



**WELCOME TO
WORSHIP ON THE
FEAST DAY OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**St.Mary's Church, Alderley
& St.Catherine's Church,
Birtles on 15th 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:

Introit hymn: 467. Tell out, my soul

Gradual hymn: 220. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Offertory hymn: 321. Love divine, all loves excelling

Last hymn: 464. Take me life and let it be

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

Hymn 362 Tell out, my soul

Psalm 98

Hymn 467 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Hymn 516 Love divine, all loves excelling

Hymn 581 Take me life and let it be

At St.Mary's Church at 9.45am the Holy Communion Service is taken by the Revd Robin Pye, Vicar of St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge.

At St.Catherine's Church at 11.15am the Mattins service is taken by Rachel Roberts, Reader.

Today's Bible readings

Galatians 4: 4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶ And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' ⁷ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Luke 1: 46-55

⁴⁶ And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

⁴⁸ for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Luke 11: 27-28

While Jesus was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, 'Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!'

²⁸ But he said, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!'

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:**



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 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.