



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST.MARY'S CHURCH 6th FEBRUARY 2022: The Fourth Sunday before Lent

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

Today we welcome Mr Neil Taylor who will play the organ at both churches



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

- 82. Christ, whose glory fills the skies.
- 63. Blest are the pure in heart.
- 490. The Lord's my shepherd (ver1)
- 143. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go

This morning's Bible readings

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

Luke 5: 1-11 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ²He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. ⁸When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." ¹¹So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

There will be a Baptism at St.Mary's Church on Sunday 13th February (3rd Sunday before Lent) at 12.45pm. Please let the Rector know if you can serve as vergers.

On Ash Wednesday (2nd March) Holy Communion will be celebrated at St.Mary's Church at 10.00am.

A Memorial Service for the late Mrs Bets Sparrow will be held at St.Catherine's Church on Fri 22 April.

A Memorial Service for the late Sir David Barnes will be held at St.Mary's Church on Tuesday 26th April.

'Holy Habits' is a series of weekly Lent Groups being organised by St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge for the Churches Together in Alderley including St.Mary's and St.Catherine's Churches. These will meet face to face weekly on dates and times to be arranged. If you would like to join a Holy Habits group, please let the Revd Jon Hale know. These groups might be on Zoom as well. <https://www.holyhabits.org.uk/>

Wednesday evening worship in Lent for the parish churches of Birtles, Chelford, Eaton, Hulme Walfield, Siddington & Marton will probably be held this year, on Wednesdays 9th March, 16th March, 23rd March and 6th April. Details of the programme will be publicised soon.

Fiona Ablett writes, concerning St.Mary's Church. Coffee is booked at 10.30 on Tuesday 8th February at the De Trafford Arms: any of St Mary's are welcome. Some may stay for lunch afterwards. For those of you who are, please use the entrance off the Car Park, as the other doors will be shut.

Fiona Ablett writes about events at Nether Alderley Parish Hall:

- **FEB 26th Saturday. Table top sale.** If anyone wants to take a table that you know, it's £10 to Angela Farrell. Everyone else is welcome to see what is for sale and have coffee.
- **MARCH 18th Fri evening.** Quiz night with fish and chip supper. Or you can take part without supper if preferred. Again please contact Angela for tickets.
- **APRIL 2nd. Saturday Craft Fair.** Again if anyone wishes to sell their wares, please contact Angela, £10. Everyone else please come along and have coffee and cake etc.

Proceeds to keeping the hall going until refurbishment. Plans are progressing well towards work starting but it won't be during this summer. Any questions please ask me but I don't have times as yet.

The World Day of Prayer (used to be the Women's World Day of Prayer) is Friday 4th March. In our area there will be a World Day of Prayer event on 4th March at St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge.

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.

Iota (i), *Iēsoûs* (Ἰησοῦς), "Jesus"

Chi (ch), *Khrístós* (Χριστός), "anointed"

Theta (th), *Theoû* (Θεοῦ), "of God", the genitive singular of Θεός, *Theós*, "God"

Upsilon (y or u), *(h)uiós* (Υἱός), "Son"

Sigma (s), *sōtēr* (Σωτήρ), "Saviour"

Ichthus (Greek) = fish



Source: Wikipedia