



WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON THE 14th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

St.Mary's Church, Alderley & St.Catherine's Church, Birtles on 5th Sept.



Welcome to the Revd Linda Lonsdale who will take the 9.45am Holy Communion service at St.Mary's Church this morning.

The 11.15am Family Service at St.Catherine's Church today will be taken by Rachel Roberts, Reader.

Covid-safe measures continue to be observed at both our churches. These measures will be reviewed by the St.Catherine's Parochial Church Council when it meets on 13th September and by the St.Mary's Parochial Church Council when it meets on 23rd September. Please talk with members of the PCC and let them know your views on whether and how Covid-safe measures should be relaxed.

Current Covid-safe measures at both churches are: 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. 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:

- 125. O for a thousand tongues to sing
- 391. Lord, Jesus Christ, you have come to us
- 234. Thine for ever! God of love
- 126. The King of love my shepherd is

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

- 251: All things bright and beautiful (omit v5)
- 497: Let all the world in every corner sing
- 589: The King of love
- 81: Lord, for the years

Today's Bible readings

James 2: 1-10

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith

and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸ You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

Mark 7: 24-37

From there Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.²⁷ He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.'²⁸ But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.'²⁹ Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.'³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.'³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.³⁶ Then Jesus^[i] ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

About the Over Alderley & Birtles Fun Dog Show and Fete that was held on Bank Holiday Monday on the field behind the Reading Room, Julie Wilson writes: Well done to you all, we really had a wonderful turnout and everyone seemed to be enjoying the event. Katherine has done the maths and we have made a profit of £1631.30 - far higher than any of our previous events. Well done!

About Afternoon Teas that were held in Nether Alderley Parish Hall every Sunday in August by Nether Alderley Parish Council, Jenny Shufflebottom writes: After a shaky start in week one, we had four fantastic weeks and have made over £1300. Special thanks to everyone who produced cakes to a very high standard. Particular thanks to Sue Joseph for her amazing scones which she produced week in week out, and to Janet for the lovely plants which are going strong. A lot of people came back more than once, often bringing friends and family, a real testament to the quality of food on offer and the friendly and welcoming atmosphere created by all who helped. Well done!!



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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.