

# St.Mary, Alderley



## Parish Magazine

January 2022

**The Rector writes**As the memories of celebration and festivity fade, and as the bills come in, God is with us in the dark days of January and February. The Christmas story is as much about a time of trial and desperation for a young couple as it is about God's love for humankind. It is in the midst of difficulty that God acts in the birth of Jesus. Between the rock and the hard place God is with us.

The Christian belief and hope is that our humanity is sanctified and redeemed by God. This means that as God became human in Jesus, so all of humankind may know God in Jesus. And as Jesus died to reconcile humankind with God, so, in Jesus, we may know ourselves to be released from the sins that separate us from God. This is to use 'churchy' language, but these are the traditional words that are used to describe what Jesus has done for us.

It is for each new generation to take these churchy words and make them their own. As we know God in Jesus, what is our response? Since we have been released from separation with God, what are we doing in our closeness to God? My vision for the parish church is that it should be a place of creative risk-taking, in which faith is celebrated generously and in a way that is inviting.

I look forward to seeing the opportunities that St.Mary's Church will take in 2022 to commend Jesus and to show 'God is with us'.

## Flower Rota

2nd January ---

9th and 16th January.      Fiona Ablett and Maureen Woolley

24rd and 30th January      Sally Hilldrup.

### **NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB**

#### **Latest draw winners**

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	Mrs Fiona Ablett
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	Mr John Wareham
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	Mr Mark Wilkinson

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1 <sup>st</sup> prize	Mrs Judy Swales
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	Mrs Linda Snape
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	Mrs Stephanie Wilkinson

## **Morality Tales**

On 9<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> January: How should we commemorate the Holocaust?  
Philip Alexander

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

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March: What should we do with tainted money?  
Philip Alexander

**Covid-safe measures at St.Mary’s Church** were reviewed by the Parochial Church Council when it met on 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. Since then, the Omicrom variant has become more prevalent.

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

please wear a mask;

Holy Communion in one kind;

maximum of two doors open to promote ventilation.

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.

We will no longer have alternate pews out of use. We no longer disinfect the pews if they are to be used less than 72 hours after the previous use.

## **Times of services at St.Mary's Church on Sundays in January**

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January (The Epiphany)**

9.45am. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January (The Baptism of Christ: the First Sunday of Epiphany)**

9.45am. Family Service (Common Worship)

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January (The Second Sunday of Epiphany)**

9.45am. Holy Communion (Common Worship)

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January (The Third Sunday of Epiphany)**

9.45am Family Service (Common Worship)

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January (The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany)**

9.45am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

## **Times of services at St.Catherine's Church, Birtles on Sundays in January**

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January (The Epiphany)**

11.15am. Family Service (Common Worship)

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January (The Baptism of Christ: the First Sunday of Epiphany)**

11.15am. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January (The Second Sunday of Epiphany)**

11.15am. Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January (The Third Sunday of Epiphany)**

11.15am. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January (The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany)**

11.15am. Plough Sunday

## **From the Registers of St.Mary's Church**

### **Baptisms**

7<sup>th</sup> November                      Thomas Kristofer CARLYLE

7<sup>th</sup> November                      Flynn Cooper CARLYLE

### **Weddings**

27<sup>th</sup> November                      Mark BAKER and Olivia NORTON

### **Funerals and Burials**

None

# Have you ever thought that you could see yourself in a position of authorised ministry in the Church of England?

The annual Chester Diocese vocations day for explorers is Saturday 29th January at Foxhill House - the Diocesan house of prayer, study and mission near Frodsham. If you have ever thought that you could see yourself in a position of authorised ministry in the Church of England, this is the date to put in your diary now. Register h

ere to attend: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../called-to-serve-tickets...>

Here are ten ways in which you could have an authorised ministry in the Church of England: Youth, children and families' ministry; Chaplaincy ministry (lay/ordained); Reader ministry; Pastoral worker ministry; Workplace ministry; Being a church school governor; The religious life; Pioneering ministry (lay/ordained); Being a Church Army evangelist; Ordained ministry (assistant/incumbent/etc).

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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**

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Mrs Anne Dodd

**Parish Hall Bookings**

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