



WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON THE 15th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
St.Mary's Church, Alderley & St.Catherine's Church, Birtles on 12th Sept 2021



Jesus said: 'Come, follow me'. Matthew 4: 19

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.

Current Covid-safe measures at both churches are: please wear a mask; sign in; sit in alternate pews; Holy Communion in one kind; doors / windows open; 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 Old & New), which we may sing quietly:

- 137. For the beauty of the earth.
- 442. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
- 121. Father, I place into your hands
- 106. Dear Lord and Father of mankind.

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

- 563: Rejoice, the Lord is King
- 467: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
- 391: Blest are the pure in heart
- 375: Amazing grace

Today's Bible readings

James 3: 1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴ Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and

sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸ but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Mark 8: 27-end

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' ²⁸ And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' ²⁹ He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are

the Messiah.’³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my

followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel will save it.³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

Zoom worship this evening at 6.30pm is a Taize Service, led by Rachel Roberts. Email alderleyandbirtles@gmail.com to be sent the Zoom link.

Please pray for the members of the Parochial Church Council of St.Catherine’s Church as they prepare to meet on Monday and for the members of the PCC of St.Mary’s Church as they prepare to meet on 23rd September.

The Banns of Marriage will be read at St.Mary’s Church today of Peter ROWE and Cynthia MARCHANT who are to marry at St.Mary’s Church on Thursday 28th October and Mark BAKER & Olivia NORTON who are to marry at St.Mary’s Church on Saturday 27th November.

One other wedding is to take place in the benefice (at St.Mary’s Church) before the end of November: Amanda ROGERS & Austin AMBROSE on Friday 17th September.

The Baptisms that will be held in the benefice until the end of November are on (all Sundays): 19th September at 12noon at St.Mary’s Church – Louise PEARSON (thank you to the Revd Robin Pye who will conduct this Baptism and Michael Penlington who will be verger); 3rd October at 12.45pm at St.Catherine’s Church – Matilda Grace CAPPER; 31st October at 12.45pm at St.Mary’s Church – Matilda LAW (a verger is needed please); and 28th November at 12.45pm at St.Catherine’s Church. Thank you to David and Michael Norbury who are the Baptism, Wedding and Funeral Vergers at St.Catherine’s Church.



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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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Mrs Rachel Roberts (Reader) is on secondment to the Benefice of Alderley & Birtles.