

*FROM THE REGISTERS*

***Baptisms***

7th July Lilly Ann Pollard  
28th July Mathilde Grace Hanson  
28th July Hugo Alexander Hanson  
28th July Albert James Patrick Loughran

***Weddings***

***Funerals***

1st July Mrs Winfred Ashbrook - Funeral & burial in Parish Grounds.  
5th July Mr. Simon Fenton - Funeral & burial in Parish Grounds.  
9th July Mr Michael Rains - Funeral & Committal in Macclesfield Crem.

**FLOWER ROTA**

Aug 4th —  
Aug 11th Jean Lee & Sally Hildrup  
Aug 18th Jean Lee & Sally Hilldrup  
Aug 25th Fiona Ablett & Maureen Woolley

**MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS**

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**Rector Writes**

**August 2019**

**This is a summary of the sermon preached by the Rector on 30<sup>th</sup> June**

The Diocesan Clergy Conference is held every three years. In the last week of June the conference was held at The Heyes Christian Conference Centre, at Swanwick, in Derbyshire. There were several speakers who gave lectures, all on the conference theme, which was 'How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?' One of the guest speakers at the conference was John Barclay - Professor of Divinity at Durham University. He delivered lectures on the Epistles of St.Paul. One lecture concerned St.Paul's approach to the Christian principle of Giving and Receiving. In his letters, St.Paul was the first Christian to expound what we believe in an argued and reasoned way. He did not do this subject by subject, but in the course of personal letters, written to churches. It is the task of the theologian to assemble all references to a subject and to show what is consistent in St.Paul's writings. That is what Professor Barclay did on the subject of Giving and Receiving. The letters of St.Paul which Professor Barclay mostly drew on are 2 Corinthians, Philippians, Romans and Philemon.

It is so complicated, the giving and receiving of gifts! One may give to gain power over the recipient, whether or not this was the original intention. One may withhold a gift if it is perceived that no leverage of influence may be obtained. A gift may be given altruistically, with no intention that the gift has any meaning other than that it is entirely the recipient's welfare that is desired.

The principle that St.Paul commends is that Christians should live in – the Greek word – 'koinonia'. 'Koinonia' may be translated as 'fellowship', or 'shared life', or 'mutual commitment'. In 'koinonia' Christians naturally, and as a matter of course, both give and receive, and they know and acknowledge their mutual interdependence. St.Paul's example of the human body reminds us that no part of the body can claim to have no need of other parts of the body. Thus, as Christians, we accept that each of us has our own limitations, vulnerabilities and needs, and that we all need each other. In the church, none of us may stand alone, because we all need each other in a relationship of constant giving and receiving out of love in Christ. More than this: St.Paul reminds us that in both giving gifts and receiving gifts, we are also operating at a higher level. In giving to and receiving from each other, we are also giving to God, and receiving from God. This is because it is God who made all things. We may possess goods and money but we do not own them: all things are from God, and all giving is to God. Thus, our human interdependence in the church models God giving to us, and us making our offering to God.

So our giving of money is a freewill offering – which means that it is part of our worship freely offered to God. Our freewill offering is done in 'koinonia' - 'fellowship', 'shared life', 'mutual commitment' – in which Christians naturally, and as a matter of course, both give and receive. The principle is that every parish church should cover all its costs from the freewill offerings of those who worship and who are on the Electoral Roll. Parish churches which thrive are ones in which people give, not by calculation of what can be afforded, but by resolving – in 'koinonia' - to meet the need. The conclusion is that, for everyone's benefit, and to be faithful to Christ, give and take is always necessary.

**DIARY AUGUST 2019**

Thurs 1st	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
<b>Sun.4th</b>	<b>Trinity 7</b>		
	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 8th	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
<b>Sun 11h</b>	<b>Trinity 8</b>		
	9.45am	Family Service at Alderley	CW
	11.15am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
	6.30pm	(NO SERVICE)	
Thurs 15th	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
<b>Sun. 18th</b>	<b>Trinity 9</b>		
	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 22nd	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
<b>Sun 25th</b>	<b>Trinity 10</b>		
	9.45am	Family Service at Alderley	CW
	11.15am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	BCP
Thurs 29th	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP

**ROTA FOR AUGUST 2019**

**SIDESPEOPLE / LECTORS / WARDENS**

D'T	TIME	SIDESPEOPLE	LECTOR	W'N
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	8.00am	(at Birtles)		
	9.45am	Mrs R Dyas & Mrs G Beeley	Mrs W Liddle	KW
	6.30pm	Mrs L Kershaw	Mr P Kershaw	AJH
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	9.45am	Mr & Mrs G Woolley	Mrs A Davies	MP
	6.30pm	(no service)	.....	.....
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	8.00am			HW
	9.45am	Mr G Hilton & Mr S Welsh	Mrs L Marsh	MP
	6.30pm	Mr G Barrie	AJH	AJH
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	9.45am	Mrs J Martin & Mrs E Jackson	Mrs J Lee	DH
	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.

## ART EXHIBITION AT NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH HALL

In what is believed to be "First" for our Parish Hall, an exhibition of art will be taking place on Saturday 7th of September (10am - 4pm) and Sunday the 8th from 11am to 4pm. It is being organised and presented by Wilmslow Guild, and will feature work by a number of artists (who met through Wilmslow Guild) in an eclectic variety of styles.

Although there will be no charge for admittance, there will be an opportunity to contribute to the upkeep and refurbishment of the Parish Hall by way of donation. Principal organiser, Andy Jeffrey said "We're so excited to be able to bring together all of these artists' work in one place. We're very grateful to Nether Alderley Parish Council for the opportunity to stage this exhibition, and promise attendees that they won't be disappointed!"

Light refreshments will be available, and further details (plus some teasers of the work on show) will be appearing soon in a variety of media. You can also find out more via email by contacting Angela Farrell of the Parish Council at [angela.farrell.napc@gmail.com](mailto:angela.farrell.napc@gmail.com)

## FRIDAY THE 13TH. LUCKY FOR SOME?

*Friends of Nether Alderley Parish Hall* are pleased to announce a bumper Quiz Night and Fish Supper on Friday 13th of September (7.00 for 7.30pm) at the Parish Hall - where else? Some would say that this is all down to skill, not luck - but remember that there's also going to be a raffle, with excellent quality prizes donated by local businesses.

So if you'd like to get involved - maybe even form a team for the night, contact [yvonne.bentley.napc@gmail.com](mailto:yvonne.bentley.napc@gmail.com) for more information. Tickets will be on sale soon, priced at £15.00 per person. You can also bring your own drink, with glasses provided.

Looks set to be a memorable night!

## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND - AFTERNOON TEAS

When *Friends of Nether Alderley Parish Hall* launched the "Golden Triangle Afternoon Teas" this June, no-one could have anticipated such an overwhelming success! Anyone who attended will remember that in conjunction with Nether Alderley Mill and St. Mary's Church, visitors were invited to explore the National Trust's famous Nether Alderley Mill, along with our beautiful and historic Church and Parish Hall just short walk down Church Lane. And what better way to round the day off with delicious home-made cream teas, sandwiches and cakes?

Afternoon Teas will once again be available on August 18th and 25th - so look out for advertising for more details, or email [angela.farrell.napc@gmail.com](mailto:angela.farrell.napc@gmail.com)

## COLLECTION TOTAL

Week ending	Envelopes	Misc Cash	Standing Orders	Total
June 2nd	189.35	35.00		224.35
June 9th	270.00	61.40		331.40*
June 16th	297.50	32.20		329.70
June 23rd	230.00	45.00		275.00
June 30th	255.00	90.50		345.50
TOTAL	1241.85	264.10	786.00	2291.95

Donald Henderson Tel 01625 584008 or email [orchardmain@ntlworld.com](mailto:orchardmain@ntlworld.com)

(Includes £140.40 from Baptism)

## NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB Latest draw winners

1<sup>st</sup> prize Linda Snape  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize Roslyn Dutch  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize Peter Robinson

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 outing is the Lunch on Tuesday August 20th at Nottcutts Garden Centre Woodford. We plan to meet at 12.30pm. Look forward to seeing you there. If you have not been before consider joining in. I need to know by Friday August 16th for numbers.

It is customary for us not to offer coffee following morning Service in August. This gives our hard working team a rest.

We meet next as a Committee on Monday August 5th. The idea is to discuss the Open Weekend, September 28th 29th. Help will be needed, please let me know if you can offer assistance.

We are building up a good liaison with the PC regarding the future use of the hall. They have offered to help in the Kitchen the weekend. This has to be sorted.

Looking to the future the PC have offered to help at the Christmas Fair Saturday December 7th. All this helps with the promotion of the hall.

Janet Adamson 01625 583320.

## WALKING GROUP

.A friendly group from St Mary's are going for a walk on Saturday 17th August. 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. August 2019.

Week beginning	Please pray for
4 <sup>th</sup>	Paddock Hill Lane
11 <sup>th</sup>	Knutsford Road
18 <sup>th</sup>	All households in the parish
25 <sup>th</sup>	Noahs Ark 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

## Over Alderley & Birtles

### FUN DOG SHOW & FETE

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019, from 1.30pm**

*The Reading Room, Over Alderley SK10 4SN*

VILLAGE SHOW, FUN DOG SHOW, LIVE MUSIC,  
CREAM TEAS, BBQ, LOCAL PRODUCE, CRAFTS, CHILDREN'S GAMES, SMALL ANIMALS AND MANY  
STALLS

**New this year – 'Art Exhibition by local Artists' and  
'The Old Mule' Licensed Bar**

**Entrance £1.00**

### Diocesan Prayer Intentions for August

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.

#### AUGUST 2019

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pray for the parish of Norton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pray for the parish of Runcorn All Saints
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pray the parish of Runcorn Holy Trinity
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>** Pray for Christians in politics
- 5<sup>th</sup> Pray for the parish of Runcorn Weston St.John
- 6<sup>th</sup> Pray for the parish of Runcorn St Michael & All Angels
- 7<sup>th</sup> Pray for the parish of Thornton-le-Moors with Ince & Elton
- 8<sup>th</sup> Pray for the parish of Crowton
- 9<sup>th</sup> Pray for the parish of Runcorn St.Chad's Roman Catholic / Church of England High School
- 10<sup>th</sup> Pray for Cheadle Deanery
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>** Pray about rising sea levels
- 12<sup>th</sup> Pray for the parish of Bramhall
- 13<sup>th</sup> Pray for the parish of Cheadle All Hallows
- 14<sup>th</sup> Pray for Cheadle St.Mary
- 15<sup>th</sup> Pray for the parish of Cheadle Hulme All Saints
- 16<sup>th</sup> Pray for the parish of Cheadle Hulme St.Andrew
- 17<sup>th</sup> Pray for the parish of Gatley
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the legacy of James Watt on the bicentenary of his death in Birmingham
- 19<sup>th</sup> Pray for the parish of Handforth
- 20<sup>th</sup> Pray for the parish of Heald Green
- 21<sup>st</sup> Pray for the parish of Poynton
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Pray for parish of Woodford
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Pray for Great Budworth Deanery
- 24<sup>th</sup> Pray for the parish of Antrobus
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the ministry of Spiritual Accompaniment
- 26<sup>th</sup> Pray for the parish of Appleton Thorn
- 27<sup>th</sup> Pray for the parish Barnton
- 28<sup>th</sup> Pray for the parish of Daresbury
- 29<sup>th</sup> Pray for the parish of Grappenhall
- 30<sup>th</sup> Pray for the parish of Great Budworth

### Morning Prayer on Thursdays

The Rector writes

Please come to Morning Prayer at St.Mary's Church on Thursdays at 9.15am. 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

### MOTHERS UNION

In May, Mothers' Union members in Chester remembered each other in the worldwide Wave of Prayer. This gives us a sense of belonging to the largest World Wide Organisation. Seven members from St. Mary's branch met together to pray and share a time of Quiet and Reflection and listen to passages from the Bible and words from hymns. The theme this year being Listen, Observe and Act in Step with God, and we certainly did just that ending with our time by sharing a meal together and discussing the life and work of the MU within our own branch, the Diocese and World wide, feeling full of hope for the future.

On 4<sup>th</sup> July we were invited to the Deanery Festival at St. John the Evangelist Toft at 11am followed by a light lunch.

Our meeting on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm was a service of Holy Communion in church with tea in the hall afterwards.

We do not meet in August and start our new programme in September. So let us all enjoy each day.

A Prayer from our diary."Keep us loving Lord in step with you as we Listen, Observe and Act. May your kingdom come as your will be done in the name of Christ our Lord, Amen"

Ann Austin



## Science and the Christian Faith

October 6 @ 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Entrance Free

*Science and the Christian Faith* by Michael Reiss FRSB FRSA

Michael J. Reiss is Professor of Science Education at UCL Institute of Education, Visiting Professor at the Universities of Kiel (Germany) and York and the Royal Veterinary College, Honorary Fellow of the British Science Association and of the College of Teachers, Docent at the University of Helsinki, a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences and a Priest in the Church of England. His research and consultancy interests are in science education, bioethics and sex education. He is President of the International Society for Science; Religion and of the International Association for Science and Religion in Schools, a member of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics and writes on the interface of science education and theology.

### PROGRAMME:

2pm – Lecture, in the Chapter House on Science and the Christian Faith

3.30pm – Evensong with world premiere of Genesis for twenty-first century

words by AR Peacocke, Composer Philip Moore

4.30pm – Refreshments

*Funded by Scientists in Congregations*

## Two Art Exhibitions in Alderley

If you like art, and if you fancy buying a painting, put these dates in your diary.

**Bank Holiday Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August:** an Art Exhibition at Over Alderley & Birtles Reading Room at the time of the Fun Dog Show and Fete in the field by the Reading Room.

**Saturday and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> September** at Nether Alderley Village Hall.

For more information, contact the Reverend Jon Hale on 01625 585440 or [alderleyandbirtles@gmail.com](mailto:alderleyandbirtles@gmail.com)

## The courage of Grace Darling

One of the first English media heroines, Grace Darling died of tuberculosis 175 years ago, on 20 October, 1842. She had become famous for her daring rescue of survivors of a shipwreck off the Farne Islands in 1838, when she was just 22.

At the time, she was living on Longstone Island, where her father William was the lighthouse-keeper. The paddle steamer Forfarshire had struck rocks in a storm, and most on board had drowned, but Grace, looking through a telescope in the early morning, could make out survivors clinging to the rocks. The sea was too rough to launch the lifeboat from Seahouses, Northumberland, but Grace and her father put to sea in their coble rowing boat.

They rowed to the survivors with great difficulty, and Grace kept the boat steady while her father helped four men and one woman into it. When they reached safety, her father returned with two men from the Forfarshire to rescue four more.

Both Grace and her father were awarded medals for bravery, but the media focused on Grace, who became almost a saint-like figure, praised for her Christian virtues. Salvation Army founder William Booth was one of her admirers