

St.Mary, Alderley



Parish Magazine

June 2022

The Revd Jon Hale says 'Thank you'.

On Sunday 24th April both churches of our benefice met for worship at St.Mary's Church. The occasion was a Service of Thanksgiving for the last five and a half years during which I have been the incumbent of St.Mary's Church and St.Catherine's Church. I am delighted that both parish churches came together for the occasion. After the service there were refreshments in the Parish Hall, and speeches were made. Thank you to everyone who came together to put on the refreshments. The gift of £825.00 – from both churches – which was presented to me was a great surprise and very pleasing. Thank you. With this generous gift I will buy a camera so that I can pursue landscape photography with more than just the camera on my phone. Thank you also for the gifts and cards and letters that Kerry and I received, wishing us well in the future. We are both looking forward to retirement, and to living life more slowly.

A letter from Ken Wilkinson (Church Warden)

We are now in a period of contemplation prior to the appointment of our new Rector; this period between Rectors is known as the Inter-regnum.

In preparation for the appointment of a new priest, the Parochial Parish Council are required to prepare a Parish Profile, which sets out a description of the church, its congregation, the surrounding area and profile and the qualities that the church are looking for in their new priest and what they hope to achieve in the future.

St. Marys is particularly lucky in having a very supportive congregation and have an excellent working relationship with Nether Alderley Parish Council, who manage the Parish Hall in a positive manner.

NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB

Latest draw winners

1 st prize	Linda Snape
2 nd prize	Geoff Woolley
3 rd prize	Michael Penlington

PLANT SALE

MANY THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THE PLANT SALE.
There was an excellent variety of plants donated from people's gardens.

Particular thanks to Mr Tomatoes, Mr Geoff Burgess. Much appreciated.

MONIES RAISED FROM THE SALE WILL GO TO CHRISTIAN AID AND
WILL BE ADDED INTO THE CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ALDERLEY
TOTAL

FLOWERS

29th May and 5th June (Wedding).
12th June.
19th June (Wedding).
26th June (Wedding)

Michael Penlington
Marie Stonehewer
Marie Stonehewer

READING THE LESSON..... IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON
THE LIST FOR THOSE WILLING TO READ THE LESSON, WOULD YOU
PLEASE LET ME KNOW. A LARGE PRINT COPY OF THE READINGS
ARE AVAILABLE BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT WITH ME.

Fiona Ablet

COFFEE MEETING AT THE DE TRAFFORD on
MAY 31st at 10.30 am

Some people stay for lunch. You are all welcome.

DEAR REVEREND SIRS by WINIFRED DAWSON

"Ye that are the Lord's remembrancers, keep not silence"

Words from the time of the Prophet Isaiah - words which I came across a few weeks ago and which started a train of thought - that although I could never be one of the Lord's remembrancers, I could perhaps be one of the Choir's remembrancers, for my memory can now go back a long way! I had some difficulty in finding the word "remembrancer" in any current dictionary, but I eventually ran it to earth in an old battered Chambers' dictionary, and there it was, "one who or that which puts in mind". And perhaps the young of today, and the young of tomorrow, would learn just a little of some of the men whose names are inscribed at the back of the Church.

We ourselves know little of the earlier Rectors who had the cure of souls at St. Mary's, and I can go back only as far as Canon Welland, who was the link in the long chain when I was a child. My mother, though, had clear memories of George Hudson Shaw, his predecessor. She moved with her parents and brothers and sisters from Maelor to the far bounds of our parish when she was a child of eight and in later years recalled her own young days when George Hudson Shaw was the Rector of Alderley.

She had many a tale to tell of the way his magnificent sermons drew people from all churches around the area; days when St. Mary's was packed both morning and evening, so much so that Mr. Hudson Shaw had a metal hall built on a farm field in Great Warford to take the Sunday afternoon overflow, and which became known to the parish as the "Tin Tab".

I reckon that when Mr. Hudson Shaw left Alderley to go to St. Botolph's in London in 1912, the clergy of every church within a radius of ten miles heaved a collective sigh of relief, stopped grinding their teeth (Christianly, of course) and prepared to put on a welcoming smile when their own flocks returned.

But I can only go back as far as Canon Welland, and since his day and my advent in the choir as a little teenager, I have lived through (and survived!) the ministries of seven Rectors and eight interregnums.

Life's Journey

Now the long dark nights are here, we have so much time to sit and reflect over the past months and I hope all of us have things to be thankful for. We have been on a long journey.

Heavenly Father, throughout our lives you shower us with your gifts; gifts to each of us as unique individuals. As we become older, we can reflect on all that you have showered on us, both in good times and challenging times. We ask not to forget you, as we become older and challenges increase.

We face losses in so many ways and the act of losing is not easy when we have lived full and active lives - loss of a dear one - loss of health - loss of a lifelong home - loss of financial or personal independence. We recognise there is a season for all stages in our lives so help us to understand the extent of your love when we feel bereft, alone or hopeless. Build up our hope, joy and peace, as we continue to recognise the gifts you offer us through love, care and compassion of others.

In your name Lord

Amen

Ann Austin

RECTOR of ALDERLEY

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

Mrs Avril Lamond (01625) 583985

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Captain of the Tower: (*Practice 7.30pm Tuesdays*)

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(01625) 860679

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Prayer Book Society Representative

Mrs Anne Dodd

Parish Hall Bookings

Keith Farrell, 07939 671344

Parish Hall Costs:

£15 per hour - minimum 2 hours

Burial Board: (*Clerk*)

Barbara Thorpe

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