



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**  
**The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Trinity season 2021**  
**The Benefice of St.Mary, Alderley & St.Catherine,**  
**Birtles**



It appears that this morning we won't have an organist to play to accompany hymns at our two churches. The hymns that will be played on CD at the 9.45am Family Service at St.Mary's Church and the 11.15am Holy Communion service at St.Catherine's Church are:

<b>Glorious things of thee are spoken</b> (CD1: track 16)	172 at St.Mary's	435 at St.Catherine's
<b>Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven</b> (CD1: track 1)	192 at St.Mary's	555 at St.Catherine's
<b>Immortal, invisible God, only wise</b> (CD 5: track 2)	199 at St.Mary's	474 at St.Catherine's
<b>Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go</b> (CD 4: track 13)	239 at St.Mary's	430 at St.Catherine's

**At the end of September we said goodbye to Martin Roper who has played the organ at both our churches most Sunday mornings for several years.** Martin and his wife have moved to Lancashire to care for Martin's wife's parents. 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.

**On 3<sup>rd</sup> October Martin Roper emailed the Rector / Vicar, saying:** 'Hello Jon, I'm very sorry to have missed you after the service last week. Many thanks for the garden centre voucher, we have a bigger garden here and, it will be very useful. Well, after quite a tough week we've moved in and now have Internet. I really enjoyed my time playing at both churches and will miss it very much. Best wishes to you, your family and the congregation. Kindest regards, Martin'.

## Today's Bible readings

### Hebrews 4: 12 - end

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. <sup>13</sup> Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. <sup>14</sup> Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

### Mark 10: 17-31

<sup>17</sup> As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup> "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is

good—except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honour your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup> “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup> At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. <sup>23</sup> Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup> The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup> The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?” <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

<sup>28</sup> Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!” <sup>29</sup> “Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel <sup>30</sup> will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

**Zoom worship for our benefice this evening at 6.30pm will have a Taize theme and will be led by Rachel Roberts.** [https://www.taize.fr/en\\_rubrique8.html](https://www.taize.fr/en_rubrique8.html) Email alderleyandbirtles@gmail.com to be sent the Zoom link.

**Mrs Janet ADAMSON** of Alderley Cottage, Congleton Road died on 27<sup>th</sup> September. Please keep Janet and her family in prayer. Janet’s funeral will be at Macclesfield Crematorium on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. There will be a Memorial Service for Janet at St.Mary’s Church on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 2.30pm. Thank you to Peter Bean for serving as Verger at this service.

**Mr Peter BETHELL – a former Churchwarden of St.Catherine’s Church – died in Bury Hospital early on 5<sup>th</sup> October.** The Vicar is in touch with Peter’s nephew who is Peter’s next of kin.

**The Revd Jon Hale will be on leave from Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> until Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October.** Until 20<sup>th</sup> October, funeral cover will be provided by the Revd Robin Pye on 01625 583249. And until 22<sup>nd</sup> October funeral cover will also be provided by the Revd Canon Ian Blay on 01565 873218. From 23<sup>rd</sup> October the Rector / Vicar will monitor messages left on the Rectory phone and he will act on any messages asking to arrange a funeral.



**The Right Reverend Sam Corley – the Bishop of Stockport** – will be visiting St.Catherine’s parish on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October in the afternoon 2pm to 4pm. For some of the time he will be at Sandy Lane Tearoom. Contact the Churchwardens for more details. At 4.15pm Bishop Sam will meet with the Parochial Church Council of St.Mary’s Church in the church.

**The Revd Canon Professor Loveday Alexander wrote on 2<sup>nd</sup> October about HOLY HABITS** This year's Bible Study programme will meet for the first time on **Monday evening October 4th at 7.30 pm in the West End of St Philip & St James Church.** This year's programme will follow the book HOLY HABITS by Andrew Roberts, published 2016. We'll have some copies available if you want to buy your own. Or see <https://www.holyhabits.org.uk> . **HOLY HABITS** is based on the Acts of the Apostles. If you would like to get

emails about Holy Habits please email me on [Loveday.alexander@btinternet.com](mailto:Loveday.alexander@btinternet.com). God bless, Loveday.  
**You are very welcome to join the HOLY HABITS group even if you have missed the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October. The group will meet Mondays 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 6<sup>th</sup> December, 10<sup>th</sup> January, 7<sup>th</sup> February and subsequent dates to be arranged.**

**THE KNITTED BIBLE.** St.Catherine's Church is hosting 'The Knitted Bible' in the church building in early December. This is a display of many Bible scenes that have been crafted in knitting by St.George's United Reformed Church in Hartlepool. See the last page of this news sheet.

**On Sunday 26th September Peter Reynolds of St.Mary's Church ran the Manchester 10k with his son Mark and his girlfriend Rebecca.** Peter writes ..... As in previous years, we were running in support of The Christie Charity and The Oasis Centre in Gorton. Hilti my employer (Hilti GB) Ltd, have very kindly agreed to "match" any donations we raise so if you would like to donate this can be done via cheque / cash in the envelopes in St.Mary's Church or Just Giving:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/team/Reynolds10km2021> Thank you for your continued support over so many years for these wonderful Charities who need our support even more than ever. With very best wishes to you all, Peter, Mark and Rebecca.

**The next Baptism in our benefice will be at St.Mary's Church at 12.45pm on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Matilda LAW.** Matilda and her father were at morning worship at St.Mary's Church last Sunday. Please let the Rector know if you are willing to serve as Verger for Matilda's Baptism.

**Now that Covid rules are being relaxed, we can offer toys to children again at St.Mary's Church.** If you would like to spend an hour or so with the Rector disinfecting these toys, please let him know.



### **St.Mary's Church, Alderley SK10 4TW in the Benefice of Alderley & Birtles.**

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. The Churchwarden is Mr Ken Wilkinson (tel: 0161 4323490). The Rector is the Reverend Jon Hale (tel: 01625 585440 and email [alderleyandbirtles@gmail.com](mailto:alderleyandbirtles@gmail.com)). The Honorary Treasurer is Mr Will Ablett (tel: 01625 585180). Online:

[www.alderleychurch.co.uk](http://www.alderleychurch.co.uk) and [www.stmarysaldерley.com](http://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:**



### **St.Catherine's Church, Birtles SK10 4RU in the Benefice of Alderley &**

**Birtles.** 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. 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](mailto:alderleyandbirtles@gmail.com)). The Honorary Treasurer is Mrs Nicola Folkes (tel: 01625

860815 & [nicolajaynefolkes@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Psalm 90: 12-end

So teach us to count our days

that we may gain a wise heart.

<sup>13</sup> Turn, O LORD! How long?

Have compassion on your servants!

<sup>14</sup> Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

<sup>15</sup> Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,

and for as many years as we have seen evil.

<sup>16</sup> Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

<sup>17</sup> Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—  
O prosper the work of our hands!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen



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