



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST.MARY'S CHURCH AND ST.CATHERINE'S CHURCH ON 3rd April 2022



The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Hymns at St.Mary's Church

(from Hymns Old & New):

- 69 Breathe on me, breath of God
- 120 Father, hear the prayer we offer
- 32 And now, O Father, mindful of thy love
- 321 Love divine, all loves excelling

Hymns at St.Catherine's Church

(from Common Praise):

- 555 Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven
- 385 Be Thou my guardian and my guide
- 519 Make me a channel of your peace
- 430 Forth in thy name, O Lord I go.

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

Philippians 3: 4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

John 12: 1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

The Rector / Vicar writes about administration of the sacrament of Holy Communion. Starting on Palm Sunday I will invite Communicants at St.Catherine's Church to come to the altar rail so that from Palm Sunday both churches will have the same practice of receiving the sacrament at the altar rail. Only the wafer will be given at both churches. I will continue to sanitise my hands several times when I am at the altar and altar rail, and I will continue to wear a mask. **Starting on Easter Day**, with at both churches Communicants at the altar rail, at both churches I will administer the wafer which I will dip in the wine each time. I will ensure that my hand touches neither the wine nor your hand as I give you the wafer. I will continue to sanitise my hands several times when I am at the altar and altar rail, and I will continue to wear a mask.

Banns of Marriage will be read for the first time today at St.Mary's Church, with all couples to be married at St.Mary's Church: Matthew Aaron TOOLE & Tracy Dianne TOPLISS, to be married on Saturday 4th June; Mark Trevor HOLDSWORTH & Lizette METCALFE, to be married on Saturday 18th June; and Chedwyn Michael EVANS & Natasha MASSEY, on Saturday 25th June.

During Holy Week there will be services at St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge. **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday** at 7.30pm Holy Communion at St.Philip & St.James Church. **Good Friday:** 10.30am Walk of Witness from the Methodist Church to St.Philip & St.James Church and 2.00pm Stations of the Cross at St.Philip & St.James Church. **Holy Saturday** Easter Vigil at 6.30pm at St.Philip & St.James Church.

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 verger: Michael Norbury, Chance Wilson and Ken Wilkinson.

A Memorial Service for Mr Bobby HEPWORTH will be held at St.Catherine's Church on Thursday 12th May at 11.30am.

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 church door. 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.

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.

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. 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.