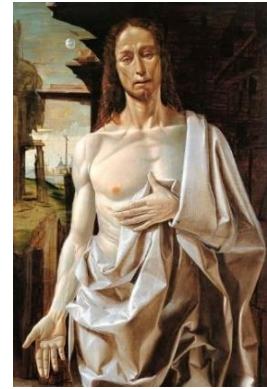


**ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**  
**WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF**  
**EASTER 2021, 9<sup>th</sup> May.**

**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 on CD.
- 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 10: 44-end**

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup> for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' <sup>48</sup> So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

**John 15: 9-17**

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my

Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup> 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

<sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

<sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends,

because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

**Thank you, Matthew Randall, Laure Manuel, Mark Wilkinson and Will Ablett for**

**livestreaming this service each Sunday.** The Zoom code for the 9.45am service is the same Zoom code as has been used in recent weeks. Email the Revd Jon Hale for the Zoom link. Is there anyone else who would like to join the Livestream Team?

**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/>

**Two couples are having their Banns of Marriage read at St.Mary's Church today:**

Stuart Owen & Leanne Tattam to be married at St.Mary's Church on 29<sup>th</sup> July and Daniel Muff & Charlotte Sexton to be married at St.Mary's Church on 31<sup>st</sup> July.

**Zoom worship at 6.30pm on Sundays is drawing an increasing number of people from our benefice.** Last Sunday's 6.30pm Zoom service was led by Kate Pwaisiho and the Reverend Loveday Alexander. Kate is an aspiring ordinand. Today the preacher at the

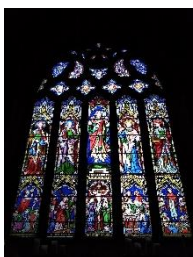
6.30pm Zoom service will be led by Anna Cerval-Peña, an ordinand on placement at St.Philip & St.James Church who will be ordained Deacon on 4<sup>th</sup> July; the preacher will be Ernie Rea. On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May the service will be taken by Rachel Roberts and the Revd Jon Hale. Sometimes the Zoom link is the same as previous weeks and sometimes it's a new one. Email the Revd Jon Hale this afternoon to be sent by email the Zoom link for the 6.30pm service today.

**The funeral of Myles Mark Hurst Farnworth of St.Mary's Church** will be taken by the Revd Jon Hale on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May at Macclesfield Crematorium at 1pm.

**Is there a volunteer, please,** to serve as Verger for the wedding at St.Mary's Church on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm? Please let the Revd Jon Hale know.

**The Annual Meeting of St.Catherine's Church** will be held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm on Zoom. Please contact the Revd Jon Hale for the Zoom link.



**St.Mary's Church, Alderley SK10 4TW in the Benefice of Alderley & Birtles.** The Churchwarden is Mr Ken Wilkinson (tel: 0161 4323490). The Rector is the Reverend Jon Hale (tel: 01625 585440). The Honorary Treasurer is Mr Will Ablett (tel: 01625 585180). Online: [www.alderleychurch.co.uk](http://www.alderleychurch.co.uk) and [www.stmarysaldерley.com](http://www.stmarysaldерley.com) and St.Mary's Church, Nether Alderley on Facebook. To give to St.Mary's Church go to [www.alderleychurch.co.uk](http://www.alderleychurch.co.uk) and click on 'Donate'. You can now donate via [paypal.me/stmaryaldерley](https://www.paypal.me/stmaryaldерley).



**St.Catherine's Church, Birtles SK10 4RU in the Benefice of Alderley & Birtles.** The Churchwardens are Mr Michael Norbury (tel: 01625 583788) and Mr Chance Wilson (tel: 01625 861310). The Vicar is the Reverend Jon Hale (tel: 01625 585440). The Honorary Treasurer is Mrs Nicola Folkes (tel: 01625 860815 & [nicolajaynefolkes@gmail.com](mailto:nicolajaynefolkes@gmail.com)) Online: <https://www.stcatherinebirtles.org.uk/welcome.htm> and St.Catherine's Church, Over Alderley on Facebook. To give to St.Catherine's Church go to the St.Catherine's Church website and click on 'Donate Here' to give via PayPal.

**Mrs Rachel Roberts (Reader)** is on secondment from St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge to the Benefice of Alderley & Birtles.