

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

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22nd Sept Emily Helen Hanson
29th Sept Grace Arabella Hague

Weddings

14th Sept Nicola Louise Clayton / Michael James Carter

Funerals

FLOWER ROTA

Oct 6th Flower Team
Oct 13th
Oct 20th Janet Adamson & Hellie Jabr
Oct 27th Janet Adamson & Hellie Jabr

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

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Rector Writes

October 2019

The Rector writes about the current turmoil in the nation

In Parliament, tempers are running high. In June 2016 – that's 2 years and 3 months ago - the nation was divided at the EU referendum, and it remains divided. When parliamentary proponents of one side verbally abuse their parliamentary opponents, they are verbally abusing half the nation. Both sides of the argument are legitimate, and both sides are reasonably angry when they are traduced. This is no way to carry on. Somehow, we must all get back together again as a nation. 'There is a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to tear and a time to sow'. (Ecclesiastes 3, verses 1 to 8).

In late August, the Archbishop of Canterbury was invited to chair a proposed Citizens' Forum on our nation leaving the European Union. The invitation was extended by the Labour MPs Hilary Benn and Yvette Cooper, Independent MP Frank Field, Lib Dem Norman Lamb, the SNP's Angus MacNeil and the Conservative Dame Caroline Spelman. As reported by the BBC: 'In their letter to the archbishop they said a citizens' forum would "bring together people with very different views, listen to evidence and make recommendations" to inform the decisions the government and Parliament make. They suggested the archbishop could chair an independent panel that would reflect the "diversity of views" throughout the UK.

The Archbishop of Canterbury – the Most Reverend Justin Welby – wrote in response to the invitation (I have shortened his response here): "It is an unexpected privilege to be asked to chair this proposed Citizens' Forum on Brexit. "I am honoured to be approached and would be willing to accept in principle, subject to some conditions which have not yet been met. The main three are first, and indispensably, that the forum should not be a Trojan horse intended to delay or prevent Brexit in any particular form. Second, that it has cross party support (although its members will not be politicians). Third, the process must have time to be properly organised. Jesus Christ is the source of reconciliation and healing for individuals and society. It is obviously right that among many others the churches should contribute to the emergence of a dynamic and united country post-Brexit, however it may be achieved. Every one of us must play the part they can in this task. The need for national healing and eventually for a move towards reconciliation is essential, and will take much time, a deep commitment to the common good, and contributions from every source. This Forum is only one of many different efforts being made inside the political world and across the country before and after Brexit. Every effort counts. Let us pray for all those in government, parliament and political leadership. Let us pray for the people of this country whose lives will be affected in many ways by the momentous decisions that are made."

Let us pray at this time for our nation, for Parliament, for the Archbishop of Canterbury and for the work of the churches in seeking reconciliation.

The Revd Jon Hale

DIARY OCTOBER 2019

Thurs 3rd	9.15am 10.00am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
Sun. 6th	Trinity 16		
	8.00am	<i>Holy Communion at Birtles</i>	BCP
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
	11.15am	<i>Family Service at Birtles</i>	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	BCP
Thurs 10th	9.15am 10.00am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
Sun 13th	Trinity 17		
	9.45am	Family Service at Alderley	CW
	11.15am	<i>Holy Communion at Birtles</i>	
	6.30pm	H C at Alderley (said)	BCP
Sun. 20th	Trinity 18		
	8.00am	No Service	
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley	CW
	11.15am	<i>Mattins at Birtles</i>	
	6.30pm	No Service	
Sun 27th	Trinity 19		
	9.45am	Family Service at Alderley	CW
	11.15am	<i>Holy Communion at Birtles</i>	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	BCP

ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER 2019
SIDESPEOPLE / LECTORS / WARDENS

D'T	TIME	SIDESPEOPLE	LECTOR	W'N
1st Sept	8.00am	(at Birtles)		
	9.45am	Mrs R Dyas & Mr M Stonehewer	Mrs W Liddle	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs L Kershaw	Mr P Kershaw	AJH
8th Sept	9.45am	Mr & Mrs G Woolley	George Vardon	DH
	6.30pm		AJH	AJH
15th Sept	8.00am			HW
	9.45am	Mr G Hilton &	Mrs K Hale	KW
	6.30pm	Mr G Barrie	Mr M Dyer	AJH
22nd Sept	9.45am	Mrs J Martin & Mrs R Dyas	Mrs A Davis	MP
	6.30pm		AJH	AJH
29th Sept	9.45am	Mrs G Beeley & Mrs E Jackson	Mrs L Marsh	KW
	6.30pm		AJH	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.

PAST AND FUTURE EVENTS AT OUR PARISH HALL

ART EXHIBITION A PICTURE OF SUCCESS

A joint initiative between Wilmslow Guild and Nether Alderley Parish Council to mount an exhibition of art produced by local artists who met through WG, was judged by everyone to have been a resounding success! Held over the weekend of September 7th and 8th, there was a wide and eclectic range of work on display. Attendance numbers were excellent on both days, and artists reported a high number of sales of their work. Admittance was free, however, quite a few visitors chose to make a donation, which is always welcome, and helps to run and maintain our beautiful and historic Parish Hall.

VICTORY FOR ST. MARY'S!

Friday the 13th, despite its negative connotation, proved to be a good night for the quiz team put forward by St. Mary's Church at the first Friends Of Nether Alderley Parish Hall quiz and fish supper. Led by the Rector, Jon Hales, the team of four were victors on the night with an impressive score of 45/60. They also managed to scoop up a raffle prize - so all went home extremely happy! Jacksons of Wilmslow provided a delicious fish supper (all 73 portions!), and the quiz was expertly devised and conducted by Cllr. Yvonne Bentley. The sold-out quiz night was the first of many events planned; watch out for news of a Christmas Table Top Sale and Carols by Candlelight planned for the pre-Christmas period.

Norman Howick

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.

Week ending	Envelopes	Misc Cash	Standing Orders	Total
Aug 4th	232.70	40.30		273.00
Aug 11th	74.50	20.00		94.50
Aug 18th	288.80	41.66		330.46
Aug 25th	105.00	19.00		124.00
TOTAL	701.00	120.96	981.00	1802.96

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

NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB Latest draw winners

1st prize Sarah Jane Wilkinson
2nd prize Linda Snape
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 £8000 has now been handed over to St Mary's treasurer, towards the day to day running costs of the Church.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

I am completing the Rota for the open weekend. Really good that we have one or two new names.

We are desperately in need of more help I can call on..??

The lunch went really well on August 20th. A happy occasion. Good chance to meet and talk to people you see fleetingly in church.

The Christmas Fair is slowly being thought about. Please put in your diary. A good attendance is so important for Church finances. Saturday December 7th.

Coffee is happening on a Sunday morning. We can only offer it when there is someone to do it ?

Janet Adamson 01625 583320

WALKING GROUP

A friendly group from St Mary's are going for a walk on the 21st September 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.

Food & liquid refreshment essential

Walking from School Lane Taddington via Flagg and Chelmorton.

Post Code SK17 9TW

(take first road into village from A6) Park on roadside near school

Starting at 10.00 am

Length approx. 7 miles

Grade: Moderate Stile-ish walk!

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

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

Week beginning **Please pray for ;**

6th All who live in Warford Hall Drive

13th All who live in Merrymans Lane

20th All members of Nether Alderley Parish Council and the Clerk to the Council

27th All who live in Soss 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

ST.MARY'S CHURCH IS EXPLORING HOW IT MIGHT START CAFÉ CHURCH IN EARLY 2020

Are you interested? Please contact the Rector to find out more.

October 2019

- 1st Pray for the parish of Smallwood
 2nd Pray for parish of Wheelock
 3rd Pray for parish of Swettenham
 4th Pray for parish of Siddington with Capesthorpe
 5th Pray for the parish of Marton
Sunday 6th Pray for Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy
 7th Pray for Marton & District Church of England School
 8th Pray for Malpas Deanery
 9th Pray for the parish of Aldford
 10th Pray for the parish of Bickerton
 11th Pray for the parish of Bickley
 12th Pray for the parish of Bruera
Sunday 13th Pray for Pastoral Workers and Readers in the Diocese
 14th Pray for the parish of Bunbury
 15th Pray for the parish of Burwardsley
 16th Pray for the parish of Coddington
 17th Pray for the parish of Farndon
 18th Pray for the parish of Handley
 19th Pray for the parish of Hargrave
Sunday 20th Pray for healthcare work by the church in Bangladesh: www.uspg.org.uk
 21st Pray for the parish of Malpas & Threapwood
 22nd Pray for the parish of Marbury
 23rd Pray for the parish of Shocklach
 24th Pray for the parish of Tarporley
 25th Pray for the parish of Tattenhall
 26th Pray for the parish of Tilstone Fearnall
Sunday 27th Pray for Christians who are persecuted for their faith.
 28th Pray for the parish of Tilston
 29th Pray for the parish of Tushingham
 30th Pray for the parish of Waverton
 31st Pray for the parish of Whitewell

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 <http://www.alderleychurch.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Gift-Aid-Declaration-Form-2019.pdf>

MU News - October 2019

In September we began our new programme with Holy Communion in church but our monthly meetings are held in the Parish hall on the third Wednesday of the month at 2pm.

Thank you for your support over the past months and we invite you to come along and share these afternoons with us.

We have some interesting speakers coming. In October we welcome Helen Shepherd speaking on the work of the Railway Children Charity. This year they celebrate 20 years of their work fighting for children who live alone on our streets. Sadly, worldwide, there are millions.

From time to time, we have other branches joining us and sharing the work of the wider work of the Mothers' Union.

Speaking of which, on Thursday 7th November at 12.30pm there is to be a Provincial Service at Leeds Minster, at which the Worldwide President, Sheran Harper from Guyana (who is the first Overseas WWPP) will speak and be available to meet and greet people afterwards. This is a very special service as members usually only have one chance to meet the WWPP in her term of office.

If anyone is interested to go to this service please let Noni Watkins know as plans are being made to arrange transport.

If there are any keen knitters who would like to knit some small items, we now have new patterns for bonnets, cardigans, hats for preemie babies and even small blankets. All these items are distributed to local hospitals. Do talk to one of our members if you are interested this winter.

There is a MU mail order catalogue at the back of the church and our New Look "Families First" magazine. Please take one to read and return.

A report in the Autumn Families Worldwide Magazine informs us that we have 4 million members around the world, so although we are small at St. Mary's, we are proud to be a part of such a large organisation and as our motto says, Mothers' Union is an organisation who care for families.

Ann Austin

I have only worked in adult education at Oasis for two sessions so far but thought you might appreciate some more information about this wonderful Centre. It continues to impress me with the unconditional Christian love and kindness which are at its heart.

Before the summer break I did six sessions in the kitchen and one in the shop. It was a surprise to me to see we used frozen carrots and onions - things I hadn't seen! - but I learned they are cheaper to buy in bulk, and nutritious. I asked Esther, who is in charge of provisioning the kitchen, what her weekly budget was and I was truly humbled at the amount. I'll tell you next time - but try to work out what you think it is. Breakfast of toast and cereal, cooked lunch (usually based on quorn, so it is halal) or sandwiches, unlimited tea and coffee for 60-80 people daily for 4 days each week. Esther said to me "Food is cheap - we really could feed the world."

From 2 September onwards I have worked in adult education. I work under Lizzie, our teacher, in the morning and with Linda, our TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) teacher in the afternoon. It is wonderful to be an assistant and not to have to prepare anything! We do Maths on a Monday and my first thought was that maths should be functional and used to help people in their lives, eg with money, timetables etc. But Lizzie said that many like the structure of a work sheet and this is what we did on Monday, addition and subtraction sums! I am assigned to a few adults with learning difficulties and need to intersperse any activity with games like noughts and crosses and connect four. It's nice to talk and get to know people (in the kitchen you are a little cut off).

So far at the TEFL afternoons I have met people from Togo, Libya, Iran, Iraq and Morocco. The difficulty here is lack of continuity as people who attended the first session did not return for the second, and so on. In the shop the first week back we were told that £166 had been taken on the first day!

Victoria, the wonderful founder of Oasis, wrote to all 31 regular volunteers at the end of the summer break and gave us some statistics, which speak for themselves and on which I shall conclude. She is now engaged in supporting two Oasis models in Stoke and Bury as well as working in Gorton and supervising the building of the new premises.

At Gorton there are now 9 full time employees and 31 volunteers. Over the last 8 months there was a footfall of 6,628 clients. 670 people have been individually supported. 406 people began using Oasis for the first time. 2,460 crisis issues were dealt with. 6,500 free hot meals were served. 137 people engaged in basic adult education programmes. 206 people were supported through IT and Work Club. 7 clients enrolled on the In-House Volunteer scheme. 25 people found employment through Work Club.

Thank you for your continued support! It really does make a difference to many lives.

Lesley Marsh