



WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON 16th JANUARY 2022: The Second Sunday of Epiphany

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

Please wear a face mask in church at all times (including when singing) and practise social distancing in church at all times. 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.



Today we welcome Mr Reg Holmes who will play the organ at both churches

Hymns at St.Mary's Church at Holy Communion this morning (from x):

- 277 Jesus shall reign (T2)
- 500 There is a redeemer
- 518 Thy hand (omit vv3&4)
- 560 Will you come and follow me?

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

- 368. All my hope on God is founded
Psalm 145: 1-13
- 369. All people that on earth
- 375. Amazing grace
- 379. As pants the hart

This morning's Bible readings

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11. Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

John 2: 1-11. On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.'

¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gifts of the Spirit: Wisdom; Understanding; Counsel; Fortitude; Knowledge; Piety; Fear of the Lord.

The Fruits of the Spirit: Love; Joy; Peace; Patience; Kindness; Goodness; Faithfulness; Gentleness; Self-control.

The funeral of Freda FISHWICK (99 years) will be held at St.Mary's Church at 10.30am on Friday 28th January followed by committal at Macclesfield Crematorium.

The funeral of Anne COBB (88 years) will be held at St.Mary's Church at 2.15pm on Friday 28th January followed by committal at Macclesfield Crematorium.

The annual Churches Together service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held in St Philip & St James Church, Alderley Edge at 6.30 pm on SUNDAY JANUARY 23RD. The service will be live-streamed and it is hoped that it can be made available on Zoom as well.

Thank you to Rachel Roberts who will represent St.Mary's Church at the Diocesan Lay Conference in March and thank you to Chance Wilson who will represent St.Catherine's Church at the conference.

The Revd Jon Hale writes. As Kerry and I prepare to downsize at our move for retirement, I am offering two of my paintings to anyone who would like to give them a home. Go www.jonhaleartist.com and let me know if you would like to have one of these paintings.

At St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge on Tuesday 25th January at 7.30pm: 'How should we commemorate the Holocaust?' Philip Alexander. £10 Entrance. Pay at the door, cash or card. Covid-safe measures that are in force at the time at St.Philip & St.James Church will apply. Philip Alexander is a retired professor of Jewish studies at the University of Manchester, and a former President of the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies. 25th January is International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Living in Love and Faith is the Church of England's current exercise to ask "How do questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ? What does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church?" A Deanery-based group will meet online by Zoom for 5 sessions on Thursday afternoons starting 3rd March. If you would like to join this group please contact the Revd Jon Hale. For more information go to: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith>

Zoom worship at 6.30pm today led by Kate Pwaihiso. Email the Revd Jon Hale this afternoon to be sent by email the Zoom link for the 6.30pm service today.

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; (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." **And you can use this QR code to give to St.Mary's:** 

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