

St.Mary, Alderley



Parish Magazine

February 2024

I'm writing in that 'in between' time. The joys of Christmas are only just behind us and there are a few days left of this year before we start a new adventure in 2024.

Traditionally, this is the time when we vow to turn over a new leaf. Maybe we want to join a gym, eat more healthily or get out walking more this next year. We all have our aims and in some cases, pipe dreams. This is because most of us will set resolutions, only to break them and feel dreadful a few days into the new year.

This year, I'm going to do things differently. How about you?

This year, I want to start with the small things which will, in turn, change the way I look at the big things.

One change I'm going to make is to spend a lot more time outside. We all live in an amazing part of the country, surrounded by such beauty and yet, we spend most of our time inside. I'm often in front of my laptop, writing, planning, reading or making phone calls, or of course, in Church. '

I'm going to try to adapt how I work to being able to be in the fresh air, in nature and in God's creation. I read somewhere that the NHS is now socially prescribing time spent outside, something which use to be the norm, especially when i was a kid. In the holidays, even the Christmas break, we would be sent off with a packed lunch to go and explore, to use our imaginations and create our own worlds of wonder and joy. It worked. This being outside made me a lover of nature and I could (at one time) have recited all the names of the trees, mushrooms, birds and other plants I'd come across when out and about.

Being outside not only gives you time to appreciate the small things, but also helps with creativity and brain activity. How often have you faced a difficult question or problem, gone for a walk and then come back with a solution? That is no coincidence.

Church Registers

NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB

Latest draw winners

1 st prize	Margaret Worthington
2 nd prize	\Sarah Jane Wilkinsom
3 rd prize	Jean Stone

FLOWER ROTA

Wednesday 14th February. - Start of Lent.

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Appreciating the day-to-day, finding happiness in small things is also the key to a happier life.

I sometimes wish our children would focus more on that, finding satisfaction in what's around us, rather than chasing the dream of being a YouTube star or a computer gaming genius. Satisfaction is to be found all around us, and within us.

So, as we start this new year, I'd like to say thank you for my first six months in post at St Mary's and especially for Christmas. Our church and community came together in wonderfully creative ways and we'll continue this into 2024. We have lots planned, so keep an eye out for events and services, some of which will be outside in the fresh air.

I pray that this next year will be fun or joy, love and hope but most of all satisfaction in all the small things.

Canon Nathan Jarvis

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After the build up to Christmas with all the wonderful Services that Nathan provided, we can approach 2024 with a renewed energy and sense of direction. A massive thank you to Nathan for all his hard work and enthusiasm in making Advent a special time and throughout the first six months of his Ministry with us. It was great to see the local School using St Marys for their Christingle service, I know there are further plans to build links during 2024.

The Church looked lovely and once again Michael and his team are to be congratulated on the amazing Christmas displays.

Dates for your diary

Sunday Services continue at 9.45 a.m. each week and Epiphany is ahead of us.

Tuesday January 10th Coffee continues at the De Trafford rms at 10.30 a.m. St Marys walking group starts its 2024 diary of walks on Saturday 6th January, with a “starter” to get the walkers “warmed up”! If you feel like joining in, let me know.

As we enter this New Year, I hope we will all commit to making St Mary’s a thriving Community, welcoming new people, encouraging others to get involved, and really appreciating the opportunity to expand our approach. A huge thank you to those who quietly get on with all the work required to keep a Parish Church running well. New help is very much welcomed. Do please offer your time or skills if you are able. Many of our older members dedicated their time and energy to St Mary’s in the past and continue to offer their encouragement to us all. They are a hard act to follow!

Wishing you all a Healthy and Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Fiona Ablett

Thank you from Oasis, Gorton

Thank you very much for the Christmas gifts - foodstuffs and presents, for our community at Gorton, Manchester. They were most gratefully received. I am always worried as Oasis closes over Christmas (clearly the staff need a break, I understand that!) - but how do people manage with this lifeline not in place? The answer is in the food packages which are given out before the centre closes. Anyway, it is good that it is fully open again now - 5 days a week, from 9.30 - 2.30 - providing free breakfasts, lunches and drinks for all who come inside!

As well as food, the centre provides a warm place to go, the shop, education and training and job application support. It is a super resource, and I am very proud to be part of it.

Thank you for thinking of others during the festive time.

Lesley Marsh

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SUNDAY SERVICES

1st Sunday:- Eucharist

2nd Sunday:- Eucharist

3rd Sunday:- -Eucharist -

4th Sunday : Eucharist

5th Sunday: - Eucharist

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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

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