

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY 2021

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

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

**The Annual Meeting of St.Catherine's Church will be held today as part of the service of short Mattins at 11.15am.**

### Today's Bible readings

#### Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end

<sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, <sup>16</sup> 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— <sup>17</sup> for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' <sup>18</sup> (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup> This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup> 'For it is written in the book of Psalms, "Let his homestead become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it"; and "Let another take his position of overseer."' <sup>21</sup> So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.'

<sup>23</sup> So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.'

<sup>26</sup> And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

#### John 17: 6-19

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said: 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

<sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

<sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

<sup>15</sup> I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent

them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

- **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.
- **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/>
- **Thank you to Fiona Ablett for co-ordinating Christian Aid Week envelopes at St.Mary's Church.**
- **Zoom worship at 6.30pm on Sundays is drawing an increasing number of people from our benefice.** Today the service will be taken by Rachel Roberts; the Revd Jon Hale will speak on: 'How do artists speak of Christ to a sceptical world?' 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.
- **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.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.**



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**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. St.Catherine's Church is rooted deeply in the Over Alderley / Birtles community: it produces Over Alderley & Birtles Monthly Messenger which is distributed free of charge to all addresses in Over Alderley & Birtles. The Editor is Jo Wilson and the Distribution Manager is Chance Wilson.

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