

WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY

4th July 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 12: 2-10

² I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven— whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³ And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— ⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷ even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹ but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Mark 6: 1-13

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. ² On the

Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The 9.45am Holy Communion Service at St.Mary's Church today will be taken by the Rector.

The 11.15am Family Service at St.Catherine's Church today will be taken by Rachel Roberts, Reader

- **Today at St.Mary's Church the Banns of Marriage of Marnie Walker and Will East will be read.** Marnie and Will are to marry at St.Mary's Church on 11th September.
- **Zoom worship at 6.30pm today will be led by the Revd Robin Pye, Vicar of St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge; the preacher will be the Revd Canon Professor Loveday Alexander, Assistant Priest of the same parish church.** Email the Revd Jon Hale this afternoon to be sent by email the Zoom link for the 6.30pm service today. On Sunday 11th July the 6.30pm Zoom worship will be led by Rachel Roberts and the preacher will be the Revd Jon Hale who will speak about Jewish / Christian relationships in 20th Century art.
- **Please consider in prayer whether you are being called to serve as a Wedding Verger.** There will be two weddings at St.Mary's Church at the end of next month, on Thursday 29th July at 12noon (Leanne Tattam and Stuart Owen) and on Saturday 31st July at 2.30pm (Daniel Muff and Charlotte Sexton). There are also weddings at St.Mary's on 6th, 7th & 21st August. Please let the Rector know if you would like to be Verger for one or more of these weddings. Being Verger at a wedding involves being a friendly, welcoming representative of St.Mary's Church, being on hand during the service to provide whatever help may be needed, and working with the Rector to set things up beforehand and clear up afterwards.
- **Janet Adamson of St.Mary's Church is arranging a lunch at the Drum & Monkey in Alderley Edge – outside, under cover - on Tuesday 20th July at 12.30pm.** Please let Maureen 01625 582807 or Janet 01625 583320 know if you wish to be at the lunch. Numbers need to be known in advance.
- **Please talk with Janet Adamson if you would like to help restart refreshments after the 9.45am service.**

If you live in the Nether Alderley part of St.Mary's parish (including Alderley Park) you should have received the latest edition of Nether Alderley News, produced by Nether Alderley Parish Council.

Included in the newsletter:

- **Macclesfield Art Group will hold their Summer Art Fair in the Parish Hall Friday 16th – Sunday 18th July.** The Rector is working with the artists to set up the exhibition. Nether Alderley Parish Council asks for help throughout the time of the exhibition with serving refreshments, and washing up. www.macclesfieldartgroup.co.uk
- **There will be afternoon teas in the Parish Hall every Sunday in August from 2pm to 4pm.** Please let Nether Alderley Parish Council know if you can help with teas. Please let the Rector know when you can be in church so that it may be open when there are teas in the Hall.
- **Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper** will be held at the Parish Hall later this year.

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 and email alderleyandbirtles@gmail.com). The Honorary Treasurer is Mr Will Ablett (tel: 01625 585180). Online: www.alderleychurch.co.uk and www.stmarysaldерley.com and St.Mary's Church, Nether Alderley on Facebook. To give to St.Mary's Church go to www.alderleychurch.co.uk and click on 'Donate'. You can now donate via [paypal.me/stmaryalderley](https://www.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/>

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 and email alderleyandbirtles@gmail.com). The Honorary Treasurer is Mrs Nicola Folkes (tel: 01625 860815 & 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.