

St.Mary, Alderley Cheshire



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Rector Writes:

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At the end of September we will be having our Harvest Festival at St Mary's. This year it will be combined with the Open Weekend and Mill Opening. The National Trust who own and administer the newly restored Mill have suggested the theme 'Bread of Life' which brings together the spiritual and practical dimensions of our Parish. The Mill through the work of the Miller provided the flour to produce the bread of the Parish. Whereas the Church through the work of the Priest and God's good grace revealed Christ as the Bread of Life to her parishioners in the miracle of the altar.

The earliest reference to the Mill is in 1290 - the present Mill replaced this one in 15/16th century as the manorial Mill of the Stanley family. In this way the Church and Mill are the earliest buildings in the Parish still used for their original purpose. In the Old Testament God provided the Israelites with manna from heaven. They were told only to take what was required for a one day supply and they had to trust that God would send more the next day. The manna served as salvation for the Israelites physical needs on a daily basis. God however knew of a greater need for the salvation of man's soul and he also had a plan to meet that need -- His Son, the Bread of Life. The Bread of Life is the spiritual food needed by man. Without the Bread of Life man cannot live spiritually. Just as physically man needs to eat in order to live, the Bread of Life gives nourishment for the soul. Unless man eats of the Bread of Life his soul will never be truly nourished. Our Lord said 'I am the Bread of Life whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty'. The celebration of the Eucharist as the sacrament which Christ himself gave the Church is an opportunity to greet the risen Lord and eat the Bread of Life. The Eucharist is a means to slake our spiritual thirst; it is a well in our wilderness. Therefore it deserves greater reflection and study.

The National Trust's suggestion for a themed Harvest Festival opens a window of opportunity for St Mary's to think more deeply and spiritually about the Eucharist. I am therefore going to have '**A Year of the Eucharist**' beginning with our Harvest Festival in 2013 and finishing with our Harvest Festival in 2014. It will be a period for us to better reflect and study upon the greatest gift the Church has – Christ's presence with us. Loveday Alexander has prepared a series of talks and sermons and I am sure hearing them over the year will enrich our engagement with this sacrament. To be better informed and to foster a greater love for the Eucharist will have tangible blessings for our spiritual lives. In preparation there will in a Holy Hour of prayer and meditation on Thursday 26th September at 10:30am – please pray for those attending the Harvest Weekend that they may indeed meet with the Bread of Life. Pray also for our spiritual life as a Church that we can have our souls nourished and see the miracle of the altar as the spiritual treasure of the Church.

James

DIARY FOR AUGUST 2013

Sun. 4th	The Tenth Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00am	<i>Holy Communion at Birtles</i>
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley
	11.15am	<i>Family Service at Birtles</i>
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley
Thur.8th	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley
Sun.11th	The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley
	9.45am	Family Service at Alderley
	11.15am	<i>Holy Communion at Birtles</i>
	6.30pm	Holy Communion at Alderley (Said)
Thur.15th	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley
Fri. 16th	2.30pm	Holy Matrimony at Alderley
Sun. 18th	The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley
	11.15am	<i>Mattins at Birtles</i>
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley
Thur.22nd	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley
Sun. 25th	The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley
	9.45am	Mattins with Sunday School at Alderley
	11.15am	<i>Holy Communion at Birtles</i>
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley
Thur.29th	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley
September		
Sun.1st	The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00am	<i>Holy Communion at Birtles</i>
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley
	11.15am	<i>Family Service at Birtles</i>
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley

COFFEE is available in the Parish Hall after the 9.45am Service.

At the end of the Morning Service coffee and biscuits are provided by a stalwart group of volunteers in the Parish Hall. Donations will be given to charity.

COLLECTION TOTALS

Week ending	Gift Aid Envelopes	Non-Gift Aid & Misc Cash	Standing Orders	Total
Jun 2 nd	424.30	54.20		478.50
Jun 9 th	452.00	31.50		483.50
Jun 16 th	314.10	21.50		335.60
Jun 23 rd	260.00	20.50		280.50
Jun 30 th	552.31	48.68		600.99
TOTAL	2002.71	176.38	592.00	2771.09

If anyone would like to know their total giving in the last tax year, please get in touch with me. Donald Henderson 01625 584008 or email orchardmain@ntlworld.com

The local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Lindsey Whitehead, will be holding a 'Police Surgery':

**at The Monks Heath Petrol Station
on Saturday 17th August 2013, 10 am.**

Lindsey would be very pleased to meet and chat with any local residents about policing or crime matters.
Please do come along to meet PCSO Whitehead.

YOUR OLD PLANT POTS CAN BE RE-USED!

Fiona Ablett or Lynn Smith would be pleased to receive plant pots in a re-usable condition, as we are now preparing to grow plants for next year's Plant Sale. Please telephone Fiona on 01625 585180

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We had an enjoyable, chatty **Tea Party** at the home of Margaret Worthington on July 5th.

Tea or Coffee is available following the morning service. Thank you to everybody who kindly helps when possible especially with the washing up!

Plans for our **Summer lunch** outing on August 7th are on-going. We plan to go to Abbeywood Estate, nestling in the Delamere country side. They will be pleased to welcome us. Anyone is welcome to join in, so do consider this. Please contact me for further information.

There will be more information regarding the **Church Open Weekend** on September 28th and 29th in the next magazine. **Please let me know if you can help with the Café.**

Hope everybody is enjoying the lovely summer weather.

Janet Adamson Tel: 01625 583320

ST MARY'S WALKING GROUP

Saturday 7th September – 10.00am start



Starting Point: Nelson Pit visitor centre, Lyme Road, Higher Poynton

Grid Ref: SJ940835

Length: 6 miles - moderate

Further info: Please bring a packed lunch. There is a café on the canal towpath at the end of the walk

Contact: Will Ablett for any queries - Tel: 01625 585180

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OPEN WEEKEND

Saturday 28th September

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Sunday 29th September

Opening Times

Saturday 28th September – 10.00am – 5.00pm

Sunday 29th September – 11.00am – 5.00pm

Light Lunches & Afternoon Teas will be available throughout

Church and Stanley Family Archive Display

Guided Tours

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the 'Flower Fund Tea Party' and to all who attended. We raised over £1250 plus a special donation of £250. Whatever your contribution was to the event you have helped to provide flowers for the decoration of our lovely church on its festivals, the next being Harvest. Thank you all who supported us.

Michael Penlington and Fiona Robinson

Notice

Adult Confirmations – would any adult wishing to be confirmed please contact the Rector. We are hoping to hold a Confirmation Service in the near future at St Mary's Church, Alderley.

'Friends of St Marys'
Wednesday July 10th 2013
Organ Recital by Paul Savage GTCL, LTCL, ATCL (Mus Ed)

Paul, who took up the piano at the age of 7 and the organ 5 years later, was making a welcome return visit to St Mary's after his Recital in 2012. The Church had been fitted during the afternoon by Peter, Charles and Roger, with a comprehensive range of Cinematographical equipment, so that not only would the Organist appear live on 2 large TV screens at the front of the Church, but the presence of additional cameras created an impressive illustration of St Mary's Church at its best. Clever and innovative uses of church features especially the stained glass windows were subtly introduced in such a professional manner that the whole 'package' was both entertaining and inspirational. There was a good turnout and the audience seemed to appreciate this special feature.

Paul was introduced and opened with 2 Trumpet Tunes followed by Ave Maria; his first set included many rousing marches plus Nimrod, Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring and Crown Imperial, at which time we all enjoyed glasses of wine and nibbles provided by Janet and her team (thank you to the team).

The second half was full of familiar Film and Musical themes – Wizard of Oz, Singin' in the Rain, Lawrence of Arabia, Goldfinger, Les Miserables, Titanic and Mamma Mia, concluding with Paul's party piece – The Dambusters March, a real show-stopper. The audience was then made to work as they sang to Paul's robust accompaniment Jerusalem, I Vow to Thee My Country, How Great Thou Art and Land of Hope and Glory.

Philip expressed thanks to Paul for a superb evening demonstration of organ skills, fully visible by all members present – and for that he thanked Peter Robinson's team including Charles and Roger, whose cinematographical performance was outstanding, adding greatly to the evening's enjoyment.

Peter has gathered some special means of projecting on screen the Church and the activity which is being staged and I hope that weddings may witness what can be done to enhance their special occasions.

A splendid evening, good attendance and now looking forward to the next Meeting

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Thursday September 19th at 7.30 – Victoria Armstrong (The Oasis Centre) and Amanda Croome (The Booth Centre), both of whom will talk about their work with the Homeless in Manchester – St Mary's supports The Oasis Centre so it is an opportunity to hear where our support goes.

Philip E Webb
11 July 2013.

Cricket Explained!!



You have two sides, one out in the field and one in.

Each man that's in the side that's in, goes out and when he's out, he comes in and the next man goes in until he's out.

When they are all out, the side that's out comes in and the side that's been in goes out and tries to get those coming in, out.

Sometimes you get men still in and not out.

When a man goes out to go in, the men who are out try to get him out, and when he is out he goes in and the next man in goes out and goes in.

There are two men called umpires who stay out all the time and they decide when the men who are in are out.

When both sides have been in and all the men have been out, and both sides have been out twice after all the men have been in, including those who are not out, that is the end of the game".

Alan Clarke - Chair of Nether Alderley Parish Council

Annual Report 2012 – 2013

It gives me great pleasure to present my annual review of the activities of the Nether Alderley Parish Council following my appointment as Chair of the Parish Council at the Annual General Meeting last May 2012.

I would like to summarise the highlights of the year.

Firstly, let me update you on the progress with the Parish Plan. Following successful open events in early 2012, a meeting was organised by the NAPC in the hope that a steering group might be formed. It was pleasing that a number of local residents attended this meeting and a steering group was formed and on behalf of the Parish Council. Mrs Shufflebottom and Mrs Worthington agreed to represent the Parish Council at future meetings. I am pleased to report that despite slow progress to start with the steering group is moving forward and have successfully distributed and now collected back a very wide ranging questionnaire that is currently being evaluated. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Shufflebottom and Mrs Worthington for their continued help in moving the steering group forward and also to pass on our thanks to Dr David Brickwood, the Chairman, who with the Committee is progressing issues and evaluating the questionnaire. We all hope that the Parish Plan will be published within the next 12 months.

Turning now to the Nether Alderley bypass which has now been open for over 2 years. The Parish Council continue to press Cheshire East on behalf of the residents to improve the planting and sound mitigation schemes that have been very poorly provided. Apparently due to poor growing conditions and the particularly cold and dry winter, remedial planting has again been put back and the council need to continue with their efforts to ensure proper screening is provided. The Parish Council has also pressed Cheshire East and our local MP, Mr George Osborne, for support in speeding up the compensation claims that are taking a considerable amount of time to be considered and settled by Cheshire East. Recent progress has suggested that our efforts maybe having some success.

During the year, the Parish Council receives many requests to reply to various consultation documents that are circulated throughout Cheshire and neighbouring Counties. This year has been no exception to the number of such requests we have received. Where they have a significant impact on our local community, we have responded accordingly. Such responses this year have included replies regarding the public transport consultation, the superfast broadband, the A34 Route Management Survey regarding overgrowing pavements and verges, the Cheshire East Local Plan regarding future development strategy and policy principles.

During the year we have had a few significant visitors attend our Parish Council meeting, but firstly I must thank the Mayor of Cheshire East, Councillor George Walton, for his almost 100% attendance at our Parish Council meetings. We thank George for his considerable and wise contributions throughout our meetings. We have also been attended by our new local Police Community Support Officer, Lindsay Whitehead, who is responsible for rural matters and policing in our area.

During the year our major National Trust property, the Nether Alderley Mill, has undergone major refurbishment and repair work. Throughout the process we have kept in touch with the National Trust and on occasions Councillors have visited to see the work being undertaken. I would like to thank the National Trust for their support to the Parish and in particular their support for the Parish Plan.

In November 2012 the Jubilee bench arrived and was instated in its home at the end of Welsh Row. We would like to thank Cheshire East for assisting with the permanent fixing of the bench.

The parish hall has had a difficult year and its income from bookings has fallen. There have been several discussions held regularly with the church and ourselves via the JMC to establish a program for the future repair. Currently, the upstairs offices' use is restricted and it is hoped during the next year a proper strategy can be drawn up to establish a plan for the future repair and safekeeping of this historic building.

Our website has now been in place for over a year and we continue to receive pleasing comments from local parishioners as to its format and content. We need to continue with the publicity to draw visitors to the site. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Dick and our Secretary, Penny Langham, for their continued work in relation to the maintenance and success of the website.

During the year we have had better responses from Cheshire East Highways on various long-term issues regarding flooding, overgrown hedges and blocked footpaths which now seem to be actioned sooner rather than later. Looking to the future, with the relaxation of national planning rules our Planning Committee will need to take guidance as to the various changes, etc, that are required. We continue to take soundings from local residents whenever there are proposed developments of an un-neighbourly or unsightly case. We need to be vigilant to protect our Green Belt and open spaces in our rural community. We will also need to be wary of various future plans for housing developments in Cheshire. Our concerns will continue to be, with various farmland and excess land now owned by Cheshire East particularly alongside the new A34 bypass.

Can I take this opportunity on behalf of the Parish Council to thank our amazing Secretary for all her help and guidance throughout the year in assuring that we consider all relevant matters and that we follow the various guidance and regulations in accordance with our appointments and finally, can I thank all of my fellow Councillors for all their support and help during the year.

John Bunyan – the man who wrote Pilgrim’s Progress



After the Bible, John Bunyan’s wonderful Christian allegory, the Pilgrim’s Progress, is one of the most celebrated and widely-read books in the English language. It has been translated into more than one hundred languages around the world and keeps its place as a Christian classic

Names of people and places from its pages have been commonplace wherever English is spoken. We need only recall Mr Great-Heart, Mr Valiant-for-Truth, Giant Despair, Madame Bubble, the Slough of Despond, Vanity Fair, the

Delectable Mountains, the Hill Difficulty and the Celestial City.

Bunyan was born on 28 November 1628, at Elstow, near Bedford, England, of a poor family. He had little formal education and his father taught him to be a metal worker. His first wife died young. His second wife, Elizabeth, helped him considerably with his blossoming literary career. His conversion was the result of reading the Bible, and the witness of local Christians. From that time the Bible became the great inspiration of his life. He wrote more than fifty books on Christianity.

A Baptist by conviction, he had little time for the Established Church. Bunyan became a popular preacher, but because of his opposition to the Established Church and because he did not have a Church of England preaching licence, he was imprisoned in 1661. It was in prison that he wrote Pilgrim’s Progress. It was not only Bunyan’s greatest book but was destined to become one of the most popular Christian books in the world.

Pilgrim’s Progress is an allegory, using the names of people and places from the Bible to teach spiritual lessons. The vivid and unforgettable imagery in the Pilgrim’s Progress covers the whole Christian gospel from sin and condemnation all the way through faith, repentance, grace, justification, sanctification, and perseverance to heaven itself.

Bunyan died on 31 August 1688. His portrayal of the death of Mr Valiant For Truth is Bunyan at his allegorical best. This brave old soldier of Jesus Christ had received his summons to ‘go home.’ Calling his friends together he says, ‘My sword I give to him who shall succeed me in my pilgrimage ... My marks and scars I carry with me, to be a witness for me, that I have fought His battles, Who will now be my rewarder.’ ... So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side...

ROTA FOR AUGUST 2013 LADY SIDESMEN / SIDESMEN / LECTORS

DATE	TIME	SIDESMEN	LECTOR
4 th Aug	9.45am	Mr S Welsh & Mr R Shiers	Miss SJ Dunhill
	6.30pm	Mrs J Bean	Mr P Bean
11 th	8.00am	Mrs B Essayan	
	9.45am	Mrs G Beeley & Mr J Stephenson	Miss S Varden
	6.30pm	Mrs D Barber & Joint Evensong at St Philip’s & St James, Alderley Edge	Mr R Akester
18 th	8.00am	Mr HA Wright	
	9.45am	Mr J Ratchford & Mrs J Adamson	Mrs A. Davis
	6.30pm	Mr G Barrie	Mr P. Reynolds
25 th	8.00am	Mr R Akester	
	9.45am	Mr A Claridge & Mr G Woolley	Mr R Shiers
	6.30pm	Mr A Cocckitt	Mrs A. Dodd
1 st Sep	9.45am	Mrs R Dyas & Mrs W Liddle	Miss SJ Dunhill
	6.30pm	Mrs A Robinson	Mrs F Robinson

‘Draw near with faith’

A Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament after the celebration of Holy Communion. This is a wonderful opportunity simply to sit or kneel and take time for prayer, reflection and meditation. **‘I am the Bread of Life whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty’.**

Thursday 26th September
10am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Hour

FROM THE REGISTERS

Christenings

Sun. 7th July Rosie Emma Walker
Sun. 14th July Olivia Mary Beatrice Dynes
Sun 21st July Sebastian George Buckingham
Sat 27th Phoebe Rose Griffiths and Tabatha Kiki Griffiths

Weddings

Sat.20th July Jane Weston and George Hoare

Funerals

Fri. 19th July Joyce Millicent Kirby Lomas
Sat. 27th July Kenneth Ayrton (Thanksgiving Service)

FLOWER ROTA

Aug 4th Lesley Marsh
Aug 11th Lesley Marsh
Aug 18th Wedding
Aug 25th Fiona Robinson

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

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