

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON TRINITY SUNDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021



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



Covid-safe practices must still be 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.

## Today's Bible readings

### Romans 8: 12-17

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup> for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

### John 3: 1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'

<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without

being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup> 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.'

<sup>17</sup> 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

- **Thank you to Judith Holden and Michael Penlington who clean our church interiors and arrange flowers each week, working with others.**
- **Mr Geoffrey Arden Hague died suddenly last week at the age of 57 years.** Geoffrey's funeral will be held at St.Mary's Church on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 12noon, followed by burial at Great Warford Baptist Church's burial ground. Please pray for Geoff's widow Jacqueline and for Geoff and Jacqueline's family. **Please let the Revd Jon Hale know if you will volunteer to serve as verger for Mr Hague's funeral on 4<sup>th</sup> June.**
- **Thank you to Fiona Ablett for co-ordinating Christian Aid Week envelopes at St.Mary's Church.** Fiona writes: £232.55 was collected through the Christian Aid envelopes in church. £163 was raised through the sale of plants. These included a lot of tomato plants supplied by Geoff Burgess. Thank you to everyone who contributed. St Marys totals adding the collection to the plant sale monies raised £395.55 which will be added into the Alderley Churches Together collections and forwarded to Christian Aid.
- **Zoom worship at 6.30pm today will be led by the Revd Robin Pye, Vicar of St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge and the preacher will be Anna Cerval-Pena of St.Philip & St.James Church who is to be ordained Deacon on 4<sup>th</sup> July.** Email the Revd Jon Hale this afternoon to be sent by email the Zoom link for the 6.30pm service today.
- **The June St.Mary's monthly magazine is now available.** Thank you to Jenny Youatt and Peter Bean who edit and distribute the St.Mary's magazine. Printing is done at the Rectory.
- **The June Over Alderley & Birtles Monthly Messenger is now available.** Thank you to Jo Wilson who edits the Messenger, and to Kerry Hale & Richard Lowe who print and make the Messenger at Soterios Design & Print. Thank you to Chance Wilson who manages Messenger distribution arrangements with the help of others, and thank you to the 13 people who deliver the Messenger to all homes in St.Catherine's parish.
- **St.Mary's Church delivers its message to all in Nether Alderley** every other month via the Nether Alderley Parish Council newsletter. Thank you to Jenny Shufflebottom and Sue Joseph who edit and produce the Nether Alderley Newsletter, and thank you to those who deliver it, most of whom are Parish Councillors. There is no equivalent newsletter in the other part of St.Mary's parish – Great Warford. .
- **There are now 14 Weddings and one Blessing on a Marriage in the diary for our benefice for this year, 2022 and 2023, 10 of them this year.** The first wedding of the year was held at St.Mary's Church yesterday.



**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.stmarysalderley.com](http://www.stmarysalderley.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/stmaryalderley . St.Mary's Church has a long standing and lively supportive relationship with Oasis Project, Gorton, Manchester. The link person at St.Mary's Church is Lesley Marsh. <https://oasisgorton.org/>



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