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SUNDAY SERVICES

Public worship at St.Mary's Church & St.Catherine's Church has been suspended until Ash Wednesday, to be reviewed by the two Standing Committees at the end of January. If the risk of infection remains very high it is possible that public worship may continue to be suspended until the end of February.

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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

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Mothers' Union

(3rd Wednesday at 2.00 pm)
Mrs Anne Cockburn (committee member) (01625) 585242

Parish Hall Bookings

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Parish Hall Costs:

£15 per hour - minimum 2 hours

Burial Board: (Clerk)

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The Revd Jon Hale writes about suspension of public worship and the secondment to our benefice of Mrs Rachel Roberts, Reader

On the first two Sundays in January, the 9.45am service was held at St.Mary's Church with about a dozen people attending. The increased risk of the new variant of Coronavirus then led the Parochial Church Council to suspend public worship from 14th January until Ash Wednesday (17th February).

This was reviewed at the end of January when both Parochial Church Councils of the benefice agreed to further suspend public worship until mid-March, with review at the end of February.

Online worship by Zoom will be held on Sunday 14th February at 10.30am. To join at 10.30am on this date and subsequently please contact me for the Zoom code. Zoom worship at 10.30am will then continue every Sunday until the end of suspension of public worship. This Zoom worship will also be livestreamed on the Facebook page of both St.Mary's Church and St.Catherine's Church.

Mrs Rachel Roberts, who lives with her husband Neil in Alderley Edge, was Licensed as a Reader in the Diocese of Chester last year. Rachel is a member of the ministry team of St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge. Rachel is now seconded to our benefice until the end of June. I am delighted to be working with Rachel. Rachel has skills in Zoom, and I will work with Rachel to enhance our Zoom worship.

If you would like to receive a letter or email from me twice a month during this lockdown please let me know on alderleyandbirtles@gmail.com or 01625 585440.

Other opportunities

On the internet it is planned that a Family Service will be held on St.Catherine's Church Facebook page on 7th February.

Worship on the internet St.Philip & St.James, Alderley Edge:
<https://www.stphilipandstjames.co.uk/>

Worship on the internet Church Online:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/church-online>

Worship on the internet Chester Cathedral:
<https://chestercathedral.com/>

On the internet I now aim to hold brief Morning Prayer on Facebook most Wednesday and Thursday mornings gone out live it I share it with the other church's Facebook page and it remains as a video on both churches' Facebook pages.

By email you can receive a daily Thought for the Day from St.Philip & St.James, Alderley Edge. Please contact me for details.

You can have telephone access to Holy Communion on Tuesdays at 2.00pm or to Compline on Wednesdays at 9.00pm at St.Philip & St.James, Alderley Edge. Please contact me for details.

BBC Radio 4 has its Daily Service at 9.45am every day.

St.Mary's Church Social meet-up on Zoom Tuesday afternoons: contact Janet Adamson on 01625 583320.

St.Mary's Church Facebook page is 'St.Mary's Church, Nether Alderley'.
St.Catherine's Church Facebook page is 'St.Catherine's Church, Over Alderley'.

Let us pray for our nation in its suffering, and let us continue to pray for each other.

Baptisms and Marriages: none

Funeral: 10th December at St.Mary's Church of Lewis JONES (84 years) followed by committal at Macclesfield Crematorium.

The Children's Society - Annual Box Opening

Notification has been received that information for this event will be sent to Box Coordinators "when the situation improves".

The letter continues reassuringly, "Thanks to our supporters, we have been able to find ways to safely deliver our vital support to young people throughout the coronavirus crisis. The current lockdown presents even more challenges but we will continue to be a lifeline for those who need us."

Last year several of you indicated to me a preference for their contributions to be by cheque rather than in cash.

It will be quite simple for me to forward these by post. In order to meet closure of the current tax year, I would wish to receive cheques payable to "The Children's Society" from existing or any potential new box holders by 24th March 2012.

Thank you.

May God make safety your companion. Herbert Wright. 01625 584218
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NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB

Latest draw winners

1 st prize	Mr Geoff Woolley
2 nd prize	Mrs J Davies
3 rd prize	Mrs J Swales

The Rectors sermon of 10th January

Acts 19: 1-17 and Mark 1: 4-11

Before there was John the Baptist, there was baptism within Judaism. Jewish writings from the First Century before Christ show that those who had not been born Jewish could subsequently be admitted to Judaism by a rite involving the sprinkling of water as the Law of Moses was read. So the Jewish pre-Christian era Baptism was an act of self-dedication to the God of Israel and the values of Judaism.

John the Baptist was acting in the same manner. In all the drama of the start of Jesus' ministry, John the Baptist had the unique role of announcing Jesus' imminent arrival. It was quite a task to have! The only way John knew to get the message across was to warn that the Lord God, when he came – and soon! - would come in judgement. And the only worthy response was to 'be baptised for the forgiveness of sins'. This is a new form of words which began with John the Baptist, and these words are fundamental to the Christian understanding of baptism. In St.Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist's warning goes further. In Matthew, John the Baptist says 'Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand'. Jesus' teaching explicitly links his actions, his miracles, his healings, and his very presence with the Kingdom of God being 'close at hand'. This also describes our baptism into Christ. There is a high calling to all who are baptised, which not many respond to fully. The values of the Kingdom of God are subversive of worldly values: the last are put first; the reconcilers are elevated to prominence; the winners are the merciful.

Why was Jesus Baptised? Jesus affirmed John the Baptist by submitting to his baptism. As Jesus was baptised by John, the Gospels record the Holy Spirit being revealed. This is another distinctive Christian part of baptism: we are baptised by water and by the Holy Spirit. Our high calling in our baptism is to adopt the values of the Kingdom of God and to do so in the knowledge of God's presence with us always in his Holy Spirit. A parish church whose members live by this high calling is a parish church which thrives.

MU News February

I was so pleased to receive 2 MU books among my gifts at Christmas from my daughter from her research into MU with so much to which to look forward. Let us pause and give thanks for each other in these tough times. Mothers' Union would not be what it is without members uniting in God's LOVE supporting each other and helping those who need us most.

A few facts from our MU Diary

Thanks to you.....

2,490 people enjoyed an Away from it all holiday supporting families under stress.

1.1Million Around the world were supported to improve their livelihoods. 77,988 people are learning to read and write in Burundi.

Britain and Ireland Members produced hundreds of PPE kits for health care. Remarkable that all has been done over the last 18 months and is still being done.

Our subscriptions play a small part in these acts of kindness and it is so good to be part of the world's largest organisation of women. Let us be proud and give thanks to the Lord for all that we have achieved. Together we are stronger now and forever in the work that we do.

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