

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST.MARY'S CHURCH ON 23rd JANUARY 2022: The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Please wear a face mask in church at all times (including when singing) and practise social distancing in church at all times. 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 Ian Dagleish who will play the organ at both churches

Hymns at St.Mary's Church at the Family Service (from Hymns Old & New):

- 148. From heaven you came
- 167. God forgave my sin
- 106. Dear Lord and Father of mankind
- 4. A new commandment

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

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a ¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts.

Luke 4: 14-21 ¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

This morning at St.Mary's Church we welcome Kate Pwaisiho. Kate is an ordinand in training at Emmanuel College, Liverpool. Kate is a member of the ministry team of St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge. Rachel Roberts will be training Kate in conducting Family Services.

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 today. The service will be live-streamed and it is hoped that it can be made available on Zoom as well. Please email the Revd Jon Hale this afternoon for the Zoom link.

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. To join on Zoom please email the Revd Jon Hale beforehand for the link. The evening will also be on the Facebook of St.Philip & St.James Church. 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.

The Revd Jon Hale writes. I will be on leave Saturday 29th January to Thursday 3rd February inclusive. If you need to arrange a funeral please contact the Revd Robin Pye (Vicar of St.Philip & St.James, Alderley Edge) on 01625 583249.



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:**



Mrs Rachel Roberts (Reader) is on secondment from St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge to the Benefice of Alderley & Birtles.