seek analysis that I agree with – which is contrary to my calling as a priest – which is to be a bridge-builder and a healer. But it is hard to see now where the middle ground might be.

I believe that the church was made for times such as this: I mean the Church of England – the wider church. The record in Scripture – in Old and New Testaments – is that when all around are falling down, people of faith stand up. And even though only a few may stand, still there are those who do so. Despite all stories of disaster within the church and within the nation, the church remains. The church stands for eternal things. The church witnesses to previous disasters, and where God was in the midst of failure and collapse. No matter what happens in our nation, or elsewhere, and no matter what pressing demands we may make on each other, first and foremost must be our prayerfulness, our attention to Scripture, our faithfulness in worship, our discipleship.

That's why I am starting Morning Prayer in St.Mary's Church – for both of our churches - every Thursday at 9.30am before Holy Communion at 10am. The set order for Church of England Morning Prayer, the daily Bible readings and our reflection upon them, and the prayer of the wider church - and our own prayer: these will make Thursday Morning Prayer the opportunity to bring our concerns about present and future before our Lord, and to place them in the wider context. Please attend if you can.

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DIARY JULY 2019

Thurs 4th	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
Sun.7th	Trinity 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
Thurs 11th	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
Sun 14th	Trinity 4		
	9.45am	Family Service at Alderley	CW
	11.15am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
	6.30pm	HC at Alderley (said)	BCP
Thurs 18h	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
Sun. 21st	Trinity S		
	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 25th	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
Sun 28h	Trinity 6		
	9.45am	Family Service at Alderley	CW
	11.15am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	BCP

ROTA FOR JULY 2019

D'T	TIME	SIDESPEOPLE	LECTOR	W'N
7 th Jul	8.00am	(at Birtles)		
	9.45am	Mrs E Jackson & Mrs J Martin	Mrs K Hale	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs L Kershaw	Mr P Kershaw	AJH
14 th July	9.45am	Mr & Mrs G Woolley	Master G Vardon	MP
	6.30pm		AJH	AJH
21 st July	8.00am			HW
	9.45am	Mr G Hilton & Mr S Welsh	Mrs W Liddle	KW
	6.30pm	Mr G Barrie	AJH	AJH
28 th July	9.45am	Mr J Ratchford & Mrs H Jabr	Mrs L Marsh	KW
	6.30pm	Mr M Dyer	Mr M Dyer	AJH

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.

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 REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

BIG THINGS IN STORE FOR OUR PARISH HALL - AND IT'S BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER!

Nether Alderley Parish Hall is an iconic building at the heart of our village and our community.

It's been here since the 17th century, and has evolved from a school into the village centre that we now know and love. Over the years little has changed in this charming, historic building except for the odd modernisation to keep up with the times. Now though, it is in need of more than a little TLC. The good news is that long overdue work to the fabric of the building itself is now in motion, and plans are soon to be submitted to Cheshire East Planning and Historic England. Nether Alderley Parish Council will also take this opportunity to upgrade most of the facilities to a modern standard, including heating, toilets and storage - so watch out for more news!

What's great about all of this activity is that it has renewed community interest and involvement. Recent months have seen a marked increase of events at the parish Hall, which have been a huge success.

In May we set the ball rolling with a Table Top Sale, and building on the positive response and patronage, a series of "Golden Triangle" afternoon teas was launched throughout June. This triangle consists of our beautiful 14th Century St Mary's Church, our Parish Hall and the National Trust's fascinating Nether Alderley Mill. All of these are virtually adjacent to each other, which all adds up to a relaxed and fulfilling way to spend a Sunday afternoon - and the many, many visitors tend to agree!

More events are planned throughout the year. We intend to extend the scope, and for more parishioners to get directly involved in a wider variety of interesting and exciting initiatives that will help to bring our community closer together. Keep your eyes and ears open for further announcements!

Norman Howick

COLLECTION TOTAL

Week ending	Envelopes	Misc Cash	Standing Orders	Total
May 5th	292.00	40.00		332.00
May 12th	168.00	17.00		185.00
May 19th	1167.00	52.56		1219.56
May 26th	263.10	186.40		449.50
TOTAL	1890.10	295.96	2056.00	4242.06

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

NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB
Latest draw winners

1st prize Will Ablett
2nd prize Hellie Jabr
3rd prize Fiona Ablett

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

The Social Committee met on 3rd June when we discussed many things. We have in hand at this time £200 so we will be sending £100 to Oasis and £1000 to the Christie.

Coffee is served on a Sunday morning when we have the manpower. Any offers??

The Summer Lunch will take place on Tuesday August 20th, meeting at 12,30pm. We have decided to go to Notsutts, Woodford, as before. Please consider joining us and let me know by Friday 16th August.

We thought about the Open Weekend, Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th September. We have plans going ahead – help will be needed.

Hope everyone enjoys the Summerthe gardens love the rain!!!!

Janet Adamson 01625 583320

WALKING GROUP

A group of friends from St Mary's are going for a walk on Saturday 21st July. 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.

Walking from Bakewell to Ashford in the Water and Sheldon

Starting at 10.00 am from roadside parking adjacent to St Anselm's school.

Post Code DE45 1DP

OS grid reference SK213 687

Length approx. 7miles; if hot, will shorten walk to suit conditions .
Steep ascent out of Ashford .

Approx 4 to 5 hours at an easy pace.

Grade: Moderate Food & liquid refreshment essential.

Further Info from Jamie Smith (01625 585245) mob.07791 40 60 99

Jamie Smith

Prayer Calendar for the Parish of St.Mary, Alderley. July2019.

Week beginning Please pray for

7th All Children in the Parish
14th All who live in Faulkners Lane
21st All parents in the Parish
28th All who live in Moss 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 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/>

Morning Prayer on Thursdays

The Rector writes

Please come to Morning Prayer at St.Mary's Church on Thursdays at 9.30am. Holy Communion is at 10am but you don't have to stay for Holy Communion. Morning Prayer is by the Book of Common Prayer, and following the Bible readings that are set by the Common Worship list of readings. Join with others to celebrate the prayer of the worldwide church, to listen to the Bible being read, to pray for the needs of our nation and our world, and to pray for each other

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

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

1stPrize: 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

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

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

4thPrize: Mystery Prize

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

Manchester 10K Run

“Where are my trainers?” Mark asked. “You did bring them home with you didn’t you?” replied Katherine. After a short pause, Mark said “Are there any spare trainers in the house?” A frantic search turned up a very old pair of his trainers, so it was on! We were going to run the Manchester 10k again!

The weather was kind, dry, bright and not too warm (last year was 24°C which was definitely too warm!) After scrambled eggs, and with safety pins at the ready (to pin number on shirts), off we went. The planned train from Wilmslow was an hour delayed but we still made it in good time for the warm up and the fun atmosphere.

Young people these days are often criticised for appearing disinterested and not wanting to help others. Not so! As in previous years, it was amazing and humbling again to see how many of the young people of Manchester were out there running. So many charities were represented on T-shirts of the most diverse group of people you could imagine. This all added to the joyful feeling mixed with the very obvious sense of purpose.

The horse beside me did not seem to be a likely candidate to be a fast finisher! So, after approximately 50mins of battle (trying to convince the body that it really was a good idea to run from the centre of Manchester out to Old Trafford past the War Museum and back to Deansgate) I was surprised (and I confess a little disappointed!) to see the horse finish beside me in 51mins! I asked him how fast he might have been without the horse costume. He said he could gallop round in 43-44mins, but speed was less important to him as he had raised over £1000 for his charity!

The horse was only one of nearly 40,000 who were there to do something for others or challenge themselves. Each year this event raises so much money for good causes through sponsorship. This year, Katherine, Mark and I had chosen to run in aid of the Oasis Centre in Gorton and the Christie Hospital. We have been so fortunate to be sponsored by so many generous supporters, so with my company (Hilti GB Ltd) doubling the amount we raised, the total raised this year will exceed £1,400 with £800 going to Oasis and £600 to Christie.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported us from St Mary's, your generosity is very much appreciated. As for next year ... I would be in the over 60's group, but never say never! and as for Mark, with his proper trainers, should easily beat the 49 minutes he took this year.

Peter, Katherine & Mark Reynolds

New Chaplains for Methodist Housing Association care homes

The Rector writes

At the end of May, I met Christine Togneri at the Willows Nursing and Dementia Care Home at Mobberley. Christine is the newly-appointed Chaplain at The Willows. The Willows is in St.Mary's Parish, in Great Warford, near Mobberley, at Warford Park. It is run by the Methodist Housing Association. I told Christine that when I visit The Willows, I will follow her lead as the Chaplain, but Christine said to me that, as she is new to the role, she will ask my advice. We will work together!

Christine's predecessor at The Willows was Jo Alexander, who had been the Chaplain there for many years. Jo retired at the end of April, and she is now spending more time with her family and at her church where she lives, in Leek.

Early in June I was talking with another newly-appointed Chaplain at a Methodist Housing Association care home: Woodlands, at Poynton. The new Chaplain there is Abby Ogier, who worships regularly with her husband Marc at St.Mary's Church at Evensong on Sundays. Marc and Abby live in south Manchester. Marc plays the organ in the Wythenshawe Team of churches, and Abby has a ministry there as a Reader. On Sunday evenings they come to St.Mary's Church where they are very much a part of the Evensong congregation.

Please pray for Christine and for Abby as they take up their new roles. And please keep in prayer the Methodist Housing Association and The Willows and The Woodlands in particular.

Possible Pastoral Re-organisation

Recently, the Archdeacon of Macclesfield – the Venerable Ian Bishop – informed the Churchwardens that he is reviewing parish arrangements in the south side of Knutsford Deanery. This is because Chelford, Lower Withington and Marthall are currently without a Vicar, and Lower Peover and Over Peover will soon say goodbye to their long serving Vicar – the Revd Jane Lloyd. Bearing in mind the financial deficit of both St.Mary's and St.Catherine's Churches in 2018, Archdeacon Ian suggested that our parishes might also come under review for possible future re-organisation.

I know that this kind of thing is worrying. In May I spoke in church about Archdeacon Ian's suggestion, and copies of what I said are still available to be taken away in St.Mary's Church: it's on green paper. In church you can also pick up a copy of the Rural Dean's briefing paper and Frequently Asked Questions. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to talk about this.

The Parochial Church Councils of St.Mary's and St.Catherine's Churches will meet together in early July with the Rural Dean, and then on 22nd July all the Parochial Church Councils of Alderley, Birtles, Chelford, Lower Withington, Marthall, Lower Peover, Over Peover and Goostrey will meet with Archdeacon Ian and the Rural Dean.