

FROM THE REGISTERS

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*Weddings*

*Funerals*

Tues 27th August James Rodney Seddon (Interment)

**FLOWER ROTA**

Sept 1st	Maureen Woolley
Sept 8th	
Sept 15th	Avril Lamond
Sept 22nd	Avril Lamond
Sept 29th	Flower Team

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## Rector Writes

September 2019

### The Rector writes about Café Church

**During the Summer there were conversations involving both Parochial Church Councils of our Benefice, and all the PCCs across the south side of our Deanery of Knutsford.** Two Benefices in our Deanery are currently without incumbents and many rural parishes in Cheshire are drawing on their reserves to balance their books. The conversations were about possible reorganisation of parishes so that the smaller number of paid clergy that can be afforded will be deployed in the most effective way. My view is that east Cheshire can afford more paid clergy than at present, and that greater generosity in giving is called for. You can read elsewhere in this magazine about the current situation with the 'Deanery Conversation' about possible reorganisation of parishes.

**At the meeting of the St.Mary's PCC on 25<sup>th</sup> July, I said that if St.Mary's Church remains in deficit when the time comes to appoint my successor, clergy will prefer to apply for parish churches which have healthy finances.** There are other characteristics that a prospective Rector will also look for, such as the willingness and ability of a parish church to evolve to meet changing circumstances. St.Mary's Church has been experimenting since late 2018 with having, at 9.45am on Sundays, a contemporary language Holy Communion once a month and two Family Services per month.

**At the 25<sup>th</sup> July meeting, the St.Mary's PCC agreed that our service pattern for our main Sunday service at 9.45am will now be as follows for the future:**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Holy Communion (traditional language and service)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Family Service specifically intended for young children and their parents

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Holy Communion (traditional language and service)

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Family Service: a 'Service of the Word' – morning worship which is not Holy Communion.

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Holy Communion (either contemporary or traditional).

**Café Church has become successful in many parish churches.** In order to attract, and keep and build a congregation of young children and their parents, something different is needed. Young mums and dads of today are looking for a place to meet with other families in the same circumstances, and traditional ideas of a church service are not attractive. Breakfast, children's play and informal worship on a monthly basis build a new generation of committed Christians.

**I am planning to start monthly Café Church one Sunday in the month in the Parish Hall, early in 2020, beginning with breakfast at 9.15am.** This would be the main Sunday morning Family Service at St.Mary's Church on that Sunday. In September / October I will start to meet with a new planning group for Café Church.

Revd Jon Hale

**DIARY SEPTEMBER 2019**

<b>Sun.1st</b>	<b>Trinity 11</b>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Birtles	BCP
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
	11.15am	Family Service at Birtles	
<b>Thurs 5th</b>	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	BCP
	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
<b>Sun 8th</b>	<b>Trinity 12</b>		
	9.45am	Family Service at Alderley	CW
	11.15am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
<b>Thurs 12th</b>	6.30pm	H C at Alderley (said)	BCP
	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
<b>Sun. 15th</b>	<b>Trinity 13</b>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley	CW
	11.15am	Mattins at Birtles	
<b>Thurs 19th</b>	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	BCP
	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
<b>Sun 22nd</b>	<b>Trinity 14</b>		
	9.45am	Family Service at Alderley	CW
	11.15am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
<b>Thurs 26th</b>	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	BCP
	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	BCP
<b>Sun.29th</b>	<b>Trinity 15</b>		
	9.45am	Harvest Festival at Alderley	CW
	11.15am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Harvest Festival at Alderley	CW

**ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER 2019**

**SIDESPEOPLE / LECTORS / WARDENS**

D'T	TIME	SIDESPEOPLE	LECTOR	W'N
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>	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
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	9.45am	Mr & Mrs G Woolley	George Vardon	DH
	6.30pm		AJH	AJH
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	8.00am			HW
	9.45am	Mr G Hilton &	Mrs K Hale	KW
	6.30pm	Mr G Barrie	Mr M Dyer	AJH
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>	9.45am	Mrs J Martin & Mrs R Dyas	Mrs A Davis	MP
	6.30pm		AJH	AJH
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	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.

## . NETHER ALDERLEY

### Community Teamwork brings another defibrillator site to Nether Alderley

As many Parishioners will already know, the ex-telephone kiosk at Monks Heath traffic lights was bought (for the princely sum of £1) from BT recently, with intention of installing a defibrillator to complement the one already in place at Nether Alderley Primary School.

Public Access Defibrillators (PADs), as the name suggests, can be used by anyone. Along with CPR they can save a life in those vital moments before the emergency services arrive. An additional site at Monks Heath will be a welcome and important community amenity.

Things have gone nice and smoothly as far as obtaining the defibrillator equipment, but not quite so, as far as the actual kiosk is concerned. To say it is in need of TLC is being kind, and the Parish Council looked at many options on offer from organisations who specialise in refurbishing kiosks like ours, but they were very expensive. In many instances, this would have created a bit of an obstacle, but not everyone has Geoff Beeby in their community! Many will already know Geoff, and his superior building work is there to be seen all over Nether Alderley.

Thanks to Geoff the telephone kiosk is returning to its former glory, and will soon be up and running as our new PAD.

#### More refurbishment!

We're moving along nicely with plans to update and refurbish the Parish Hall. As is normal with an historic and listed building, the process of obtaining the necessary permissions is strict, and meetings are taking place with heritage organisations prior to submitting a planning application.

The plans are on display at the Parish Hall for all to see, and soon there will be announcement regarding public consultation - so watch this space!

#### 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.

Norman Howick

## COLLECTION TOTAL

Week ending	Envelopes	Misc Cash	Standing Orders	Total
July 7th	401.00	140.74		541.74*
July 14th	167.00	25.00		192.00
July 21st	262.00	9.00		271.00
July 28th	435.32	182.70		618.02*
TOTAL	1265.32	357.44	1312.00	2934.76

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 Peter Robinson  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize Peter Reynolds  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize Pat Wolgram

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

We had a Committee Meeting on August 5th to look at the next few months.

At the moment I am finalising the plans for the Lunch on Tuesday August 20th at Woodford Garden Centre. There are 27 people on my list which is good.

We talked extensively about the running of the cafe at the Open Weekend September 28/29.

Please could I have some offers of help for this. It will entail doing a 2 hour stint serving tea, coffee, and cakes. The Social Committee are getting older and not able to do so much!

The Christmas Fair is outlined. December 7th. I realise this is a long way away!! Surprising how quickly the time passes.

Coffee will resume after morning service this month.

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.

**Starting at 10.00 am prompt on 21st September from Kettlethulme Church (SK23 9RD). Parking area across the road.**

**Grid ref:** SJ988799, Map - OS Explorer OL24

**Length:** 7 ½ miles, 302 metres of ascent

**Grade:** Easy/Moderate over varied terrain.

**Further information:** Hot drinks and a packed lunch needed. Contact Will Ablett (01625 585180 or 07977 978620) with any questions.

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

Week beginning	Please pray for
1 <sup>st</sup>	All who live alone in the parish
8 <sup>th</sup>	All who live in Ancoats Lane
15 <sup>th</sup>	All businesses in the parish
22 <sup>nd</sup>	All who live in Mill Lane
29 <sup>th</sup>	All farms and farmers in the parish

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

## Possible Pastoral Re-organisation

The Rector writes

The Parochial Church Councils of St.Mary's and St.Catherine's Churches met together in early July with the Rural Dean. On 22nd July all the Parochial Church Councils of Alderley, Birtles, Chelford, Lower Withington, Marthall, Lower Peover, Over Peover and Goostrey met with the Venerable Ian Bishop - Archdeacon of Macclesfield - and the Revd Ian Blay - Rural Dean of Knutsford Deanery. Responses from all the parish churches involved are being received by Archdeacon Ian. For more information, please talk with the Churchwardens.

## Trainee Churchwardens

The Rector writes ...

In the Autumn, I will set up a team of 'trainee churchwardens' for St.Mary's Church. If necessary, we will go back to basics about what a Churchwarden is and why. When current Churchwardens want to stand down, if there is nobody to succeed them they feel as if they are letting us down. But it is St.Mary's Church who is letting down our Churchwardens by not having anyone training to succeed them.

Please let me know by mid-September if you would like to join the Trainee Churchwardens team

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020.** If you would like to be Confirmed on 13<sup>th</sup> 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](https://paypal.me/stmaryalderley)

**Direct bank transfer** – please contact our Treasurer – Will Ablett for our bank details – [treasurer@alderleychurch.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@alderleychurch.co.uk)

**Regular giving envelopes** – please contact our Envelope Administrator – Donald Henderson for more details – [envelopes@alderleychurch.co.uk](mailto: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>

## 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

## Alderley Edge RVS Luncheon Club

We have space for new members and are in contact with D&G Little Bus which is being taken in house by Cheshire East this month in the hope that they will be able to provide some transport to the Luncheon Club. It is a service for older or disabled people who can't utilise the ordinary buses and I think that could include a number of people living in Nether Alderley Over Alderley and Great Warford. I will contact you if we have good news about transport.

# OPEN WEEKEND

WITH

# HARVEST FLOWER DISPLAY

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 11.00am – 4.30pm**

&

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2.00pm – 4.30pm**

St. Mary's 14<sup>th</sup> C church has a wealth of history!

Guided tours available

Unique chance to view our 18th C clock

*(light refreshments will be available throughout the weekend)*

## The next Bishop of Chester

### St Mary's 18<sup>th</sup> Century Clock

Horology is the study of the measurement of time. Clocks, watches, sundials, hourglasses, marine chronometers and the modern day atomic clocks are all examples of instruments used to measure time. The mechanisms they use have evolved over the centuries and the pendulum invention commonly seen in 'Grandfather' clocks dates to 1656.

At St Mary's in keeping with our ancient heritage we are the proud owners of one of the oldest Church clocks in the North West of England. We have a copy of the original articles of agreement for the current clock which dates it to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1743 and that makes it more than 100 years older than Big Ben! (1859).

Our clock has remained relatively unchanged since its original installation and is accurate to approximately 1 minute per week which is quite amazing for a clock in its 277<sup>th</sup> year!

Some years ago, it had a major service with new ropes installed but the basic mechanism continues to use the main parts installed all those years ago.

It is a pendulum clock with an iron frame and all the wheels and bushes which makeup the main mechanism are made of brass. There are three winding drums one each for the clock itself, the quarter chimes and the hour chimes.

The clock has its own room in the tower on a floor between the ringing chamber and the bell chamber and it runs for eight days before it needs winding, which typically takes place once a week on a Sunday when the bells are NOT ringing as it can be a very noisy job otherwise!

During the **Open weekend on 28-29<sup>th</sup> September** we are planning to offer visits to see the clock for those who are able to manage the narrow spiral staircase. Better still, if there are any budding Horologists out there would be interested to join a rota and share the privilege of winding a piece of local heritage, please come to the Open Weekend and speak to a member of the team or contact myself.

Peter Reynolds

01625 583120

To all in the Diocese of Chester

**The Church of England is seeking to appoint the next Bishop of Chester for the first time in nearly a quarter of a century. This is a big moment for the Diocese of Chester, and you are encouraged to play your part by telling us who you think should be the next Bishop of Chester and the qualities he or she should have.**

There are three ways to participate in the consultation:

**ONE** – Complete a short survey of five questions. You are invited to contribute your thoughts as an individual, committee, PCC, or group.

**TWO** - Attend a public meeting to be held in the evening of Wednesday 25 September at Hartford. Any person is welcome to attend.

**THREE** – Write to the appointments secretaries. Any person wishing to comment on the needs of the diocese or the wider church, or who wishes to propose candidates, can write to the appointments secretaries of the Archbishops, and the Prime Minister.

**For full details go to: <https://chester.anglican.org/yourbishlist>**

All that is left to say is thank you for your considered responses and contributions as we journey forward in the next chapter of our diocese.

**George Colville**

Secretary of the Vacancy in See Committee, and Diocesan Secretary