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Rector Writes

November 2019

Early in September I wrote to everyone on the church Electoral Roll. The letter includes an appeal for greater giving so that we are not hobbled by a deficit in the future – a deficit that will drain our reserves.

Each parish church is given the responsibility for paying its own way. If our benefice of St.Mary's Alderley and St.Catherine's, Birtles can pay its own way we won't have to join another parish. Paying our way means paying our parish share – most of which pays me – and paying all our bills, without dipping into our reserves. With 186 people on our church Electoral Roll, and an annual shortfall of £28,000, that's £150 each to pay this year and succeeding years - in addition to current giving. £150 each to pay per year, is £12.50 per month. Thank you to everyone who has increased their giving to St.Mary's Church.

All parish churches are in the same boat – except that parishes in the wealthier areas – such as us - pay more in parish share, to cover parishes which are urban deprivation areas – to make sure that they still have parish clergy, even though they can't pay for them. It's all accounted for by the Diocesan office: you can find it online.

Our benefice of Alderley and Birtles needs to pay its full parish share – which we do – and pay all other costs - without having to take from reserves. Reserves are there because of the significant responsibility of the St.Mary's Church building. The costs over and above parish share are insurance, utilities, my expenses, building maintenance, grounds maintenance, keeping the office going, keeping church services going.

I know it is a shock that St.Mary's is in the red, but we all know now.

I know that you may be unable to give more than you do currently.

But some on the Electoral Roll will be able to increase their giving by £150 a year / £12.50 per month.

We must accept the responsibility that is ours.

The Revd Jon Hale

DIARY NOVEMBER 2019

Sun. 3rd	All Saints Day		
	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 7th	9.15am	Morning Prayer	
	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
Sun 10th	3rd before Advent		
	10.30am	Remembrance Service at Alderley	
	11.15am	Remembrance Service at Birtles	
	6.30pm	H C at Alderley (said)	BCP
Thurs 14th	9.15am	Morning Prayer	
	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
Sun. 17th	2nd before Advnet		
	8.00am	HC at Alderley	BCP
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
	11.15am	Mattins at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	BCP
Thurs 21st	9.15am	Morning Prayer	
	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
Sun 24th	Christ the King		
	9.45am	Family Service at Alderley	CW
	11.15am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	BCP
Thurs 28th	9.15am	Morning Prayer	
	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP

ROTA FOR NOVEMBER 2019

D'T	TIME	SIDESPEOPLE	LECTOR	W'N
3rd Nov	8.00am	(at Birtles)		
	9.45am	Mt G Hilton & Mr M Stonehewer	Mrs M Stonehewer	KW
	6.30pm	Mrs M Newton	Mr A Newton	AJH
10th Nov	10.30am	Mr M Wilkinson & Mrs H Jabr	Mrs SJ Wilkinson	MP
	6.30pm	AJH	AJH	AJH
17th Nov	8.00am			HW
	9.45am	Mrs R Dyas & Mr S Welsh	Mrs K Hale	MP
	6.30pm	Mr G Barrie	Mr M Dyer	AJH
24th Nov	9.45am	Mr G Woolley & Mrs E Jackson	Mrs L Marsh	DH
	6.30pm	Mrs L Kershaw	Mr P Kershaw	AJH
	9.45am			
	6.30pm			

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

FRIENDS OF NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH HALL

There's so much happening, and much more in the pipeline for events at our Parish Hall. With this in mind, we thought it would be a great idea to create a group!

"Friends" will aim to keep everyone updated via email, social media (we're on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) and local announcements, so not only can you attend, but take part in events such as the Christmas Table Top Sale scheduled for November 23 (11am - 2pm). The last Table Top Sale was huge success; all tables were sold out well in advance, and the plant sale by Mrs Greene-Fingers (AKA Keith and Angela Farrell) was so popular that it'll be making a return this time around.

So if you've got any collectibles, bric-a-brac or pre-owned clothing you'd like to sell, just get in touch with Yvonne Bentley - yvonne.bentley.napc@gmail.com - to reserve a table. It's only £10!

TRAFFIC ISSUES

Parishioners will no doubt be aware of the ongoing problems with speeding motorists on Congleton Road, Welsh Row and Nursery Lane, to name but three thoroughfares. From discussions with neighbours in Alderley Edge and Chelford, we are not alone! Apparently the Speed Indication Device (SID) near to the De Trafford Arms has recorded one vehicle travelling at 91mph. One can only imagine what it had reached by the time it passed nether Alderley Primary School!

Over the coming months we hope to tackle the problem as Parishes together rather than independently, and will keep everyone updated of our progress.

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A MONTHLY COMMUNITY NEWS SHEET FOR NETHER ALDERLEY.

The Rector is working with Nether Alderley Parish Council to get a free monthly news sheet started later this year. If you would like to deliver this, please let him know.

COLLECTION TOTAL

Week ending	Envelopes	Misc Cash	Standing Orders	Total
Sept 1st	160.81	32.00		192.81
Sept 8th	193.56	62.00		255.56
Sept 15th	515.00	161.90		676.90*
Sept 22nd	106.63	19.20		125.83
Sept 29th	507.56	184.45		692.01*
TOTAL	1483.56	459.55	3026.00	4969.11

Donald Henderson Tel 01625 584008 or email donhenderson276@yahoo.com

Following on from the Rector's comments on the finances of St Mary's, could I ask all my "envelope folk" to seriously consider paying by Standing Order. The old style envelopes were dated and encouraged people to make up for weeks when they didn't attend. I would like to see a return to that model whereby you pay a regular amount each week. By banking order this can be by a monthly, quarterly or annual payment. If you feel at all awkward about not putting something on the collection plate, an empty green envelope will be acceptable.

If you would like to join the many who have already changed to this method, please call me on 07919 055941 OR email donhenderson276@yahoo.com and I will send you a form to send to your bank, or supply bank details if you bank online.

NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB
Latest draw winners

1st prize Helen Jabr
2nd prize Peter Reynolds
3rd prize Charles Dyas

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 £8000 has now been handed over to St Mary's treasurer, towards the day to day running costs of the Church.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Now thinking about the Christmas Fair. How quickly it comes round!

It will be held on Saturday December 7th. It will be in the Parish Hall 10.00am until 1.00pm..

We are fortunate enough to be welcoming the Barnby Choir again.

They will sing twice around 10.30 and 11.45.

We expect to follow the traditional format, offering coffee, biscuits and Christmas cake.

Please help make this a success. Items will be needed to stock the stalls. Raffle prizes, Goodies to create a hamper, general provisions, items for the Christmas gift stall, small items for Tombola prizes etc

We would welcome any help on the day. Please come and support this event.

Into the New year....

We will be holding our Annual Bridge Drive on Monday February 12th 2020

Details to follow. Any queries contact

Janet Adamson 01625 583320

WALKING GROUP

A group of friends from St Mary's are going for a walk on Saturday 16th November 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.

It is a circular walk from just outside Congleton, to Biddulph and return over the Staffordshire Moorlands Walk.

Starting at 10.00 am from the carpark at the Castel Inn pub, Congleton. Along the Biddulph Valley Way, Staffs Moorlands Walk, Cheshire's Close, Castle Farm, Dreamcatcher Meadows.

Meet at the Castel Inn car park

Post Code: CW12 3LP

OS Grid Ref: SK 882 613

Length: 6.5 to 7 miles

Grade: Moderate one long slope up to Cheshire's Close Further information:

Packed lunch, snacks with drinks needed, more drink if a warm day is forecast.

Contact Chris Sweetman (01565 889 057) with any questions.

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

Week beginning **Please pray for ;**

3rd All who live in Whitebarn Road

10th Cheshire Police

17th All who live in Artists Lane

24th Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service

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

Christmas Cards

I am using two of David's drawings of the church in snow, with 'Christmas Greetings' text, to produce Christmas Cards.

Anyone interested in buying please contact me at church, or 01625 583336, or on dnwatkins@comsyt.com

Packs of 10 mixed £5. All proceeds to St. Mary's Church.

Thank You.

Noni Watkins

November 2019

- 1st Pray for Knutsford Deanery, which is our Deanery
 2nd Pray for parish of Alderley.
Sunday 3rd Remember the fall of the Berlin Wall on 9th November 1989.
 4th Pray for parish of Chelford
 5th Pray for the parish of Alderley Edge
 6th Pray for High Legh
 7th Pray for the parish of Knutsford, St Cross
 8th Pray for the parish of Knutsford, St.John the Baptist
 9th Pray for the parish of Lindow
Sunday 10th Pray for all whose lives are blighted by war
 11th Pray for the parish of Lower Peover
 12th Pray for the parish of Marthall
 13th Pray for the parish of Mobberley
 14th Pray for the parish of Over Peover
 15th Pray for the parish of Over Tabley
 16th Pray for the parish of Rostherne with Bollington
Sunday 17th Pray for women Members of Parliament
 18th Pray for the parish of Toft
 19th Pray for the parish of Wilmslow
 20th Pray for the parish of Birtles
 21st Pray for Altrincham Church of England School
 22nd Pray for Middlewich Deanery
 23rd Pray for the parish of Byley-cum-Lees
Sunday 24th Pray that the love of Christ may be made known
 25th Pray for the parish of Davenham
 26th Pray for the parish of Delamere
 27th Pray for the parish of Hartford
 28th Pray for the parish of Little Budworth
 29th Pray for the parish of Lostock Gralam
 30th Pray for the parish of Middlewich

The Rector writes about Confirmation

We believe and trust in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Christians believe that Jesus is God's Son. Jesus reveals to us that God is our Father, and that God is available to us through the Holy Spirit. You won't ever be asked if you completely understand all this. But you are asked whether you believe and trust. This is called faith. It is a different sort of knowledge. It is the knowledge of being known and loved, and of loving in return.

To be Baptised is to be bound into Christian identity and belonging, but each of us must come to faith and profess for ourselves. That is what Confirmation is for.

A Confirmation service for our Deanery of Knutsford will be held on Wednesday 13th May 2020. If you would like to be Confirmed on 13th May, please let me know by the end of October and we will form a Confirmation preparation group.

There are several ways in which you can give to St.Mary's Church, or increase your giving.

Donate by Pay Pal: paypal.me/stmaryalderley

Direct bank transfer – please contact our Treasurer – Will Ablett for our bank details – treasurer@alderleychurch.co.uk

Regular giving envelopes – please contact our Envelope Administrator – Donald Henderson for more details – envelopes@alderleychurch.co.uk

Don't forget to gift aid any donations that you can – please complete and return the form available :-



CHRISTMAS FAIR
 Saturday December 7th 10.00am – 12.30pm
 Barnby Choir singing at
 10.30am and 11.45am in Church
 Wine and Mince Pies after 11.45 singing
 Please come and join in

Open Weekend – Clock Tour

Harvest has always been one of my favourite times of the year and this year has been no exception. The reds, oranges and golds in the gardens and the fields along with the ripening fruits and vegetables were this year's inspiration for Michael and the flower team, and the Church looked wonderful once again. This was the setting for the Open Weekend which along with the amazing history of our 700-year-old Church had an added attraction this year.

Our clock was installed in 1743 and we felt that it was long overdue that we shared it with a wider audience. It was a somewhat experimental exercise and after some promotion on Facebook to local history and horological groups, removing many years of dust and grime from the 'clock room' floor and a risk assessment for the spiral stairs, we felt ready to show it off.

We were pleasantly surprised that many of the visitors were interested to see it ~32 people in 5 groups ventured up the spiral staircase over the two days and all were impressed by its condition, accuracy (1 min / week) and history. One person asked me which King was on the throne when it was installed and after checking the 'Articles of agreement' it informed us that it was "... *George the Second by the grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland ...*" which certainly made me think!

We had several experts in old clocks and they along with everyone else genuinely seemed to enjoy seeing one of the oldest manually wound Church clocks in the North West of England. It was also encouraging that we had no injuries on the stairs so the overall feeling was that it was a success and worth considering again next year.

Thank you to Jenny, Michael and all who made this Open Weekend another great success

Peter Reynolds

Christian Basics

What are the basics of Christian believing and belonging, and what does faith have to do with it?

How can I set aside a couple of hours on three weekday evenings to ask the questions I always wanted to ask about Jesus but was afraid to ask?

Where can I go to make sense of God?

What was that church-going business in my childhood all about and what has it got to do with my life now?

The Rector will run a course in Christian Basics in the New Year. Phone him on 01625 585440 or email on alderleyandbirtles to find out more.

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY IS 10th NOVEMBER

10.30am: Traditional Remembrance Sunday service at St.Mary's Church. 'When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow, we gave our today'. The Kohima Epitaph.

St Mary's was well represented at the Christian Aid Quiz a few weeks back. We won !!!
Maureen Woolley