

St.Mary, Alderley



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The Bible passage that I most often use at a Baptism nowadays is the call by Jesus of his first disciples from Matthew, Chapter 4. I go on to say that that call that Jesus made to the disciples is the call that Jesus makes on each one of us.

So that this may more easily be received at a Baptism, I say that there comes a time for each one of us when we stop and look around, and we ask ourselves, in our awareness of our mortality, what is the basis for our hope. I affirm everyone present by saying that it is our hope in Jesus Christ which brings us to the Baptism. And then I make a challenge. I say that the day will come when the baby being Baptised will have grown, and will hear his extended family talking about his Baptism day. I say that the child will ask: 'What was that all about?' And I go on to say that all of those to whom I am speaking will be able to explain to the child that our hope is in Jesus Christ, who shows us God's love and who saves us at the last, into whose death and Resurrection the child was Baptised.

For those of us who are Baptised and who have heard the call of our Lord, and who faithfully worship every week, the word to describe us is Disciples. We are being formed into disciples of Christ: being open to the Word of God; opening ourselves in prayer before God; waiting on God to know what is God's call on our life. This is our call in discipleship. Rachel Roberts and I are here for you when you ask us to help you to discern God's call on your life.

The Bible reading set to be read at worship on Sunday 12th September is a simple statement made by James in his letter. It's about discipleship. The letter of James, Chapter 3, is direct advice to a local church – as direct to us now as when it was written some 2000 years ago. The tongue is a small part of our body but it can cause great harm by unguarded talk. 'From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so'. It is not profound teaching, but we don't always need profound teaching. This is about cherishing the life of the local church and working with generosity and love for all who comprise that church and for all who seek the Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray that our discipleship together may strengthen and may be a source of joy and celebration and fruitfulness in faith.

NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB

Latest draw winners

1 st prize	Pat Wolgram
2 nd prize	John Wareham
3 rd prize	Ronelda Dyas

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1 st prize	Will Ablett
2 nd prize	Judy Swales
3 rd prize	David Mogg

Flower Rota

3rd October

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10th and 17th October Jo-Anne Tranter. (Delighted to welcome our
new member of the Flower Team)

24th and 31st October. - Sally Hilldrup

Times of services at St.Mary's Church on Sundays at 9.45am in October

Sunday 3 rd October	Trinity 18	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
Sunday 10 th October	Trinity 19	Family Service (Common Worship)
Sunday 17 th October	Trinity 20	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Sunday 24 th October	The Last Sunday after Trinity Family Service (Common Worship)	
Sunday 31 st October	All Saints' Sunday	Holy Communion (Common Worship)

At St.Catherine's Church, Birtles on Sundays at 11.15am in October the service pattern has not yet been decided.

International Day of Older Persons

International Day of Older Persons is marked on October 1st each year. Let us all celebrate the rich, interesting lives we've lived and the positive impact older people have on local communities and wider society.

As we get older, there are many different challenges and trials we may face each day. There maybe days where we feel we can't go on. Sometimes dreams are shattered, friendships can fall apart, loved ones may hurt us, sickness and fear may overtake us but God is there to guide us. He sees our tears and knows our doubts. He knows when our soul is weary and our body weak. We know that our Heavenly Father will always be there to guide us through our toughest times and share in our happiness on brighter days.

Never lose FAITH, hold on to HOPE and trust in GOD always.

Ann Austin

I'm A Poet & I Don't Know It

National Poetry Day is the annual mass celebration that encourages everyone to enjoy, discover and share poetry. Taking place on the first Thursday of October, this year's National Poetry Day falls on 7th October and will be marked by events celebrating poetry's power to bring people together.

Poetry, as you may know, is one of my great loves. I enjoy both writing and reading it. I can't take credit for this one but it's one that brought a smile to my face and hopefully will to yours...

Have you ever looked up at the night sky and wondered how it all works?

How is the moon held in place and why does it sometimes disappear?

Why does the sun set and how far away are the twinkling stars?

In this poem fruit is used to demonstrate the positions of stars and planets...

I took an orange and a plum
To demonstrate the earth and sun
Held in place by gravity
Out little planet you and me.

I grabbed some grapes for all the stars
And cast them out far and wide
Distant suns and foreign moons
I'm all four corners of the room.

The wonders of the galaxy
Spread out before our eyes
Where did they come from? Someone cried
From the fruit bowl I replied.

Ann Austin

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SUNDAY SERVICES

1st Sunday: Holy Communion (traditional)

2nd Sunday: Family Service

3rd Sunday: Holy Communion (contemporary)

4th Sunday : Family Service

5th Sunday: Holy Communion (contemporary)

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Organist:

St. Mary's is currently without a regular organist. The Church is grateful to the many organists who have been playing service by service since August 2017

The Church Choir:

all services are currently said because of Coronavirus regulations

Church Flower Rota

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Parish Hall Costs:

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