

St.Mary, Alderley



Parish Magazine

March 2022

The life and ministry of a parish church is ultimately hidden in Christ. None of us knows or fully understands the mystery by which God's purposes work through the parish church. The parish church is not the building: the parish church is the people of faith. St.Mary's Church has such grandeur that it easily distracts, but it is the relationships between people that matter.

Rachel Roberts was licensed as a Reader in 2020, and soon after licensing she was seconded to our benefice of Alderley & Birtles. Since Lent 2021, Rachel has made a very significant contribution to St.Mary's Church. Since Lent 2021, Rachel has played the main part in planning Family Services at both churches in our benefice - two per month at St.Mary's Church and one per month at St.Catherine's Church. Rachel initiated a Christingle service at St.Mary's Church on the second Sunday in December 2021, working with a team of women at St.Mary's Church.

The Reverend John Murray is known to many at St.Mary's Church. John is Rachel's father. John will be serving in our benefice – and at Alderley Edge parish church - in March and early April this year while he visits Cheshire with his wife Diane. I am delighted, and I look forward to meeting John.

The question is: who among St.Mary's Church will be the lay and ordained ministers of the future?

NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB

Latest draw winners

1st prize

2nd prize

3rd prize

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ALDERLEY LENT GROUPS 2022

HOLY HABITS: Exploring the Adventure of Discipleship

The theme for this year's Churches Together Lent Groups is HOLY HABITS, based on the book by Andrew Roberts (below). There will be two groups, one meeting at St Philip & St James Church on Mondays at 7.30 pm and the other at Alderley Edge Methodist Church on Thursdays at 2.30 pm. Any queries? Contact the Revd Canon Loveday Alexander on loveday.alexander@btinternet.com

LENT 1: FEASTING AND FASTING (Holy Habits chapter 14)

LENT 2: MORALITY TALES @ St.Philip & St.James Church on Tuesday 15th March, 7.30 pm. See elsewhere in this magazine.

LENT 3: PRAYER (Holy Habits chapter 11)

LENT 4: SERVICE (Holy Habits chapter 13)

LENT 5: BREAKING of BREAD (Holy Habits chapter 10)

THE BOOK: Andrew Roberts, *Holy Habits* (Malcolm Down 2016). Order from Maxine Drabble for £8.50: maxinedrabble@icloud.com

THE WEBSITE: *Holy Habits: Missional Discipleship Resources for Churches* (Bible Reading Fellowship): <https://www.holyhabits.org.uk>

Morality Tales

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

Tuesday 15th March: 'What should we do with tainted money?' Philip Alexander.

Refreshments will be served.

To book tickets in advance please email 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.

Times of services at St.Mary's Church on Sundays in March

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Sunday 6th March (Lent 1)

9.45am. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 13th March (Lent 2)

9.45am. Family Service (Common Worship)

Sunday 20th March (Lent 3)

9.45am. Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Sunday 27th March (Lent 4 & Mothering Sunday)

9.45am. Family Service (Common Worship)

Times of services at St.Catherine's Church, Birtles on Sundays in MARCH

Sunday 6th March (Lent 1)

11.15am. Family Service (Common Worship)

Sunday 13th March (Lent 2)

11.15am. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 20th March (Lent 3)

11.15am. Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 27th March (Lent 4 & Mothering Sunday)

11.15am. Family Service (Common Worship)

From the Registers

Baptisms: none

Weddings: none

Funerals

Friday 28th January: Funeral at St.Mary's Church followed by committal at Macclesfield Crematorium: Freda FISHWICK.

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EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to make a donation towards the cost of the Lilies and Easter flowers in Church, in memory of loved ones, donation envelopes will be available in Church

Or if you contact me I will either send or deliver to you a donation envelope. Please write the name or names of those to be remembered on the back of the envelope.

An appropriate box for donation envelopes will be just inside the entrance to church or I am happy to collect your donation or you can send it to me.

A list of loved ones to be remembered will be in Church over Easter and published in the magazine

Cheques to be made payable to 'Alderley Church Flower Fund'
Let's make this Easter Special and so many thanks for your support in the past.

Michael Penlington 01625 530084 / 07720 050159

Oasis - appeal for Easter gifts!

Oasis has been open now since July 19th 2021 and we all love meeting in its beautiful new premises. I go each Monday to help in the area of Education - maths in the morning and ESOL (Teaching English for Speakers of Other Languages) in the afternoon. I never know who will turn up in my group although Samira from Syria is always reliable! I have students from Kuwait, Sudan, Congo, Afghanistan, Morocco and Iraq, all charming and all so keen to learn. Teaching children was never like this!!

I am asking, again, for groceries and Easter gifts such as chocolate and Easter eggs, to be brought either to church or left on my porch, 14 Congleton Road, Alderley Edge. I know inflation and rising energy prices are hitting everyone, but the least well off in our society are hit the worse. There just is nothing over and many people are short of both food and heat. So if you can give something - please do! It will ALL be used and most gratefully received.

Lesley Marsh

RECTOR of ALDERLEY

The Revd. Antony Jolyon Hale (Jon)

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Mrs Rachel Roberts, Reader

Secondment to our Benefice, from St Philip and St James, Alderley Edge

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www.stmarysaldlerley.com (our heritage)

Jenny Youatt (*info@stmarysaldlerley.com*)

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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)

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

Mrs Avril Lamond (01625) 583985

email: avrillamond@btinternet.com

Mr Michael Penlington (Festivals)

(01625) 530084

email: michael.penlington574@btinternet.com

Captain of the Tower: (*Practice 7.30pm Tuesdays*)

Mr Peter Robinson

(01625) 860679

email: peterfiona@hotmail.co.uk

Prayer Book Society Representative

Mrs Anne Dodd

Parish Hall Bookings

Keith Farrell, 07939 671344

Parish Hall Costs:

£15 per hour - minimum 2 hours

Burial Board: (*Clerk*)

Barbara Thorpe 07717 244 537

email: clerk.napc@gmail.com



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