

St.Mary, Alderley



Parish Magazine

June 2021

From the Rector's sermon on Sunday 9th May Acts of the Apostles 10: 44-end; John 15: 9-17

Loss is a universal experience, and grief comes from many kinds of loss. 'Collective grief' is the term that was used early in the pandemic. 'Collective grief' described our nation 10 months ago, and it describes it now. And there is grief at the loss of a way of life: the kind of life that we are used to has been taken away from us, and it hurts. We are here today, and many more are with us online. But the number of people staying away from worship led us to decide at St.Mary's to hold our church Annual Meeting on Zoom rather than meeting in person.

The final stage of grief is Acceptance. Everyone grieves differently, and Acceptance comes at no prescribed time. My guess is that grief caused by the trauma of the pandemic will last a long time, and that for many Acceptance may be elusive. Many of us are wounded by the experience and it has made us reassess our priorities. People have made their own decisions about what they will and will not do in the future in the light of the experience of these last 12 months. Things will be different in future, and that will add to the confusion. We are going to navigate the next few months as things start to open up, knowing that many are suffering, many have changed. It will be a tender time.

Our reading today from the Acts of the Apostles has Peter and other followers of Jesus in a confident mood soon after the gift of the Holy Spirit at the first Christian Pentecost. Reading the early chapters of the Acts of the Apostles takes us back to a time when all things were new in Christ – like another Garden of Eden. The subsequent 2000 years of Christian history shows how the Spirit-filled church struggles to maintain its uniqueness among human institutions and human sinfulness. We are a Spirit-filled institution and the Holy Spirit still leads in surprising ways. In the current conversation between our two parish churches and the Archdeacon of Macclesfield, some say that the Archdeacon is too slow to say what he has in mind for us. But equally, Archdeacon Ian would say that he is waiting to see where the Spirit is leading at St.Catherine's Church and at St.Mary's Church.

We are the church now, wherein the Holy Spirit dwells. The parish church is the place where we may weep and feel tender. The parish church is the place for confidence in our faith because of the Holy Spirit. We weep with those who weep and we rejoice with those who rejoice. We accept our calling to be bold in witnessing to Christ, and we accept our calling to care. Where is the Holy Spirit moving in St.Mary's Church?

NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB

Latest draw winners

1st prize

Mr Peter Bean

2nd prize

Mr Harry Cataquet

3rd prize

Mr Barry Smith

Services in June at 9.45am will be in the usual pattern:

1st Sunday: Holy Communion (traditional)

2nd Sunday: Family Service

3rd Sunday: Holy Communion (contemporary)

4th Sunday : Family Service

5th Sunday: Holy Communion (contemporary)

From the Registers:

Baptisms - none

Weddings - none

Funerals — none

Flower Rota:

6th and 13th June. Marie Stonehewer

20th and 27th June. Joyce Davis

CHRISTIAN AID 2021

Christian Aid Collection from St Marys raised £192.55

The Tomato plants from Geoff Burgess together with herbaceous plants given by Lynn Smith and Fiona raised £153 .

These two figures will be added to the collections within Alderley Village and the combined sum sent to Christian Aid.

The generous gift of so many plants is much appreciated.

We did not advertise the Plant Sale this year as it was very much impromptu.

Fiona

Worship at St.Mary's Church

We are getting used to online worship. During April and the first half of May the 9.45am service was livestreamed so that anyone unable to be in church could be present by the medium of their computer. This is thanks to the hard work of Mark Wilkinson, Matthew Randall, Laure Manuel and Will Ablett. Please contact me on alderleyandbirtles@gmail.com for the Zoom code to let you be present online as the service takes place. The service is also on Facebook while it takes place and afterwards as a video. Facebook is: St.Mary's Church, Nether Alderley.

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/>

Zoom worship at 6.30pm on Sundays is drawing an increasing number of people from our benefice. Sometimes the Zoom link is the same as previous weeks and sometimes it's a new one. Please contact me on alderleyandbirtles@gmail.com for the Zoom code.

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Looking at the stats on Facebook, and from reports of those on Zoom, the numbers of people present at worship in St.Mary's Church are in the table below.

Sunday 9.45am service at St.Mary's Church	Number of people worshipping in church.	Approximate number of people livestreaming the service on Zoom at the time of the service.	Number of people who worshipped at the time of the service or after on Facebook (numbers 'Reached' on Facebook as at 11th May)	Total
4th April (Easter Day)	47	20	181	248
11th April	22	15	278	315
18th April	24	15	100	139
25th April	18	15	59	92
2nd May	30	15	40	85
9th May	29	15	33	77

MU NEWS

Theme for 2021 Rebuilding hope and confidence

Well here we are in June, a lovely time of year, bringing us lots to look forward to.

As we move on meeting and greeting people, I am sure, it will take time to get back into some normal way of life. Whatever the coming months have in store, I do hope it brings you some lovely moments of Joy, We need to be aware of one another moving forward with Confidence.

As the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby once said of the Mothers' Union, it campaigns excellently, nurtures wonderfully, but above all we do everything we undertake is based on a foundation of Prayer.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the Transforming work of the Mothers' Union and for members who are bringing their ideas of change forward for the future.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

1st Sunday: Holy Communion (traditional)

2nd Sunday: Family Service

3rd Sunday: Holy Communion (contemporary)

4th Sunday : Family Service

5th Sunday: Holy Communion (contemporary)

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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

Church Flower Rota

Mrs Avril Lamond (01625) 583985
email: avrillamond@btinternet.com

Mr Michael Penlington (Festivals) (01625) 530084
email: michael.penlington574@btinternet.com

Captain of the Tower: (*Practice 7.30pm Tuesdays*)

Mr Peter Robinson (01625) 860679
email: peterfiona@hotmail.co.uk

Prayer Book Society Representative

Mrs Anne Dodd

Mothers' Union (*3rd Wednesday at 2.00 pm*)

Mrs Anne Cockburn (*committee member*) (01625) 585242

Parish Hall Bookings

Keith Farrell, 07939 671344

Parish Hall Costs:

£15 per hour - minimum 2 hours

Burial Board: (*Clerk*)

Barbara Thorpe 07717 244 537
email: clerk.napc@gmail.com



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