

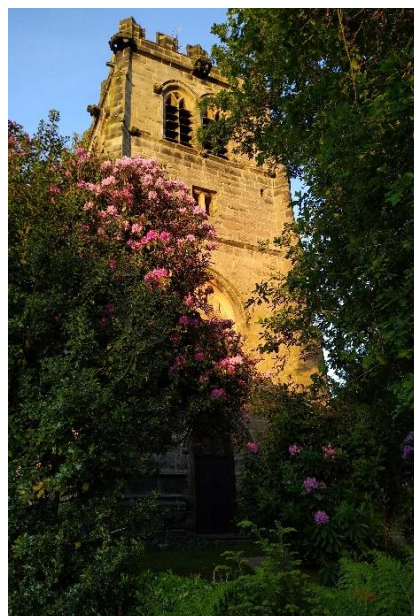
WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY

13th June 2021

St.Mary's Church,
Alderley

&
St.Catherine's
Church, Birtles

Covid-safe practices must still be observed, so 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

2 Corinthians 5: 6-10; 14-17

⁶ So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰ For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹⁴ For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Mark 4: 26-34

²⁶ He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

³⁰ He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

- **Today at St.Mary's Church the Banns of Marriage of these couples will be read:** Gareth OWENS & Natalie JACKSON, to be married at St.Mary's on Friday 6th August; Matthew RANDALL & Laure MANUEL, to be married at St.Mary's on Saturday 7th August; and Johnathan MINTER & Lydia WHITTINGHAM, to be married at St.Mary's Church on 21st August. Matthew & Laure are members of the St.Mary's Church livestreaming team.
- **Zoom worship at 6.30pm today will be led by Rachel Roberts, Reader, and the preacher will be Professor Philip Alexander of St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge.** Email the Revd Jon Hale this afternoon to be sent by email the Zoom link for the 6.30pm service today. On Sunday 20th June the 6.30pm Zoom worship will be led by Rachel Roberts and the preacher will be the Revd Jon Hale who will speak about the artist Mark Rothko, with illustrations of his work, to the theme: 'Faith engages the child within, and Christ calls us to adult discipleship'.



Summer time on Finlow Hill



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