



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

The Third Sunday in Lent

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



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

365: God is Love: let heaven adore him
120: Lord Jesus think on me
271 Bread of heaven on thee we feed
204 Let us, with a gladsome mind.

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

601. Thou didst leave thy throne
Psalm 28
589. The King of love
537. O God, our help in ages past
97 Lord Jesus, think on me

Україна No further donations are needed at present. Please give money donations to charities that are supporting Ukrainian refugees. Pray for the people of Ukraine, Russia and Belarus.

This morning's Bible readings

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.

⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Luke 13: 1-9 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?' ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?' ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' ⁶ Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" ⁸ He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The Baptism of Richard James SIMONS will take place at St.Mary's Church today at 12.45pm. Thank you to Will Ablett who will livestream this service for the Simons family.

The funeral of Mrs June Denise Mary ROXBURGH (95 years) of Alderley Edge will be held at St.Mary's Church on Monday 21st March at 1.00pm followed by burial in the Parish Council Burial Ground. Please let the Rector know if you can serve as vergger.

The funeral of Mrs Edna SHEPHERD (99 years) of Alderley Edge will be held at St.Mary's Church 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 vergger.

The funeral of Mr Bobby HEPWORTH (102 years) will be for family only and will be held at Macclesfield Crematorium on Thursday 31st March. A Memorial Service for Bobby will be held at St.Catherine's Church on Thursday 12th May at 11.30am.

A Memorial Service for Mrs Bets SPARROW will be held at St.Catherine's Church on Fri 22 April at 2.00pm.

A Memorial Service for Sir David BARNES will be held at St.Mary's Church on Tuesday 26th April at 12noon. Thank you to the Churchwardens of both churches who will serve as vergger: Michael Norbury, Chance Wilson and Ken Wilkinson.

Wednesday evening worship in Lent this year at 7.30pm: 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.

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 will be published in the Parish magazine. Michael Penlington co-ordinates this.

At St.Catherine's Church the Easter lily list is on the bench near the Baptistry with a list of those to be remembered at Easter. Please tick the name you would like remembered and put 50p per name in the box provided. Or write a new name on the list and put 50p in the box. Judith Holden co-ordinates this.

Craft Fair at Nether Alderley Parish Hall: Saturday 2nd April. Contact Angela Farrell for a table.

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.

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.