

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST.MARY'S CHURCH ON EASTER DAY

Today we welcome Mr Reg Holmes who will play the organ

Hymns (from Hymns Ancient & Modern New Standard):

77 Jesus Christ is risen today

78 The strife is o'er

83 Love's redeeming work is done

80 Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise

Bible readings today

The Acts of the Apostles Chapter 10, verses 34 - 43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The Gospel of St. John Chapter 20, verses 1 - 18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.'

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¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? Who is it you are looking for?'

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' "

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Rector writes. Starting today, with Communicants at the altar rail, 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 the altar rail, and I will continue to wear a mask.

A Service of Thanksgiving for St.Mary's Church and St.Catherine's Church will be held at St.Mary's Church at 9.45am on Sunday 24th April (the Sunday after Easter). There will not be a service at St.Catherine's Church that morning. The service will mark the retirement of the Revd Jon Hale as Rector of the benefice. It will be a Family Service, taken by the Revd Robin Pye. There will be refreshments afterwards in Nether Alderley Parish Hall. **The Revd Jon Hale will be on leave now until he retires on 30th April.**

Banns of Marriage will be read for the third time today at St.Mary's Church.

The funeral of Mrs Marjorie 'Bunty' SULLIVAN will be held at St.Catherine's Church on Wednesday 20th April at 1.00pm followed by burial in St.Catherine's Churchyard.

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

The 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.

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

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. 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:**



Mrs Rachel Roberts (Reader) is on secondment from St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge to the Benefice of Alderley & Birtles.