

# St.Mary, Alderley



**Parish Magazine**

April 2022

At the time that Russia launched its invasion of Ukraine the Archbishops of Canterbury and York wrote to all parish clergy. The Archbishops wrote that Russia's actions in Ukraine are evil. It is the Christian belief that our Lord, Jesus Christ has overcome evil, and that, at the last, those who call on the Lord will be saved. But in this life evil has not been overcome. Ukrainians and Russians are very closely intertwined by kinship, history, religion and economics. Russians and Belarussians are suffering, as well as Ukrainians, because of sanctions and the repression of dissent. We are all suffering.

On Ash Wednesday the Chaplain at St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Moscow – the Revd Canon Malcolm Rogers - published a video. In the video he said:

Many Russians feel betrayed by their government who up to a week ago were saying that war was unthinkable – especially war with Ukraine, with brothers and sisters, and that any talk of war was a Western fabrication. There is a huge amount of fear. It does seem as though there is a deep darkness – political, economic, military and spiritual – that has fallen on Ukraine, and is falling on Russia. On Sunday in St. Andrew's I spoke on the Benedictus. I have been praying it when I have been not able to sleep, which at the moment is quite a bit. It speaks of a mighty saviour who has come to set his people free from their enemies. The enemy we face is not political but supra-political. We do not, as Christian believers, fight against flesh and blood but against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. And Jesus defeated those forces, not by getting an army and crushing his enemy by force, not by blood taken, but by blood given. He defeated the true enemy – the devil, with all his pride and hatred and bitterness, his lies and fear and cruelty, by his obedience to his heavenly Father, by his sacrifice of himself, by his speaking the truth, doing acts of service and showing love. He defeated him by going to the cross in love for us. The people of Ukraine and Russia showed the world living examples of that in the last Century. The men and women who defeated Communism, not by public disturbance, not by publically protesting against totalitarian governments who controlled the narrative, but by simply persisting in meeting together to worship God and to pray for the coming Kingdom, even in the face of terrible persecution and loss of life. And the Benedictus also speaks of a new dawn, and of peace when the Messiah comes. It speaks of how the dawn will break on a people living in darkness and the shadow of death. The darkness has fallen on the people of Ukraine. They are walking through the valley of the shadow of death. Today for them is not the day of the beginning of Lent. Today for them is Good Friday.

## **The Benedictus, as in the Book of Common Prayer**

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel : for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us : in the house of his servant David;  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets : which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies : and from the hands of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers : and to remember his holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham : that he would give us,

That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies : might serve him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before him : all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people : for the remission of their sins;

Through the tender mercy of our God : whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death : and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1: 68-79

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

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April (Lent 5)**

9.45am. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April (Palm Sunday)**

9.45am. Family Service (Common Worship)

**During Holy Week there will be services at St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge.**

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Day)**

9.45am. Holy Communion (Common Worship)

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April (The Second Sunday of Easter)**

9.45am. Family Service (Common Worship)

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

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April (Lent 5)**

11.15am. Family Service (Common Worship)

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April (Palm Sunday)**

11.15am. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

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## **From the Registers**

**Baptisms:** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February: Ophelia Jose EVANS

**Weddings:**

**Funerals:**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February at Macclesfield Crematorium:  
Christina Elaine SEDDON

## **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

## **SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING**

On the 24th April, St. Marys Church is holding a service of thanksgiving to mark the care and dedication which Revd. Jon Hale has shown both here and at other churches during his 33 year of ministry, helping to lead and guide his congregation in their worship of the Lord.

Revd. Hale is retiring after a long career both in the Church and Town Planning, where his skill and achievements have been appreciated by all who have met and known him.

The service of thanksgiving will be a family service which is non-eucharist and will be led by the Revd. Robin Pye, followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

St. Catherine's are holding their own service on the 1st May @ 11.15am.

The congregation would like to wish Revd. Hale and his wife Kerry a long and happy retirement.

## **RECTOR of ALDERLEY**

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**Mrs Rachel Roberts, Reader**

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

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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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**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

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