

# St.Mary, Alderley



## Parish Magazine

February 2022

There are many saints of the church but just a few of them have entered popular consciousness. One of these is Saint Valentine. There were probably two early martyrs named Valentine, who died in 269 and in 273. Saint Valentine's Day – 14<sup>th</sup> February - became a day to celebrate love and courtship: this may be because mid-February shows early signs of the arrival of Spring. In 1979 I was fortunate to travel to Rome with friends – my first time in Italy. We saw the sights of the city, and it made a great impression on me. In 1979 I was not considering offering myself for ordination, but being in Rome with Roman Catholic companions relit the fire of my faith.

In the Eastern Church, the two saints Cyril and Methodius are celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> February. These two were brothers: they were born in what is now Greece in the early 9<sup>th</sup> Century. Cyril and Methodius are venerated as the Apostles to the Slavs. Eleven years ago I had the good fortune of travelling in Ukraine with an experienced eastern Europe traveller, and the fruits of the missionary work of Cyril and Methodius were everywhere to be seen, not least in the Ukrainian language which is written in Cyrillic script – named after Saint Cyril. The world of Cyril and Methodius was centred on Constantinople – now Istanbul. In 862 the Prince of Moravia (present day borderlands of the Czech Republic and Slovakia) sent to Constantinople for a Christian missionary to strengthen Christian faith, and to align Moravia with Constantinople rather than Rome, and Cyril and Methodius were sent. They translated the Gospels into a new alphabet of their own devising, and this is the source of present-day Cyrillic script in its various forms. I have always been fascinated with Russia and the Russian language, since studying the USSR at school for A level Geography and reading War & Peace in my teens.

I thank God for the friends who took me travelling in 1979 and in 2010 and who opened my eyes to a wider world and a deeper faith.

## Flower Rota

6th and 13th February. - Michael Penlington  
20th and 27th February. - Jo-Anne Tranter

## **NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB**

### **Latest draw winners**

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	Mrs Jean Stone
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	Mr Malcolm Bell
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	Mrs Sarah Jane Wilkinson

## **Morality Tales**

At St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge, the third and fourth of four evenings exploring moral questions.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February:** 'Is it right to use violence to promote social justice?' Ernie Rea

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March:** 'What should we do with tainted money?' Philip Alexander.

Refreshments will be served.

To book tickets in advance please email [revrobinpye@gmail.com](mailto:revrobinpye@gmail.com) Book now in church and pay at the door, cash or card. Tickets also available on Eventbrite. Covid-safe measures that are in force at the time will apply.

## **Covid-safe measures at St.Mary's Church**

**Covid-safe measures at St.Mary's Church at the time of writing (mid-January) are:**

please wear a mask;

Holy Communion in one kind;

maximum of two doors open to promote ventilation;

please maintain social distancing at all times.

alternate pews out of use in the side aisles and at the back of the church to provide socially distanced seating to those who want this.

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.

## **Times of services at St.Mary's Church on Sundays in February**

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent)**

9.45am. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent)**

9.45am. Family Service (Common Worship)

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent)**

9.45am. Holy Communion (Common Worship)

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February (The Sunday before Lent)**

9.45am. Family Service (Common Worship)

## **Times of services at St.Catherine's Church, Birtles on Sundays in February**

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent)**

11.15am. Family Service (Common Worship)

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent)**

11.15am. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent)**

11.15am. Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February (The Sunday before Lent)**

11.15am. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

## **From the Registers of St.Mary's Church**

### **Baptisms**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December: Ted KERSHAW-BURNS

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Rosie Elisabeth Anne ROBINSON

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December: Oliver William GALE

### **Weddings**

None

### **Funerals**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Funeral at St.Mary's Church followed by burial at Alderley Edge Cemetery. Sybil 'Ruth' DAVIS

## **Easter Flowers**

I know that Easter is not till mid April this year but I am anxious that we make this Easter special like we did before the 'lock downs' . So flowers in Church this next Easter will be provided by donations in memory of loved ones. A list of those who the donations have been given in memory of will be on the memorial table. Donation envelopes will be available in Church in March but if you wish to have a donation envelope sent or delivered to your home please contact me. Lets make this a very special Easter.

Michael Penlington 01625 530084 / 07720 050 159

## **Thank you on behalf of Oasis at Christmas**

Thank you very much for all the gifts of food which I have taken to Oasis to provide additional food for some of the most needy in Manchester this Christmas. They were most gratefully received.

Maureen and Jack Woolley and I enjoyed a lovely carol concert at the New Oasis centre on Wednesday 15 December. The "choir" have been trained by members of the Halle Orchestra who visit the centre each Wednesday - and the results were beautiful and very moving. We also had some lovely flute and violin playing including that by the musician in residence at Gorton Monastery.

And thank you for the wool! The craft club at Oasis now has a lot to go at, which will keep them busy for many months! We do not need any more now, thank you.

It is really heartwarming to ask for things for Oasis and then to see them appear so quickly. I feel proud to be associated with St Mary's Church, as it is constantly generous and kindly disposed to Oasis.

Many thanks on behalf of everyone there.

Lesley

## **RECTOR of ALDERLEY**

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## **WEBSITES**

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## **SUNDAY SERVICES**

1st Sunday: Holy Communion (traditional)

2nd Sunday: Family Service

3rd Sunday: Holy Communion (contemporary)

4th Sunday : Family Service

5th Sunday: Holy Communion (contemporary)

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### **Hon Assistant Priest:**

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**Organist:**

St. Mary's is currently without a regular organist. The Church is grateful to the many organists who have been playing service by service since August 2017

**The Church Choir:**

The Church Choir are not currently singing

**Church Flower Rota**

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Mrs Anne Dodd

**Parish Hall Bookings**

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