

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER THE 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

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



**In the light of the increased risk of virus transmission and changed regulations by H. M. Government, please wear a face mask in church at all times (including when singing) and practise social distancing in church at all times. Masks are available for you at the back of the church. Doors will be open for ventilation.**

**At St.Mary's Church alternate pews are out of use in the side aisles and at the back of church: please only sit here if you need to sit with space around you.**

### **Hymns at St.Mary's Church this morning at Holy Communion (from Hymns Ancient & Modern New Standard):**

**26** O come, O come, Emmanuel

**422** Tell out, my soul

**30** Hark, the glad sound

**33** Of the Father's love begotten

### **This morning's Bible readings at St.Mary's Church**

#### **Hebrews 10: 5-10**

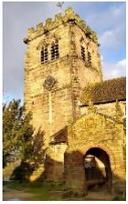
Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said: 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

#### **Luke 1: 39-45**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'



**There will not be a service at St.Catherine's Church this morning. The Birtles Nativity will be held out of doors at Birtles Old Hall at 11.15am today.**



**The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols is at St.Mary's Church at 6.30pm this evening.**

**The Revd Jon Hale writes.** At St.Mary's Church we welcome as our organist this morning Mr Ian Dalgleish who is playing here for the first time. This evening we welcome at St.Mary's Church Mr Marc Ogier who used to be our regular organist at Evensong. Ian Dalgleish is one of two new regular organists who will play for us in the future in addition to Reg Holmes and Neil Taylor who have been playing for us for some time. The other new organist is Nora Griffin who will play at St.Catherine's Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> January for the first time. Nora does not feel confident enough to play at both churches. We therefore need an organist or a pianist to play at the 9.45am service at St.Mary's Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> January and on 27<sup>th</sup> February. If a pianist or organist for these two services can be found, we will have a pianist or organist for every Sunday service in January & February. Please let me know if you know of an organist or pianist who could play for us.

## **Times of services at Christmas at St.Mary's Church and at St.Catherine's Church**

### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**3.00pm at St.Mary's Church:** Family Service with the Blessing of the Nativity Scene

**6.00pm at St.Catherine's Church:** Family Carols

### **Christmas Day**

**9.45am at St.Mary's Church:** Holy Communion (Common Worship)

**11.15am at St.Catherine's Church:** Carol Service

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December (St.Stephen)**

**9.45am at St.Mary's Church:** Family Service with Christmas Carols (Common Worship)

**11.15am at St.Catherine's Church:** Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

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

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](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 from St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge to the Benefice of Alderley & Birtles.