



WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY



**St.Mary's Church, Alderley & St.Catherine's Church, Birtles on
1st August 2021**

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

Hymns at St.Mary's Church this morning (from Hymns Ancient & Modern), which we may sing quietly:

198: Ye holy angels bright
226: As pants the hart for cooling streams
447: Christians, lift your hearts and voices
262: Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Hymns at St.Catherine's Church this morning (from Common Praise), which we may sing quietly:

626: Ye holy angels bright
391: Blest are the pure in heart
423: Fight the good fight
251: All things bright and beautiful

Today's Bible readings

Ephesians 4: 1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

⁸ Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' ⁹ (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to

the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

John 6: 24-35

²² The next day the crowd that had stayed on the other side of the lake saw that there had been only one boat there. They also saw that Jesus had not got into the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³ Then some boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks.

²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶ Jesus answered them,

'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' ²⁸ Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' ²⁹ Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' ³⁰ So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?

³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³² Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' ³⁴ They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' ³⁵ Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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.

Today at 12.45pm at St.Catherine's Church the Baptism will take place of Zachary Sidebottom.

There will be afternoon teas in Nether Alderley Parish Hall every Sunday in August from 2pm to 4pm. Please let Ken Wilkinson know when you can be in church on August Sunday afternoons.

The Revd Jon Hale will be on leave from the end of Friday 6th August until the end of Monday 16th August. To arrange a funeral at this time please contact the Vicar of St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge - the Revd Robin Pye - on 01625 583249 and revrobinpye@gmail.com .

The first mark of a Healthy Church is a church which is energized by faith rather than just keeping things going:

- *worship and sacramental life: moves people to experience God's love*
- *motivation: energy comes from a desire to serve God and one another*
- *engaging with Scripture: in creative ways connect with life*
- *nurtures faith in Christ: helping people to grow in, and share their faith.*

<https://www.london.anglican.org/kb/seven-marks-of-a-healthy-church/>

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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. **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 Treasurer – writes as follows: "Just tap the amount you wish to give on the screen and then touch the card reader at the top with your contactless card until 'Payment approved' appears on the reader. If you wish to give more than £30 and are happy for us to claim the gift aid on your donation, please say 'yes' to the gift aid question on the screen and then enter the details requested." **You can now also give to St.Mary's Church using this QR code:**



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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 distributes Over Alderley & Birtles Monthly Messenger free of charge.

Mrs Rachel Roberts (Reader) is on secondment from St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge to the Benefice of Alderley & Birtles.