



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST.MARY'S CHURCH

ON 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022

The 3rd Sunday before Lent

Today we welcome Nora Griffin who will play the organ

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

522 To God be the glory

52 Be still and know that I am God

560 Will you come and follow me

329 Make way, make way

### This morning's Bible readings

#### 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup> If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

#### Luke 6: 17-26

<sup>17</sup> Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. <sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup> 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup> 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup> 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup> 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup> 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

**The Beatitudes in Matthew 5: 3-12.** <sup>3</sup>Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. <sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the Earth. <sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. <sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the Sons of God. <sup>10</sup>Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. <sup>11</sup>Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**The Baptism of Ophelia Jose Evans will take place at St.Mary's Church today at 12.45pm.**

**The funeral of Mrs Chris Seddon (68 years)** will be taken by the Revd Jon Hale on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 1.15pm at Macclesfield Crematorium. Mrs Seddon lived at Westholme Court in Alderley Edge.

**Please remember in prayer** Michelle Muller of Cranage who has recently died at the age of 64 years.

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

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

**'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. You would like to join a Holy Habits group, please let the Revd Jon Hale know.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> March, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 23<sup>rd</sup> March and 6<sup>th</sup> April. Details of the programme will be publicised soon.

**A Memorial Service for the late Mrs Bets Sparrow** will be held at St.Catherine's Church on Fri 22 April in the afternoon. If you wish to attend this service please sign the list in church.

**A Memorial Service for the late Sir David Barnes** will be held at St.Mary's Church on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at a time to be arranged. If you wish to attend this service please sign the list in church.

**Events at Nether Alderley Parish Hall: FEB 26th Saturday. Table top sale.** Contact Angela Farrell for a table. **MARCH 18th Fri evening.** Quiz night with fish and chip supper. Contact Angela Farrell for tickets. **APRIL 2nd. Saturday Craft Fair.** Contact Angela Farrell for a table.

**Living in Love and Faith (LLF)** 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?" The Revd Ian Blay (Rural Dean) will be holding a Virtual LLF course for Knutsford Deanery over 5 weeks beginning 3rd March, at 1.00 p.m. In this he will be joined by the Rev. Nikki Eastwood who will be acting as a facilitator. If you wish to join this group please contact Ian Blay by email on [ianblay@btinternet.com](mailto:ianblay@btinternet.com) with the subject of your email being LLF. <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith> You are asked to have a copy of the LLF book, to be paid for by your parish church: please speak with the Revd Jon Hale.

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