



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON 24th
OCTOBER The Last Sunday of the Trinity
Season 2021 (Bible Sunday)
The Benefice of St.Mary, Alderley & St.Catherine,
Birtles**



The Family Service at St.Mary's Church today will be taken by Mrs Rachel Roberts, Reader. **The Holy Communion service at**

St.Catherine's Church today will be taken by The Reverend Canon Professor Loveday Alexander.

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:

Love divine	(CD 3: track 16)	131 at St.Mary's	516 at St.Catherine's
Praise to the holiest	(CD 2: track 8)	117 at St.Mary's	557 at St.Catherine's
All my hope on God is founded	(CD 3: track 14)	336 at St.Mary's	368 at St.Catherine's
All people that on earth do dwell	(CD 1: track 17)	100 at St.Mary's	369 at St.Catherine's

Hymns Ancient & Modern New Standard at St.Mary's Church.

Today's Bible readings

2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

John 5: 36b – end.

Jesus said: 'The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. ³⁷ And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, ³⁸ and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. ³⁹ 'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. ⁴⁰ Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. ⁴¹ I do not accept glory from human beings. ⁴² But I know that you do not have the love of God in ^[f] you. ⁴³ I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. ⁴⁴ How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes

from the one who alone is God? ⁴⁵ Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. ⁴⁶ If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. ⁴⁷ But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?’

Zoom worship for our benefice this evening is at 6.30pm. Email neilroberts868@btinternet.com to be sent the Zoom link.

Mr Peter BETHELL – a former Churchwarden of St.Catherine’s Church – died in Bury Hospital early on 5th October. Peter’s funeral is expected to be held at St.Leonard’s Church, Middleton. Please contact the Churchwardens or Judith Holden about Peter’s funeral arrangements.

The Christmas Fair will be held this year at Nether Alderley Parish Hall on Saturday 20th November 10.00am to 2.00pm. This will be organised by Nether Alderley Parish Council with help from St.Mary’s Church. The event will raise money to keep the Parish Hall in funds and towards the fund to pay for the necessary building works at the Parish Hall. Please contact Fiona Ablett and let her know how you can help.

A Family Christmas carol sing-along will be held at Nether Alderley Parish Hall at 7.00pm on Friday 17th December. More details later.

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

The next Baptisms in our benefice will be at St.Mary’s Church at 12.45pm on Sunday 31st October (Matilda LAW) and at 12.45pm on Sunday 7th November (Thomas & Flynn CARLYLE) Please email the Rector to let him know if you are willing to serve as Verger.



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). 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:**



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). 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.