



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON
14th NOVEMBER
THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**



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

At St.Mary's Church, where the service starts at 10.30am, we welcome this morning Mr Reg Holmes who is our organist.

At St.Catherine's Church, where the service starts at 10.45am, we welcome Mr Neil Taylor who is our organist.

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

- 188** Guide me, O though great Redeemer
- 285** Judge eternal, throned in splendour
- In the Order of Service:** O valiant hearts
- 366** O God, our help in ages past
- 177** The National Anthem vv1&2
- 310** Lord, for the years

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

- 537** O God, our help in ages past
- 413** Eternal Father, strong to save
- 354** The National Anthem
- 443** God is our help and refuge
- 355** I vow to thee, my country
- 607** They Kingdom come

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. Bets' funeral has taken place. A memorial service for Bets will be held on Saturday 11th December at 2.00pm at St.Mary's Church, Alderley.

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

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

Sunday 5th December at St.Mary's Church at 12.45pm: Ted KERSHAW-BURNS

Sunday 12th December at St.Mary's Church at 12.45pm: Rosie Elisabeth Anne ROBINSON

Please email the Rector to let him know if you are willing to serve as Verger for the Baptisms on 5th & 12th December.

The Nether Alderley 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** if you can help on the day or on the Friday afternoon, or with Cake, or with Raffle or Tombola prizes. Flyers for this event are being distributed to all homes in Nether Alderley by parish councillors and others.

On Advent Sunday (28th November) Choral Evensong will be held at St.Mary's Church at 6.30pm with the choir of St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge, and three members of the St.Mary's Church choir.

A Knitted Bible Family Service will be held at St.Catherine's Church at 11.15am on Sunday 5th December.

St.Catherine's Church will be open for you to see the Knitted Bible at the following dates and times:

- **Friday 26th November** at a time still be finalised: Grand Opening of the Knitted Bible.
- **Saturday 27th November:** 10am – 12noon; 2pm – 4pm.
- **Sunday 28th November:** 1.15pm – 2.30pm
- **Thursday 2nd December:** 4pm – 7pm.
- **Friday 3rd December:** 4pm – 7pm.
- **Saturday 4th December:** 10am – 12noon; 2pm – 4pm.
- **Sunday 5th December:** 11.15am Family Service to 1pm; 4pm – 7pm.

The church will be open at other times for schools, Womens' Institutes and parent & toddler groups.

A Christingle Service will be held at St.Mary's Church at 9.45am on Sunday 12th December.

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

Do you know an organist who could play at both our churches on Christmas morning – at 9.45am at St.Mary's and 11.15am at St.Catherine's? Please let Canon Peter Hunt or the Revd Jon Hale know.

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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.