

WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY

27th 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 8: 7-15

⁷ But since you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you — see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

⁸ I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

¹⁰ And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. ¹¹ Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. ¹² For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

¹³ Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. ¹⁴ At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality, ¹⁵ as it is written: "The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little."

Mark 5: 21-43

²¹ When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. ²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³ and

begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.'
²⁴ So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.'
²⁹ Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?'
³¹ And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"'
³² He looked all round to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

³⁵ While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.'
³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.

³⁹ When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³ He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The 9.45am Family Service at St.Mary's Church today will be taken by Rachel Roberts, Reader.

The 11.15am Holy Communion service at St.Catherine's Church today will be taken by the Revd Canon Professor Loveday Alexander.

There will not be Zoom worship at 6.30pm today. This is the email that has been sent by St.Philip & St.James Church: *Special Service of Commemoration to remember loved ones whom we see no more. This will take place on Sunday 27th June at 6.30pm instead of having Evening Prayer on Zoom. If you are grieving for somebody who has died or if you know somebody else who is, this service may be helpful.* Email alderleyandbirtles@gmail.com to be sent the Eventbrite link to order a ticket to attend this service.

The Seven Marks of a Healthy Church

1. Energized by faith, rather than just keeping things going or trying to survive.
2. Outward-looking focus with a 'whole life', rather than a 'church life' concern.
3. Seeks to find out what God wants: discerning the Spirit's leading rather than trying to please everyone.
4. Faces the cost of change and growth, rather than resisting change and avoiding failure.
5. Operates as a community, rather than functioning as a club or religious organisation.
6. Makes room for all being inclusive, rather than exclusive.
7. Does a few things and does them well: focused rather than frenetic.



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