

St.Mary, Alderley



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Rector Writes

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Advent is elemental. Between the earth and the stars; between time past and time present; between the here and the now, all creation waits for the cry of a new-born baby. That is to be dramatic and over-wrought, you might say, but Advent is nothing less than the season of waiting for the annual remembrance of God entering creation. And as God has entered creation once in generous grace, so God will enter creation again in compassionate judgement.

As we enter the darkness of winter, we are naturally thrown back to more primitive responses: the darkness; the cold; the vulnerability to illness; the barrenness of the natural world. In orthodox Christianity, spiritually, these are more than fears that govern us at this time of the year: these are essential reminders of our mortality. The fears of winter are guides and prompts to a greater awareness of our dependence upon God, putting us in our place as creatures of God.

Christmas, when it comes, is all our birthdays because it is the birth day of Jesus Christ. Born as one of us, God is faithful and loving. All our anxieties and fears are taken up by Jesus, even as he is a new born baby. So come to church at St.Mary's in Advent and at Christmas and have a look at the list of services in December. From Christingle on 12th December to the Carol Service on Boxing Day, there is something for everyone!

Covid-safe measures at St.Mary's Church were reviewed by the Parochial Church Council when it met on 23rd Sept.

Covid-safe measures now at St.Mary's Church are:

please wear a mask if you wish;

Holy Communion in one kind;

Maximum of two doors open to promote ventilation.

The PCC agreed that we will no longer have only alternate pews in use and that we will no longer disinfect the pews if they are to be used less than 72 hours after the previous use.

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.

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

Look out for more details nearer the time

NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB

Latest draw winners

1st prize

2nd prize

3rd prize

MANY THANKS FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR. People have been so kind.

It is a little different this year as the Parish Council members of the Hall's Joint Management Committee, are taking the lead. The funds raised will go directly to the Costs of running the hall.

If anyone wants to ask me about this, I'm happy to explain further. Best wishes Everyone and Thank you for your help.

Fiona Ablett

Morality Tales

On 9th November a good crowd gathered – around 50 people – at St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge for the first of four evenings exploring moral questions: 'Is mass killing ever justified?' Ernie Rea – former Head of Religious Broadcasting at the BBC – led a thoughtful and challenging talk, discussion and sharing of experiences based on the circumstances of the two nuclear weapons that were exploded at Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945.

The subsequent evenings in this series of 'Morality Tales', and their speakers, are as follows (all in St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge at 7.30pm, £10 to pay at the entrance):

Tuesday 25th January: How should we commemorate the Holocaust?
Philip Alexander

Tuesday 22nd February: Is it right to use violence to promote social justice?
Ernie Rea

Tuesday 15th March: What should we do with tainted money?
Philip Alexander

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Sunday 5th December (2nd Sunday of Advent)

9.45am. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 12th December (3rd Sunday of Advent)

9.45am. Christingle Service for children and families

Sunday 19th December (4th Sunday of Advent)

9.45am. Holy Communion (Common Worship)

6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Friday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

3.00pm Family Service with the Blessing of the Nativity Scene

Christmas Day

9.45am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Sunday 26th December (St.Stephen)

9.45am Family Service with Christmas Carols (Common Worship)

From the Registers:

Baptisms

Sunday 7th November: Thomas Kristofer Carlyle and Flynn Cooper Carlyle

Weddings

None

Funerals

Saturday 23rd October: Memorial Service for the late Janet Adamson whose funeral had taken place at Macclesfield Crematorium on Friday 22nd October.

The Knitted Bible at St.Catherine's Church

The Knitted Bible is a collection of many knitted figures portraying Bible scenes that was made by St.George's United Reformed Church in Hartlepool. Two years ago St.Catherine's Church booked the Knitted Bible, and a lot has happened since then. Make your way to St.Catherine's Church on one of these dates in December to see the Knitted Bible:

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.

Oasis — call for any spare wool please

Oasis has now been fully open for three months and it is great to be a volunteer there each Monday. The ESOL classes (English for Speakers of Other Languages) have begun on a Monday afternoon and I have a nice little beginners group of Moroccans and Syrians. There was such a huge demand for these sessions that they now extend into Thursday, and we are turning away those who are “too good” - ie are able to speak English fairly well. Sadly the ESOL courses at the local colleges are full, hence the massive demand.

All the gifts and cast offs that I bring and those that are given to Maureen and Jack Woolley are received with huge gratitude. Stuff from St Mary's goes like hot cakes in the shop and other items are sold on eBay to reach their true value. In the shop everything is either 50p or £1 so that our clients can afford to buy and have the pleasure of choosing. There are also emergency food and clothes parcels given out.

On Monday I was talking to one lady, Linda, who said how she enjoys the craft sessions on a Tuesday (which I do not see) and how she has loved learning to crochet. But she finds buying wool expensive and it would be marvellous if anyone has any oddments they don't need to contribute. Thank you in anticipation.

I also hope gifts of non perishable food can be left in church to build up for Christmas parcels to the most needy there. Thank you all very much for continuing to support this excellent centre. Lesley Marsh

Manchester 10k update

Thank you to everyone who supported my Manchester 10k run at the end of September. I am delighted to say that with your wonderful help and support and that of my employer, Hilti (GB) Ltd, we will have raised almost £1,000 again this year. The money will be split once again between the two charities of The Oasis Centre in Gorton (£630) and The Christie NHS Charitable Trust (£360).

I am deeply grateful to all of you and to my employer for your continuing support which together has helped to raise close to £10,000 for these two wonderful charities since I started this fundraising in 2015.

I thank you all and wish you good health and happiness as we approach this Christmas time.

Peter Reynolds

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SUNDAY SERVICES

1st Sunday: Holy Communion (traditional)

2nd Sunday: Family Service

3rd Sunday: Holy Communion (contemporary)

4th Sunday : Family Service

5th Sunday: Holy Communion (contemporary)

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Organist:

St. Mary's is currently without a regular organist. The Church is grateful to the many organists who have been playing service by service since August 2017

The Church Choir:

The Church Choir are not currently singing

Church Flower Rota

Mrs Avril Lamond (01625) 583985

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Mrs Anne Dodd

Parish Hall Bookings

Keith Farrell, 07939 671344

Parish Hall Costs:

£15 per hour - minimum 2 hours

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Barbara Thorpe

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