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At the time of writing (15th May) a minister of the Cabinet of Her Majesty's Government is about to set up a task force to establish how and when places of worship may open safely. I am working on the basis that public worship will resume at the start of July, but I realise that this may be optimistic.

The Bishops of the Church of England have been criticised for closing church buildings at the start of the lockdown. I understand this closure to be in response to the severe risk from coronavirus, the ease of transmission of the virus when groups of people gather and the very limited circumstances in which the Government's regulations have allowed one to leave one's home. I anticipate that the process of re-opening church buildings will be subject to the same kind of tentative adjustments that will be made to life generally. So if we begin to hold services of worship at St.Mary's Church on 5th July I anticipate that as the weeks go by we will then gradually return to worship that we are familiar with.

If the majority of usual worshippers are unable to be at public worship if / when we restart in July, I will plan for videoing of worship so that it can be put online for you to see at home. More details about this will be given in my weekly letter and on the church website and Facebook.

Meanwhile, You can join Sunday worship online by going to the Church of England website at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online> . You can join worship online in the Diocese of Chester at: <https://www.chester.anglican.org/calendar/> And the Archbishop of Canterbury has launched a free national telephone line as a simple way to provide worship and prayer: 0800 804 8044.

If you are not receiving my weekly letter / email, and you would like to, please let me know. I have received many responses to my weekly letters / emails. A common theme in these responses is the abnormal nature of our situation and the longing for it to end. And I have been told about family members who are suffering from the virus, and those who have died, and I have been told about people who are suffering from causes other than the virus. Before the pandemic my prayer list was a small piece of paper, but now it is a ring binder full of emails and letters and notes of telephone conversations. Please continue to pray with me at 9.15am every day. If you are not sure how to pray, start with one of the Bible readings set for Morning Prayer, or the Psalm (which are given in my weekly letter / email), and let that lead you into meditation, reflection and prayer.

One task that we will attend to soon after public worship resumes is to hold the Annual Meeting for 2020, which should have been held in April. At the Annual Meeting we will receive and adopt the Annual Report and Accounts for 2019. We will also elect Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council. Gradually the life and work of the parish church will return, and I will ask everyone who receives my weekly letter / email to consider their calling in Christ and their readiness to stand for election as Churchwarden or member of the Parochial Church Council.

On 12th May the next Bishop of Chester was announced as the Right Reverend Mark Tanner who is currently the Bishop of Berwick in the Diocese of Newcastle, a post he has occupied since 2016.

Bishop Mark is married, with a son and a daughter. Bishop Mark graduated from Christ Church, Oxford in 1992. From 1992 to 1995 he served as youth pastor at Holy Trinity Church in Coventry. He was ordained in Chester Diocese in 1998, and he served his curacy at St.Mark's Church, Upton (Overchurch) in the Deanery of Wirral North. He was then Vicar of St.Mary's Church, Doncaster from 2001 to 2007 before being made Warden of Cranmer Hall Theological College, Durham, until being consecrated as Bishop in 2016. The formal beginning of Bishop Mark's ministry in the Diocese (on a date which has not yet been announced) will be a fresh start for the church after our present difficulties.

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

Jon Hale

Funerals

31st March.	Cheryl Karen Snape, at Macclesfield Crematorium
6th April.	Wynne Irwin Liddle, at the premises of Albert R. Slack Ltd followed by Macclesfield Crematorium
20th April.	William Hugh Lambert. at Macclesfield Crematorium
5th May.	Helen Mary Joice Henshaw, at Nether Alderley Burial Ground

MRS WYNNE LIDDLE

Following Wynne's death on 28 March, poignantly on our wedding anniversary, I have been overwhelmed by the large number of phone calls and cards I have received paying tribute to Wynne and offering sympathy to me and our two sons.

Many of these messages have come from members of St Mary's congregation and I find it a remarkable show of the spirit of good fellowship which exists at our Church.

We thank all of you very much for your kindness. She was a lovely lady.

Peter

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Annual Box Opening
Amount donated £1001. (£998 last year)
2001-2020 total £12195

Thank you to St Mary's box holders for your continuing generosity.

Bert Wright

MU NEWS

During May MU celebrated their annual Wave of Prayer, bringing together all members from around the world in prayer. The theme for 2020 is "Building Hope and Confidence". What could be more fitting in these difficult days?

We could not join together as we normally do in the branch, so we observed it individually in our own homes but it is good to know that just our small link helps us to keep the continuity going round the world united in our faith, hoping for a better future with so many questions answered.

Confidence for many of us is low at the moment looking over our shoulder to see if we are standing too close but we are all in this together, so as MU members we need to help each other and let our faith carry us on with Hope and Confidence

Ann Austin

NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB

Latest draw winners

1 st prize	Mrs Judy Swales
2 nd prize	Mrs Lesley Kershaw
3 rd prize	Mr & Mrs Chris Morgam

TONGUE IN CHEEK!

Apologies to Wordsworth

I wandered lonely as a cloud
Two metres from the madding crowd
When all at once my name was called
To enter Waitrose hallowed hall.

This was the pensioners' special hour.
I'd gone to get a bag of flour.
But I forgot, when through the door,
What I had gone to Waitrose for.

The Waitrose staff are extra kind.
I told them it had slipped my mind.
They asked what else I had forgot
They clearly thought I'd lost the plot.

I phoned my wife again to ask.
She reminded me of this special task:
"I need some flour to bake a cake
with all that cream you made me take."

"Ah yes I recall" I had to lie.
I dared not ask what flower to buy
But then I saw them next the tills
a bunch of golden daffodils!

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn it. Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the children were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was very nervous. However, when it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, 'The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know.'

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Organist:

St. Mary's is currently without a regular organist. The Church is grateful to the many organists who have been playing service by service since August 2017

The Church Choir:

The Choir sings at the 9.45am and the 6.30pm services each week. Practices take place fortnightly on Wednesdays at 7.45pm. New members are welcome.
.Please contact any member of the choir.

Church Flower Rota

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Mrs Anne Dodd Long Spinney, Sand Lane, NA (01625) 583613

Mothers' Union (3rd Wednesday at 2.00 pm)

Mrs Anne Cockburn (*committee member*) (01625) 585242

Parish Hall Bookings

Keith Farrell, Wyche Barn, Nursery Lane, 07939 671344
Nether Alderley. SK10 4TX

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