

# St.Mary, Alderley Cheshire



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**Rector Writes:**

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I recently visited Madrid and whilst there looked in on the Prado Museum. What amazing paintings lined the walls and despite being of a different time and place they retained a power to impact upon the viewer. Many of the paintings were of a religious subject. Art was and is a powerful instrument in communicating ideas. Romanesque murals and Gothic Altar pieces, fabulous El Greco's and the most arresting Bautista of the Adoration of the Magi jostled to capture the imagination and dare I say heart of the onlooker. The proposition that a picture speaks a thousand words is well known to advertisers. The best artists were used by the Church to propagate the gospel and touch lives with the good news of Salvation.

The Church was a significant patron of the Arts through the generous donations of prominent lay people. The Church is still a patron of the Arts in our own day with prominent contemporary artists executing religious works. In 2006 Damien Hirst created a bronze sculpture entitled 'Saint Bartholomew, Exquisite Pain' which follows the Christian artistic tradition of depicting the martyred apostle with his flayed skin and instruments of torture. The work was inspired partially by etchings and paintings of the saint Hirst was exposed to as a child educated in a Catholic school, and partially by Marco D'Agrate's statue of Saint Bartholomew draped in his own skin (1562) which stands outside the Duomo in Milan. Hirst is noted as saying "I like the confusion you get between science and religion ... that's where belief lies and art as well." 'Saint Bartholomew, Exquisite Pain' acts as a reminder that the strict demarcation between art, religion and science is a relatively recent development. Hirst explains that historically, depictions of Saint Bartholomew (the patron saint of doctors and surgeons) were often used by medics to aid their anatomy studies. In Hirst's interpretation, the serene saint stands on a table littered with the tools used to make the original sculpture. He holds a scalpel, as according to traditional depictions, but also a pair of scissors. Inspired by Tim Burton's film 'Edward Scissorhands' (1990), this addition implies that "his exposure and pain is seemingly self-inflicted. It's kind of beautiful yet tragic."

One thing that unites the work of Hirst in the sculpture of St Bartholomew with the artists whose work rests on the walls of the Prado is an ability to capture our imagination. Their work reaches out to touch our senses and engage both heart and mind in reflection. The Church can at times appear bland neither capturing our imagination nor touching the senses. These great works of art remind us that the Church was and still should be in the business of communicating and inspiring people with the message of faith.

**James**

## DIARY FOR JUNE 2013

<b>Sat. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	3.00pm	Holy Matrimony at Alderley
<b>Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>First Sunday after Trinity</b>	
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Birtles
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley
	11.15am	Family Service at Birtles
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley
<b>Thur.6<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	2.00pm	Holy Matrimony at Alderley
<b>Sat. 8<sup>th</sup></b>	3.30pm	Holy Matrimony at Alderley
<b>Sun. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Second Sunday after Trinity</b>	
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Birtles
	9.45am	Family Service at Alderley
	11.15am	Holy Communion at Birtles
	6.30pm	Holy Communion at Alderley (Said)
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong at St.Philips
<b>Thur.13<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley
<b>Sun. 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Third Sunday after Trinity</b>	
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley
	11.15am	Mattins at Birtles
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley
<b>Thur.20<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley
<b>Sat.22<sup>nd</sup></b>	12.30pm	Holy Matrimony at Alderley
<b>Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Fourth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley
	9.45am	Mattins with Sunday School at Alderley
	11.15am	Holy Communion at Birtles
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley
<b>Thur.27<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley
<b>Sun. 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fifth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley
	11.15am	Mattins at Birtles
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley

(services continued)

**July**

<b>Sun. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sixth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Birtles
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley
	11.15am	Family Service at Birtles
	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

<b>Week ending</b>	<b>Gift Aid Envelopes</b>	<b>Non-Gift Aid &amp; Misc Cash</b>	<b>Standing Orders</b>	<b>Total</b>
Apr 7th	374.00	8.00		374.00
Apr 14th	475.60	51.05		526.65
Apr 21st	391.45	27.50		419.45
Apr 28th	392.31	41.97		434.28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1633.36</b>	<b>128.52</b>	<b>535.00</b>	<b>2296.88</b>

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](mailto:orchardmain@ntlworld.com)

### **BIBLE STUDIES 2013**

#### **THE PSALMS**

*All welcome: all you need is an enquiring mind (and a Bible!)*

MON 3 <sup>RD</sup> JUN 2013	I will lift up mine eyes: Psalms 119-134 <b>St Philip's Rooms</b>
MON 1 <sup>ST</sup> JUL 2013	Praise ye the Lord: Psalms 135 -150 <b>St Philip's Rooms</b>
MEETING TIME:	7.30 — 9.30 p.m.
MEETING POINT:	<b>St Philip &amp; St James Parish Rooms or 10 Haddon Close</b>
CONTACTS:	Sue Mackman (585068) or Kate West (584091)

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We will have had a Tea Party on May 29<sup>th</sup> at Margaret Worthington's by the time you read this.

At the moment our activities are gently ticking over. Coffee after the 9.45am service each week is going well and it was particularly well supported following the family service on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Thanks are due to the washing up helpers!!

At our next committee meeting we will be planning a Summer Lunch outing.

The plans for the September Open Church Weekend, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> are also under consideration. Please is there an one who could help with the Café.  
All these activities do need willing Hands.

**Janet Adamson Tel: 01625 583320**

## ST MARY'S WALKING GROUP

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

Church Stretton, Ragleth Hill and Acton Scot

**Starting point:** A little further afield this month:  
Meet Wilmslow Station to catch 9.40am train.

Journey is little over 1hr. Returning either by 4.30pm or 6.30pm trains  
The walk starts from Church Stretton station and climbs gently up to Ragleth Hill summit, approx 200m. Then on to Acton Scott. It was on this estate the B.B.C.'s The Victorian Farm was filmed. It is also home to Shropshire's Working Farm Museum which is a great place for a family visit.  
From Acton Scott we will be moving on to Hope Bowdler returning to Church Stretton via Hazler Hill.

**Length:** 7 ½ miles miles

**Further info :** Train fare is £21 return for an adult £14.00 if you have a rail card.  
There does not appear to be any saving by booking in advance.  
Walking boots needed, bring a packed lunch and coffee/tea etc.

**Contact:** Jamie Smith 01625 585245



## Alderley Church Flower Fund

**Afternoon Tea Party on the Church Paddock - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

Afternoon Tea served at your table - 3.30pm – 5.00pm.  
(sandwiches, homemade cakes, strawberries and cream)

**Please bring a plant for the 'bring and buy' plant stall.**

Tickets : £10 per person which includes Afternoon Tea and entry to a prize draw.  
Children free. Every ticket is numbered and entered into the draw.

**1st Prize.** Voucher for 2 persons (double or twin) for 2 nights B & B at the 5\* Award winning 'Cleifiog' in Beaumaris - an historic townhouse on the seafront.

**2nd Prize.** Voucher for £25 Ivy Cottage Christmas Tree Farm and shop, Wilmslow.

**3rd Prize.** Voucher for £20 Steve Leyland Flowers, Grove Street, Wilmslow

Tickets: Michael Penlington 01625 530084 or Fiona Robinson 01625 860679

All proceeds to Alderley Church Flower Fund



**CHRISTIAN AID 2013**

Thanks to all COLLECTORS for the house to house, COUNT DAY helpers, PLANT CONTRIBUTORS, JAMIE and LYNN for running the plant stall (which raised £141 to date) AND all supporters of both efforts who have worked to raise money for CHRISTIAN AID projects and outreach.

Your commitment is appreciated. Many Thanks. Fiona Ablett.

## OASIS PROJECT

Oasis have put out a plea for old lap tops. If you have one to spare would you please ring Judy Swales at the Rectory – 01625 585440

## The Church Annual Meetings

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April we held our three Annual Church Meetings for 2013.

### 1. THE VESTRY MEETING

Fiona Robinson, Michael Penlington and Peter Reynolds were re-elected to serve as Wardens for the next twelve months. There was a unanimous vote of thanks for all the work they have done over the last twelve months.

### 2. THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting the Treasurer presented his Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year to December 2012. These show a shortfall of income over expenditure for the year of £8,786 compared with a deficit of £4,581 for last year (which included a gift of £5,000). On a like for like basis the deficit last year would have been approaching £10,000. The Treasurer estimated the deficit in 2013 could reach £13K if we are unable to increase our giving. The Meeting thanked the Treasurer, the Finance Committee and the Gift Aid Administrator for all their work.

Michael Penlington presented the annual report on the Church Fabric. He noted that we face possible expenditure of up to £33,000 for repairs to the roof of the North Aisle (this is in addition to the re-pointing cost of around £40K).

Since we have no Deanery Synod Representative there was no report. The Acting Chairman noted that we still do not have a volunteer for the position.

Jenny Youatt gave the Electoral Roll Report. This year the Report has had to be completely reviewed. There are now 238 on the Electoral Roll (down from 356 last year) with 77 Residents and 161 Non-residents. A possible contributor to the reduction in numbers is the fact that those being married at St. Mary's no longer have to be on the Electoral Roll. The Meeting thanked Jenny for all her hard work.

Peter Bean, Albert Dodd, Donald Henderson, Sue Hinchcliffe and Mark Wilkinson were elected to the PCC for three years. The Meeting welcomed Mark Wilkinson on his first appointment to the PCC. Anne Robinson and Helen Beck were co-opted to the PCC to handle the links with Oasis and the Choir. Mr David Shipley was re-elected as Honorary Independent Examiner of Accounts. The Meeting asked the Treasurer to write to David to thank him for his work.

As in past years, the Wardens undertook to handle the appointment of Sidepersons.

There was no volunteer for the position of Deanery Representative.

The Acting Chairman of the PCC presented his summary of events in 2012, thanking all those involved and concluding that the response so far to the REGULAR GIVING letter had been very disappointing, only two new responses to the 120 letters distributed. There then ensued a discussion of the possible reasons for this, which, in summary amount to the fact that it appears from our Accounts that we have ample reserves and it appears from the additions made to the Church interior that there is no shortage of money. The Acting Chairman explained that only part of our reserves are available to fund day to day expenditure and this will be exhausted within five years at the present rate of annual loss. He also suggested that we cannot realistically expect those making gifts to the Church, to mark some particular life event (gifts which have all been funded by the givers), to subsidise the day to day running of the Church. Our average annual giving per regular attender at services amounts to between £3 and £4 per week. At this level we are towards the bottom of a table of giving for the Knutsford Deanery, which is itself towards the bottom of giving for the Diocese of Chester which in turn ranks poorly in national statistics.

We always respond magnificently to any major appeal for funds and there have been many acts of individual generosity, both in cash and items to aid our worship over the past five years, but covering our expenditure by our regular giving continues to elude us.

The Archdeacon and Diocesan Secretary then addressed the Meeting regarding the PCC's decision not to agree to any increase in our Parish Share. Since the Chester Diocesan Income is almost entirely made up of Parish Share (85.5%) any shortfall from any Parish results in other Parishes having to make up the shortfall. The Archdeacon and Diocesan Secretary were questioned on the possibility of reducing expenditure. It was explained how the money is spent and the efforts that have been made to reduce expenditure. The PCC was asked, having considered the presentation, to re-visit its decision.

### 3. MEETING OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Mr A.E. Dodd was re-elected Vice Chairman of the PCC  
Mr W Ablett was re-elected as Treasurer  
Mrs J Swales was re-elected Secretary to the PCC

Under Any Other Business the Vice Chairman read a letter of appeal from Oasis. They are desperately short of food. A box will be placed at the back of the Church for basic foods – soups, beans, rice, pasta, cereals, fruit juice and some forms of protein such as tuna, corn beef, stews etc. Please contribute whatever you can.

## Vinegar and Breeches? – how about Lions and Murderer’s?

Just imagine yourself back in the 1600’s proof reading by candlelight the latest version of the Bible in a cold draughty print room. Is it any wonder that mistakes were made that have given us not only the Breeches Bible and Vinegar Bible, but also the wonderful range of bibles of which the following are but a part:

The **Judas Bible** of 1611 – this Bible has Judas, not Jesus, saying ‘Sit ye here while I go yonder and pray’ (Matthew 26:36).

The **Printers Bible** of 1612 – Psalm 119:161 reads ‘Printers have persecuted me without a cause’ rather than ‘Princes have persecuted me....’.

The **Wicked Bible, Adulterous Bible or Sinners Bible** of 1631, in which the seventh commandment read ‘Thou shalt commit adultery’. The ‘not’ was inadvertently omitted in Exodus 20:14, resulting in the printers being fined £300 and all copies withdrawn apart from the 11 that remain in existence today.

The **More Sea Bible** of 1641 in Revelations 21:1 it was printed ‘....the first heaven and the first earth were died and there was more sea’ rather than ‘... there was no more sea.’

The **Sin On Bible** of 1716 where John 8:11 states ‘Go and sin more’ rather than ‘Go and sin no more’

The **Fools Bible** of 1763 in which Psalm 14:1 has ‘the fool hath said in his heart there is a God’, rather than ‘...there is no God.’ This error cost the printers £3,000 and all copies ordered destroyed. That this error is known about reflects the obedience to authority even in those days.

The **Denial Bible** of 1792 where Philip was substituted for Peter as the apostle who would deny Jesus in Luke 22:34.

The **Murderer’s Bible** of 1801 where Jude 16 reads ‘There are murderers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words,..... The ‘murderers’ should have read ‘murmerers’.

The **Lions Bible** of 1804 converts ‘thy son shall come forth out of the lions’ rather than where you would expect sons to come from- 1 Kings 8:19.  
And finally:

The **Wife-hater Bible** of 1810 where Luke 14:26 reads ‘If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own wife also, he cannot be my disciple.’ The second ‘wife’ should have read ‘life’

*Editor: Canon David Winter, a former Head of Religious Broadcasting at the BBC, continues his series presenting a point of view*

## THE WAY I SEE IT: The Coronation: I was there!

It is, as you may have noticed, the sixtieth anniversary of the Queen’s coronation this month. If you are under 65 it is probably simply a matter of history. That piece of history, however, will be relived this month in many grainy pictures on our television screens - even, perhaps, some in colour, from the cinema newsreels of the time. For those of us over that age, however, it is probably one of those memories - images, really - that you can never quite forget. In truth, it is part of our history.

Millions, like me, sat in a crowded room and gazed at a tiny television screen on which black and white images appeared of the distant scene in and around Westminster Abbey. Up till then, TV had been largely a rich person’s toy, but no one was going to miss the event of a lifetime. Aided by the entrepreneurial genius of Radio Rentals and other newly formed competitors, we watched on rented sets, our own or a neighbour’s. Television suddenly became available to almost everybody. Indeed, I can’t think of anyone in our very ordinary circle of friends in a London suburb who didn’t watch the coronation as it happened. And that made a difference. Previous coronations had been great affairs of State, attended by the nobility, the great and the good - just a few hundred of them. True, the crowds could line the route to and from the abbey and cheer and wave flags, but once the real business began they were definitely outside. But now - miraculously, it seemed - we were inside: indeed, we had a better view of proceedings than most of those distinguished folk who had got tickets for the abbey.

This, like no other, was the People’s Coronation, and the young Queen and her fair-haired sailor husband were the People’s Monarchy, in a way none of their predecessors could possibly have imagined. When the archbishop placed the crown on her head, we were just feet away (or so it seemed). When he anointed her with oil, we could see it glisten. We could join in the prayers and the hymns, hear the glorious music and fanfares, share with the congregation in the abbey an occasion that was, after all, a vital part of the life of our nation and the Commonwealth.

Time and again over those few days we sang ‘Long live our gracious Queen’, and she has done it. ‘Long to reign over us, happy and glorious’. Exactly!

# MOTHERS' UNION SUMMER OUTING TO LAKE DISTRICT

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June

## LAST FEW SPACES!!

- Depart: 9.15am opp Old Mill (9.10am Woodlands Court)  
 12.30pm: Visit to Hill Top, a time capsule of Beatrix Potter's life.  
 1.30pm: Sandwiches and Tea or Coffee at 'The Sawrey House Hotel'



- 3.30pm A sail on the Steam Yacht Gondola on Lake Coniston (45mins)



- 4.30/4.45pm Depart for home

**Total Cost for coach and lunch is: £23.70**

Please add on the cost of Hill Top house and/or the Gondola as you wish.

Cost:	Coach	£13.75 (including driver's tip)
	Lunch	£ 9.95
	Hill Top Garden	free
Optional:	Hill Top admission:	£ 8.50 (Free for NT members)
Optional:	Gondola	£ 8.50

We have booked a 35 seater coach which we need to fill to make the trip viable. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

**Apply to Anne Cockburn (01625 585242) or Jenny Youatt (01625 585226)**

## ROTA FOR JUNE 2013 LADY SIDESMEN / SIDESMEN / LECTORS

DATE	TIME	SIDESMEN	LECTOR
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.45am	Mr M Stonehewer & Mrs R Dyas	Mrs V Muir
	6.30pm	Mr G Barrie	Mrs E Jackson
9 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Mrs B Essayan	
	9:45am	Mr G Hilton & Mrs J Martin	Miss S Varden
	6.30pm	Mr A Cockitt <b>Joint Evensong at St Philip's &amp; St James, Alderley Edge</b>	Mr P Reynolds
16 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Mr HA Wright	
	9.45am	Mr S Welsh & Mr R Shiers	Mr R Shiers
	6.30pm	Mrs A Robinson	Mrs F Robinson
23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00am	Mr R Akester	
	9.45am	Mr J Stephenson & Mr G Woolley	Mrs J Lee
	6.30pm	Mrs J Bean	Mr P Bean
30 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Mr P Bean	
	9.45am	Mrs G Beeley & Mr J Ratchford	Mrs A Davis
	6.30pm	Mrs D Barber	Mrs A Dodd
7 <sup>th</sup> Jul	9.45am	Mr A Claridge & Mrs J Adamson	Miss SJ Dunhill
	6.30pm	Mr G Barrie	Mrs E Jackson

## ***FROM THE REGISTERS***

### ***Christenings***

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Oscar George Lea
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Amelia Nicole Barratt
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Oscar John Morris
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Henry Charles Robinson
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Francis Alexander Chadwick

### ***Weddings***

Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Elizabeth Tweedie and Simon Staveley-Smith
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### ***Funerals***

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Edith Summerfield
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Brian Garlick

## **FLOWER ROTA**

June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wedding
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Wedding
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wedding
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Marie Stonehewer

## **MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS**

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