



WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY

St.Mary's Church, Alderley & St.Catherine's Church, Birtles on 8th August 2021

Covid-safe practices will 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 Old and New), which we may sing quietly:

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| 4 | A new commandment |
| 455 | Teach me my God and King |
| 328 | Make me a channel of your peace |
| 143 | Forth in thy name |

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

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| 260 | Morning has broken |
| 519 | Make me a channel of your peace. |
| 455 | Guide me. O thou great redeemer. |
| 385 | Be thou my guardian and my guide |

At St.Mary's Church at 9.45am the Family Service is taken by Rachel Roberts, Reader.

At St.Catherine's Church at 11.15am the Holy Communion service is taken by the Revd Canon Professor Loveday Alexander of St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge.

Today's Bible readings

Ephesians 4: 25 – 5: 2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸ Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.

²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³² and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ² and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

John 6: 35, 41-51

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. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.'

⁴² They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?'

⁴³ Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be

taught by God.” Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.

⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down

from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.’

At St.Mary’s Church today the Banns of Marriage will be read of Austin Timothy AMBROSE and Amanda Louise ROGERS.

At St.Catherine’s Church talk with Jo Rogers about The Knitted Bible in St.Catherine’s Church in early December.

If you can help with the Over Alderley & Birtles Fun Dog Show and Fete on Bank Holiday Monday please speak with Julie Wilson.

The Revd Jon Hale is on leave 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 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 leaning 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.

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

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. **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.