



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST.MARY'S CHURCH AND ST.CATHERINE'S CHURCH ON 27th FEBRUARY 2022



The Sunday next before Lent

Today we welcome Nora Griffin who will play the organ at both churches

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

- 16: All over the world
- 52: Be still and know that I am God
- 494: The Spirit lives to set us free
- 467: Tell out my soul

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

- 6. New every morning
- 353. Jerusalem
- 616. When a knight won his spurs
- 612. We have a Gospel to proclaim

This morning's Bible readings

2 Corinthians 3: 12 - 4:2

¹² Indeed, this is our boast, the testimony of our conscience: we have behaved in the world with frankness and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God—and all the more towards you. ¹³ For we write to you nothing other than what you can read and also understand; I hope you will understand until the end— ¹⁴ as you have already understood us in part—that on the day of the Lord Jesus we are your boast even as you are our boast.

¹⁵ Since I was sure of this, I wanted to come to you first, so that you might have a double favour; ¹⁶ I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and to come back to you from Macedonia and have you send me on to Judea. ¹⁷ Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this? Do I make my plans according to ordinary human standards, ready to say 'Yes, yes' and 'No, no' at the same time? ¹⁸ As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been 'Yes and No.' ¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not 'Yes and No'; but in him it is always 'Yes.' ²⁰ For in him every one of God's promises is a 'Yes.' For this reason it is through him that we say the 'Amen', to the glory of God. ²¹ But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, ²² by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first instalment.

²³ But I call on God as witness against me: it was to spare you that I did not come again to Corinth. ²⁴ I do not mean to imply that we lord it over your faith; rather, we are workers with you for your joy, because you stand firm in the faith. So I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. ² For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained?

Luke 9: 28-36

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'

³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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 at 7.30pm: 2nd March at Marton (Evensong with imposition of ashes); 9th March at Eaton (Evensong); 16th March at Birtles (Evensong); 23rd March at Siddington (Evensong); 30th March at Hulme Walfield (Evensong).

Events at Nether Alderley Parish Hall: 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.

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.ionhaleartist.com and let him know if you are interested.

A visiting team of bell ringers will peal St.Mary's bells 1.30 – 2.00pm today.

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.