



WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON THE 13th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



**St.Mary's Church, Alderley & St.Catherine's Church,
Birtles on 29th August 2021**

Covid-safe measures continue to be observed at both our churches, so please wear a mask, sign in, sit in alternate pews, and leave all books and papers in your pew at the end of the service. These measures are to protect and reassure us all, and particularly those of the church who are the most vulnerable. Mask-wearing is no longer mandatory but Her Majesty's Government recommends that masks are worn in an enclosed space. We wear a mask not to protect ourselves but to protect and reassure those around us. The Covid-safe measures at both churches will be reviewed by both Parochial Church Councils in mid-September. If you have been in contact with a person infected with Coronavirus please avoid contact with others for a period of time, even if you are not actually required to isolate.

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

204: Let us with a gladsome mind
156: Come down O love divine
237: Take up thy cross
141: The head that once was crowned with
thorns

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

202: Holy, Holy, Holy
175: Come down O love divine
172: The head that once was crowned with
thorns
262: O Lord my God (How great thou art)

Today's Bible readings

James 1: 17-end

¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves

and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶ If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the

elders; ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' ⁶ He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."

⁸ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' ²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

Please pray for both Parochial Church Councils of our Benefice which will meet with Archdeacon Ian and the Parochial Church Council of St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge in the evening of 1st September in Nether Aldreley Parish Hall at 7.00pm.

There is a Wedding and a Baptism at St.Mary's Church in September / October for which vergers are needed please. Please let the Rector know if you can serve as verger at one or both of these:

- The Marriage of Marnie WALKER & Will EAST on Saturday 11th September at 1.00pm.
- The Baptism of Matilda LAW on Sunday 31st October at 12.45pm.

There is also a wedding at St.Mary's Church on 17th September and a Baptism at St.Catherine's Church on 3rd Oct.

Jenny Shufflebottom of Nether Alderley Parish Council writes: There are flyers on the church notice board for the Quiz Night/ fish and chip supper on Friday September 17th in the Parish Hall and the Curry Night on Wednesday 13th October at Tiger Lily. Anyone wishing to book tickets can get my name and number off the flyers and we would make them very welcome.

This evening in St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge there will be a 7.00pm joint online service with Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church in Atlanta, USA. You can join this on Zoom. Please email alderleyandbirtles@gmail.com this afternoon and ask for the Zoom link.

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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.stmarysaldreley.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.