



WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON 31st OCTOBER: ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

The Benefice of St.Mary, Alderley & St.Catherine,
Birtles



We welcome Mr Neil Taylor who is our organist this morning.

Hymns at St.Mary's Church this morning (from Hymns Old & New):

- 134. For all the saints (omit vv 5&6)
- 266. Jesus calls us (t1)
- 555. Who are these?
- 76. Christ is made the sure foundation.

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

- 232. For all the saints (omit vv 5&6)
- 233. Jesus calls us
- 229. Who are these?
- 208 Pts 2 & 3 & Doxology. Christ is made the sure foundation

Today's Bible readings:

Revelation 21: 1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying; 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶ Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

John 11: 32-44

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷ But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' ³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?'

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

The Baptism that was planned for today at 12.45pm at St.Mary's Church has been postponed because of Covid-19 infection in the family.

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

The death occurred on 23rd October of Mrs Bets SPARROW. The funeral is to be private. A memorial service at St.Catherine's Church is planned to be held at a date to be arranged. Numbers attending are likely to be high so please only attend if you have had a negative Coronavirus lateral flow test result immediately before attending.

The death has occurred of Mr Steven (also known as Billy) RAYNER. Funeral arrangements are not known.

The next Baptisms in our benefice will be, until the end of November:

Sunday 7th November at St.Mary's Church at 12.45pm (Thomas & Flynn CARLYLE);

Sunday 28th November at St.Catherine's Church at 12.45pm (James William George FORTUNE).

Please email the Rector to let him know if you are willing to serve as Verger for the Baptism on 7th Nov.

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.



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.