

WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY

St.Mary's Church, Alderley & St.Catherine's Church, Birtles on 18th July 2021

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

Ephesians 2: 11-22

¹¹ So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,

with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-end

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.

⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Today at 11.00am in St.Mary's Church Mr Martin and Mrs Angela Davis will give thanks for their marriage and will renew their marriage vows. You are welcome to attend this service which will follow on after the 9.45am service.

Zoom worship at 6.30pm today will be led by the Revd Robin Pye, and the preacher will be the Revd Canon Professor Loveday Alexander. Email the Revd Jon Hale this afternoon to be sent by email the Zoom link for the 6.30pm service today.

- **Lesley Marsh of St.Mary's Church – who works at the Oasis Project – writes about the re-opening of Oasis.** “The volunteers visited Oasis today (13th July) and we were told of the planned reopening of the centre on 19 July. They hope to take this gently, with seats initially in the big room only for 60 clients plus staff and volunteers ie. approximately 80. Maureen and Geoff took items for the shop yesterday, as did I today, and Maureen suggested we send a good luck card for the opening of the new centre, so I have one I will bring to church on Sunday and perhaps you could ask people then if they wanted to sign it. I also would like to ask you to give a prayer for Oasis on Sunday, please”. <https://oasisgorton.org/>
- **Today at St.Mary's Church the Banns of Marriage** will be read of Marnie Walker & Will East (to be married at St.Mary's Church on 11th September) and Shania Barr & Andrew Finney (to be married at St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge on 9th September).
- **The delayed Annual General Meeting of the St.Mary's Church Mothers' Union Branch will be held in St.Mary's Church on Wednesday 21st July immediately after Holy Communion which starts at 2.00pm.** Refreshments in the Parish Hall will follow the AGM.
- **Today is the last day of the Art Exhibition in Nether Alderley Parish Hall by the Macclesfield Art Group.** All are welcome. Refreshments are available.
- **There will be afternoon teas in Nether Alderley 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.

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You can now give online to St.Mary's Church by using the Collectin giving machine on the table at the back of church. Will Ablett – St.Mary's Church Treasurer – writes: “When the welcome screen has appeared, just press the ‘Give a Little’ icon on the welcome screen and the giving screen automatically appears. From there it is available to the donor just to choose which amount they want to give and touch the card reader with their debit card”. **You can now also give to St.Mary's Church using this QR code:**



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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.