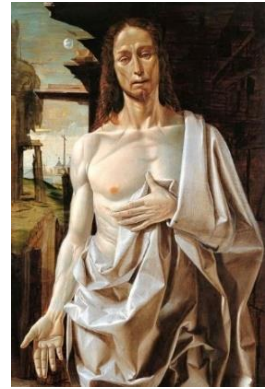


ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!
WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER 2021, 25th April.

St.Mary's Church, Alderley and St.Catherine's Church, Birtles

These Covid-safe practices are observed at St.Mary's and St.Catherine's Churches:

- Signing in for Test & Trace.
- 2 metre social distancing at all times before, during and after the service.
- Mask-wearing unless you are exempt.
- No congregational singing, but today others will sing.
- Keeping doors / windows open to promote airflow as necessary.
- Leaving papers etc to quarantine for 72 hours.
- The avoidance of multiple handling of any objects.



Therefore, please make your offering on the plate at the back of church, and please leave all books and papers in your pew at the end of the service.

Today's Bible readings

Acts of the Apostles 4: 5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?'

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

John 10: 11-18

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.

And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.

So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason, the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'



Cardinal Jozsef Mindszenty. 1892 – 1975.

Alexei Navalny. Born 4th June 1976.

But Peter and John answered them, ‘Whether it is right in God’s sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard.’ Acts of the Apostles 4: 19-20.

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LIVESTREAMING OF THE 9.45am SERVICE AT ST.MARY’S CHURCH ON ZOOM / FACEBOOK WILL TAKE PLACE IN FUTURE IF A TEAM CAN BE FORMED TO DO THIS. PLEASE TALK WITH MARK WILKINSON OR RACHEL ROBERTS OR THE RECTOR.

At St.Mary’s Church there is now a dedicated page on the website which gives, for each Sunday in advance (hoping that it will be livestreamed): the order of service, the hymns and the news sheet. Go to <http://www.alderleychurch.co.uk/orderofservice/>

The Annual Meeting of St.Catherine’s Church will be held on Sunday 16th May as part of the service of short Mattins at 11.15am. **The Annual Meeting of St.Mary’s Church** will be held on Thursday 20th May at 7.30pm on Zoom: the Zoom code will be publicised nearer the time. **Notices about the Annual Meetings will soon be on the noticeboard of each church.**