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SUNDAY SERVICES

1st Sun (Book of Common Prayer) Holy Communion

3rd Sunday (Common Worship) Holy Communion

2nd & 4th Sunday Family Service)

5th Sunday Common Worship (Holy Communion)

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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:

all services are currently said because of Coronavirus regulations

Church Flower Rota

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Mrs Anne Cockburn (committee member) (01625) 585242

Parish Hall Bookings

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

Parish Hall Costs:

£15 per hour - minimum 2 hours

Burial Board: (Clerk)

Barbara Thorpe 07717 244 537
email: clerk.napc@gmail.com

At the time of writing (early October) it seems that the current pandemic restrictions will continue until at least the end of this year: I expect that services at Christmas will be less than we are used to. At the end of October I will liaise with the Standing Committee of the St.Mary's Parochial Church Council, and the December services will be agreed. Since we re-opened for worship at the start of July, the number of worshippers at services at St.Mary's Church has been under a half of the number who were at services before the pandemic began. We are now a dispersed church.

St.Mary's Church has a large Electoral Roll – larger than many parish churches – but the proportion of the Electoral Roll that worshipped regularly before the pandemic was small, and it is even smaller now. Since Spring 2019 the Archdeacon of Macclesfield – the Venerable Ian Bishop - has been conversing with the Parochial Church Councils of the rural parish churches in the Deanery about possible reorganisation. This is because before the pandemic these churches either contributed less than a full parish share payment or were unable to pay the parish share that they had paid in the past – or both. In my view, the pandemic will influence the Archdeacon as he reviews the progress made in these conversations. And, again in my view, Archdeacon Ian will see St.Mary's Church – with its large Electoral Roll and small regular congregation before the pandemic - as a parish church that has not lived up to its potential.

Archdeacon Ian wants to sit down with both PCCs in our benefice – St.Mary's and St.Catherine's - in Spring next year, to talk about the realities of the situation and agree a course that we can all plan for. The church is not the building: it is the people. We continue to worship together. We pray for each other.

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.

Services

1st Nov (All Saints)	9.45am Holy Communion (BCP)
8th Nov (3rd Sun before Advent)	10.30am Remembrance Sun
15th Nov(2nd Sun before Advent)	9.45am Holy Communion (CW)
22nd Nov (Stir Up Sunday)	9.45am Family Service (CW)
29th Nov (Advent Sunday)	9.45am Holy Communion (CW)

BCP is Book of Common Prayer. CW is Common Worship.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms and Marriages: none

Funeral: 23rd September. Funeral and committal at Alderley Edge Cemetery: Gladys Margaret POTTS.

Oasis - Christmas Appeal

While the Centre at Oasis remains closed because of Covid 19 the core team there are still helping disadvantaged people in Gorton, Manchester, and are daily handing out emergency food parcels. I know we have other, geographically nearer, food banks to consider but can I put in a plea for a "Christmas Appeal" for Oasis? Please bring any groceries and non perishable foods to church and I will ensure they are delivered before Christmas to people who really need them.

Thank you, Lesley Marsh

21.10.20

NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB

Latest draw winners

1 st prize	Elizabeth Jackson
2 nd prize	Linda Snape
3 rd prize	Christopher Harrison

Remembrance Sunday is 8th November.

This year's traditional Remembrance Sunday service at St.Mary's Church will be on 8th November at the usual time of 10.30am. The number of people who can sit in St.Mary's Church under social distancing rules

depends on how many people come in a household or family, and how many come alone, and the differing social distancing rules that apply in each case. Around 50 people can be seated in St.Mary's Church under current social distancing rules.

If these rules are still in place on Remembrance Sunday, once all pews are occupied according to Coronavirus restrictions, subsequent arrivals will have to stand outside in groups of six. Current rules require the church doors to be kept open to provide ventilation, so if this continues in November those standing outside will be able to hear the service inside – and all who attend should dress warmly.

A team to open the Parish Hall lavatories at the time of the service has been formed by St.Mary's Church. Liaison with Nether Alderley Parish Council is under way to make arrangements for the lavatories be open on the morning of 8th November.

Christmas Cards 2020

As none of us know how we shall be able to celebrate Christmas this year, I have decided to produce a smaller number of cards drawn by David Watkins of the church in the snow with "Christmas Greetings" text. Last year some people asked me for some after I had sold out.

If anyone is interested in buying this year please contact me on 01625 583336. dnwatkins1@gmail.com or at the 9.45am service in church.

Packs of 10 (2 different pictures) £5. All proceeds go to St. Mary's Church.

Thank You

Noni Watkins

November MU News

Sadly, this year we are not going to be able to meet with our link branches. It was always good to end the year with our quiz; keeping our minds active. Also, we like to keep in touch with Odd Rode, our deanery prayer link.

As I have said before, caring and sharing seems all we can do just now. With cold days and less daylight in the future months, this is the time we need to talk and listen to each other. So, pick up the telephone and show you care. Members, please reach out to one another until we meet again in person.

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grant us your grace
that we may display
the kindness of Christ
in a harsh and
demanding world.



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