



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST.MARY'S CHURCH AND ST.CATHERINE'S CHURCH ON 20th FEBRUARY 2022



The 2nd Sunday before Lent

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

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

- 9. All creatures of our God and King. (omit vv4 & 6)
- 137. For the beauty of the earth (T2)
- 39. As the deer pants for the water
- 514. Thou, whose almighty word

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

- 250. All creatures of our God and King.
(omit vv4 & 6)
- Psalm 65
- 253. For the beauty of the earth
- 379. As pants the hart
- 267. Thou, whose almighty word

This morning's Bible readings

Revelation 4

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.'

² At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! ³ And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald.

⁴ Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵ Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; ⁶ and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind:

⁷ the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. ⁸ And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.' ⁹ And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, ¹¹ 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

Luke 8: 22-25

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, ²³ and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. ²⁴ They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵ He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

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

The funeral of Mr Anthony Duerr OBE (84 years) (of Birtles Hall) will be taken by the Revd Jon Hale on Friday 11th March at Macclesfield Crematorium followed at 2.00pm by a Service of Thanksgiving for Anthony Duerr's life at St.Mary's Church.

On Ash Wednesday (2nd 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 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 7.00pm – 8.00pm. Refreshments will be served after the service.

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

Wednesday evening worship in Lent this year will be at 7.30pm as follows: 2nd March at Marton; 9th March at Eaton; 16th March at Birtles; 23rd March at Siddington; 30th March at Hulme Walfield.

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 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.

The Revd Jon Hale has two more of his paintings that he would like to give away to a good home. Have a look at them on www.jonhaleartist.com and let him know if you are interested.

St.Mary's Church, Alderley SK10 4TW in the Benefice of Alderley & Birtles. 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. 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 throughout the parish free of charge.

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