

St.Mary, Alderley



Parish Magazine

August 2022

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SERVICES-

We continue at 9.45 am with Communion on odd numbered Sundays (1, 3 and 5) and Family service on the even Sundays (2 and 4).

Loveday has helped us with the Communion service and Rachel hopes to cover the family services

We hope that Linda Lonsdale will be able to rejoin us if that becomes possible. Bishop Willie and other local Clergy are helping us too.

Many thanks to them all.

We are gradually becoming accustomed to working with the St Philip's team and pulling together all the bits of information needed to make that work. Mark co-ordinates this.

ORGANISTS OR PIANISTS. Most weeks are covered but if you know someone who could help out occasionally please let Ken know.

COFFEE. Coffee after the service continues to be served in Church. A huge thank you to those who keep this going.

NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB

Latest draw winners

1 st prize	Elizabeth Fairhurst
2 nd prize	Peter Bean
3 rd prize	David Mogg

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Latest draw winners

1 st prize	Don Henderson
2 nd prize	Sarah Jane Wilkinson
3 rd prize	Roslyn Dutch

Churchyard

Some of you may have noticed that parts of the churchyard are not being strimmed as regularly as in the past. This is a deliberate effort to see if we can encourage wild flowers to flourish and thus contribute to the general current environmental campaigns.

Parts of the paddock are also being left uncut.

In both areas, the grass will be cut in the autumn.

This is an experiment and we are monitoring the situation to see how things work out this year.

If you have any comments to make please feel free to talk to myself or any member of the Site & Buildings Committee.

Don Henderson

(Chairman Site & Buildings Committee)

FLOWERS

7th . Blessing (6th) and 14th. Avril Lamond

21st. Wedding (20th). and 28th Fiona Ablett and Maureen Woolley

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 Ablett

COFFEE MEETING AT THE DE TRAFFORD on
WED JULY 26TH at 10.30 am

Some people stay for lunch. You are all welcome.

St Mary, Alderley
Afternoon Tea
and
Choral Evensong

Sunday 14th August 2022
'Flower Fund Tea Party'
in the Parish Hall from 4.30pm

sandwiches
strawberries and cream
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Michael Penlington (01625 530084)
Avril Lamond (01625 583985)

Cheques made payable to '
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Background to our current vacancy at St Marys church

Recent History & Background

Approx 5 years ago Archdeacon Ian Bishop and the Rural Dean called a meeting of the smaller parishes in the Deanery of Knutsford, which includes St Mary Alderley, St Catherine Birtles and SS Philip and James Alderley Edge. This started a “Conversation” concerning the futures of the smaller Parishes. The Wardens and PCC were invited to attend the presentation and afterwards to discuss and give feedback about their individual Churches. This feedback to include how they see matters at the next Interregnum (nowadays referred to as a Vacancy.)

There have been a series of meetings and “Conversations” since then. The Archdeacon was clear that no Priest could be appointed where a Parish cannot afford to pay in full the Parish Share and that richer areas support poorer areas within the Diocese. To that end there is a % uplift on the basic Parish Share for the richer parishes (like St Marys). Some Parishes could afford 1/5 of a Vicar.

During those five years the Wardens and PCC have faced many challenges, although St Marys have paid all monies agreed with the Archdeacon. However well St Marys has managed its affairs, there remains the fact that we eat into our reserves every year to pay our Parish Share. This is paid before any costs of keeping the Church Building open.

St Catherine’s PCC and their Wardens concluded that they would join with SS Philip and James and there was an option for a three-way Benefice, however legally any changes in Benefice must go through the Church of England. After much heart searching and discussion both separately and with the Patrons, the PCC opted to retain our independence. We will however have a strong connection with SS Philip and James plus St Catherine’s as part of what is known as a “team ministry”, meaning that the new incumbent will be part of an informal team with the other two Churches.

Rev Robin Pye has been in close discussion with our representatives Ken Wilkinson, Phil Kershaw and Fiona Ablett. He has acted as intermediary with the Archdeacon. He has also lent us his clergy team to see us through recent difficult times and to support us through the Vacancy.

RECTOR of ALDERLEY

Mrs Rachel Roberts, Reader

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

WEBSITES

www.alderleychurch.co.uk

Mark Wilkinson (web@alderleychurch.co.uk)

www.stmarysaldlerley.com (our heritage)

Jenny Youatt (info@stmarysaldlerley.com)

facebook—St.Mary's Church, Nether Alderley

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)

Hon Assistant Priest:

Revd.Canon Peter Hunt (01625) 829593

Church Warden & Lay Chairman –PCC

Mr Ken Wilkinson *email: ken@alderleychurch.co.uk*

Hon PCC Secretary:

Mr P Kershaw *email: pccsecretary@alderleychurch.co.uk*

Hon Treasurer:

Mr Will Ablett *email: treasurer@alderleychurch.co.uk*

Envelope & Gift Aid Scheme Administrator:

Mr Donald Henderson *email: envelopes@alderleychurch.co.uk*

Electoral Roll Officer

Mrs L Kershaw

email:electoralroll@alderleychurch.co.uk

Archivist

Mrs Jenny Youatt

email: info@stmarysaldерley.com

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:**Church Flower Rota**

Mrs Avril Lamond

email: avrillamond@btinternet.com

Mr Michael Penlington (Festivals)

email: michael.penlington574@btinternet.com

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

Mr Peter Robinson

email: peterfiona@hotmail.co.uk

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

07717 244 537

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