

WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON 3rd October 2021

The 18th Sunday of the Trinity season



Covid-safe measures now at St.Catherine's Church are: (i) please wear a mask if you wish; (ii) sign in; (ii) Holy Communion in one kind; (iv) doors & windows open.



Covid-safe measures now at St.Mary's Church are: (i) please wear a mask if you wish; (ii) Holy Communion in one kind; (iii) Maximum of two doors open. 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.

Hymns at St.Catherine's Church this morning (from Common Praise):

270 Come, ye thankful people, come
254 For the fruits of His creation
275 We plough the fields
274 To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise

Hymns at St.Mary's Church this morning (from Hymns A&M):

220 Fight the good fight
131 Love divine
70 It is a thing most wonderful
375. Lord of the dance

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

Hebrews 1: 1-4, 3: 5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³ He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵ Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶ But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷ You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹ but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹ For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason, Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹² saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

Mark 10: 2-16

Some Pharisees came and tested Jesus by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³ "What did Moses command you?" he replied. ⁴ They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away." ⁵ "It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus

replied. ⁶ “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ ⁷ ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰ When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. ¹¹ He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. ¹² And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.”

¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

The Bible readings at St.Catherine’s Church Harvest Festival are in the Order of Service

Today at St.Catherine’s Church at 12.45pm the Vicar will Baptise Matilda Grace CAPPER.

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

Mrs Janet ADAMSON of Alderley Cottage, Congleton Road died on 27th September. Please keep Janet and her family in prayer. Funeral arrangements have not yet been finalised.

At St.Mary’s Church thank you to Michael Penlington, Avril Lamond, Gail Hodgett, Sally Hilldrup, Joyce Davis and Jo-Anne Tranter who decorated the church for Harvest Festival. And thank you to Beryl Bardsley for baking the bread for the altar.

Last Sunday we said goodbye to Martin Roper who has played the organ at both our churches most Sunday mornings for several years. Neil Taylor and Reg Holmes can play for us a few Sundays each month but, as things stand, at least twice a month we will either sing unaccompanied or listen to hymns on CD. If you know an organist who could play at our two churches on Sunday mornings, please let the Rector / Vicar know. If you know a pianist who could accompany hymns at St.Mary’s Church please let the Rector know.



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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.