

WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON 26th SEPTEMBER 2021

The 17th Sunday of the Trinity season



Covid-safe measures at St.Catherine's Church were reviewed by the Parochial Church Council when it met on 13th Sept.

Covid-safe measures now at St.Catherine's Church are:

- please wear a mask if you wish;
- sign in;
- Holy Communion in one kind;
- doors & windows open.

The PCC agreed that we will no longer have only alternate pews in use and that we will no longer disinfect the pews if they are to be used less than 72 hours after the previous use.

Harvest Festival at St.Catherine's Church is on Sunday 3rd October at 11.15am.

Please contact Judith Holden to help decorate the church.

The St.Catherine's Annual Harvest Lunch will be held on the 3rd October, all are welcome.

£10 cover steak pie followed by a pudding or cheese (vegetarian and vegan alternatives available on request). 12.30 for 13.00. To book please message us on St.Catherine's Facebook or call Julie on 585 463. There will be a Baptism in St.Catherine's Church at 12.45pm so the Vicar will be late for his lunch.

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

Introit hymn: 362: Tell out, my soul

Gradual hymn: 449: God of mercy

Offertory hymn: 474: Immortal, invisible

Last hymn: 455: Guide me, O thou great redeemer



Covid-safe measures at St.Mary's Church were reviewed by the Parochial Church Council when it met on 23rd Sept.

Covid-safe measures now at St.Mary's Church are:

- please wear a mask if you wish;
- Holy Communion in one kind;
- Maximum of two doors open.

The PCC agreed that we will no longer have only alternate pews in use and that we will no longer disinfect the pews if they are to be used less than 72 hours after the previous use.

Sometimes when there is a very large congregation for a funeral, worshippers sit in the chancel but, for the time being, this will not be allowed.

Harvest Festival at St.Mary's Church

today: Donations of non-perishable food that have been brought to the service will be given to the Oasis Project in Gorton, Manchester. Thank you to Lesley Marsh, and Geoff and Maureen Woolley who are our link people with Oasis. <https://oasisgorton.org/>

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

Hymn 289: Come, ye thankful people, come

Hymn 290: We plough the fields

Hymn 292: Eternal Father, strong to save

Hymn 291: To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise



Today's Bible readings at St.Mary's Church Harvest Festival

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰ You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

¹¹ Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹² When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous [b](#) snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶ and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷ Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' ¹⁸ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Luke 12: 16-30

¹⁶ Then Jesus told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?"' ¹⁸ Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰ But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

²² He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!' ²⁵ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.



Today's Bible readings at St.Catherine's Church Holy Communion

James 5: 13-end

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰ you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Mark 9: 38-end

³⁸ John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' ³⁹ But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴² 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹ 'For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'



On Thursday 14th October there will be a Welcome Service for Bishop Sam Corley. The service will be held at St.George's Church, Stockport at 7.00pm.

There are three Bishops in our Diocese of Chester and all have taken up their role in the last 15 months: the Rt Revd Mark Tanner who has been Bishop of Chester since July 2020; the Rt Revd Julie Conalty who has been Bishop of Birkenhead since July 2021; and the Rt Revd Sam Corley who has been Bishop of Stockport since July 2021.

Please email alderleyandbirtles@gmail.com to be sent the Eventbrite contact so that you can register to attend the service on 14th October or so that you can obtain the code to access the service online.

Global Images of Christ at Chester Cathedral



A landmark exhibition of over 40 enlightening works of art, sculpture and images from artists such as Mark Cazalet, Peter Eugene Ball and Lorna May Wadsworth to challenge our perceptions as to how Jesus Christ and other people of faith are depicted by people of different ethnicity, race and colour. Open: Monday – Saturday 10am – 6pm, Sunday 12 Noon – 5pm. Exhibition open: Saturday 25 September – Saturday 30 October 2021. Restrictions may apply on certain days. If you are travelling specifically for the exhibition, please telephone to ensure the Cathedral is open at the time of your visit. Free entry. Donations welcome. <https://www.chester.anglican.org/news/global-images-of-christ.php>

Zoom worship this evening at 6.30pm. Email alderleyandbirtles@gmail.com to be sent the Zoom link.

Please pray for our Bishops: Bishop Mark, Bishop Julie and Bishop Sam, and please pray for the Archdeacon of Macclesfield – the Venerable Ian Bishop.



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 to the Benefice of Alderley & Birtles.