

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST.MARY'S CHURCH AND ST.CATHERINE'S CHURCH ON 6th MARCH 2022



The First Sunday in Lent

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


The Revd John Murray will be serving in our benefice during March and on the first Sunday in April. Today John will be preaching at St.Mary's Church at the 9.45am service there. Next Sunday John Murray will preside and preach at Holy Communion at St.Catherine's Church at 11.15am.

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

- 56 Forty days
- 67 When I survey
- 93 Come, Holy Ghost
- 163 Angel- voices ever singing

Hymns at St.Catherine's Church at the Family Service (from Common Praise):

- 604 Through All the Changing Scenes of Life
- 174 Breath on me Breath of God
- 496 Lead us Heavenly Father Lead us
- 362 Tell out my Soul.

Україна Starting today (Sunday 6th March) St.Catherine's Church is a drop off point for items to help those fleeing Ukraine. Please bring donations to St.Catherine's Church on Sundays between 12.00 - 14.00. Donations may also be left in the porch of St.Mary's Church: the Rector will take them to St.Catherine's Church. St.Catherine's Church is lucky to have in the parish a family with a logistics centre who are filling wagons to go directly to Poland. Items that are needed are (this list was updated 3rd March): power banks (for charging phones); large and medium-sized backpacks; camping mats; sleeping bags; painkillers; anti-flu medicine (e.g., Lemsips etc.); wound dressing materials; first aid kits; warm blankets; thermal/base layers; hot water bottles; insulated flasks; baby food; nappies especially newborn/ premature; baby/ newborn / premature clothes; feminine sanitary products. There is currently sufficient supply of clothing. Please no money or food items. As we receive feedback from Poland on what is needed we will update this list. Let's show our support 

This morning's Bible readings

Romans 10: 8-13

The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'" ⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendour; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" ⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; ¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" ¹² Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

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. Thank you to Don Henderson and Peter Bean for serving as vergers.

The funeral of Edna Shepherd (99 years) (of Alderley Edge) will be taken by the Revd Jon Hale on Wednesday 23rd March at 11.00am followed by burial in the Parish Council Burial Ground. Thank you to Michael Penlington who will serve as verger.

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).

The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on 25th March. Holy Communion will be celebrated at St.Mary's Church at 10am on 25th March.

EASTER FLOWERS - At St.Mary's Church if you wish to donate towards the Easter Flowers in memory of loved ones, donation envelopes are available on the table near the entrance to Church. A list of those to be remembered will be placed in Church over Easter and published in the Parish magazine. Let's make this Easter special. (message from Michael Penlington).

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.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.