



WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY

St.Mary's Church, Alderley & St.Catherine's Church, Birtles on 25th July 2021

Covid-safe practices will still be observed at both our churches until the end of August, so please wear a mask and leave all books and papers in your pew at the end of the service.



Today's Bible readings

Ephesians 3: 14-end

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

John 6: 1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick.

³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.

⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to

eat?' ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

⁷ Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?'

¹⁰ Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all.

¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' ¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles they saw Jesus walking on the lake

and coming near the boat, and they were terrified.²⁰ But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.'²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

Zoom worship at 6.30pm today. Email the Revd Jon Hale this afternoon to be sent by email the Zoom link for the 6.30pm service today.

The delayed Annual General Meeting of the St.Mary's Church Mothers' Union Branch was held in St.Mary's Church on Wednesday 21st July immediately after Holy Communion. The meeting resolved to put the Mothers' Union branch into abeyance. Afterwards a tree was planted in the Parish Council Burial Ground to commemorate Noni Watkins' role as founder member of the MU branch. Then there were refreshments in the Parish Hall with photographs of the Mothers Union in recent years. Throughout the afternoon we gave thanks to God for the faithful Christian witness of the St.Mary's Church Mothers' Union Branch over the last 60 years. There were tears and there was a lot of laughter. Photo by Yvonne Bentley.



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.

Thank you to all who will be serving as Verger at the five weddings at St.Mary's Church between now and the end of August: Fiona Ablett, Donald Henderson, Ken Wilkinson & Peter Bean.

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