

St.Mary, Alderley Cheshire



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Rector Writes:

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This month Fiona Robinson begins her theological studies and spiritual formation to become a priest. Fiona amongst other things is Warden at St Mary's Church and over the next year she will use her time with us to develop her 'priestly' character. She will then move to another parish for a year to gain a different perspective and develop her 'priestly' character in other ways. After that she will join another parish for her final year. After three years of study and formation Fiona will be ordained a 'deacon' by the Lord Bishop of Chester in his Cathedral, after one year of being a 'deacon' Fiona will then be ordained a priest. The Church of England maintains a threefold order of ordained ministry: deacon, priest and bishop. This is part of our shared heritage with western Catholicism and marks the Church of England from Protestant denominations which ceased to hold this threefold order at the reformation or subsequently to it. Those ordained will take up various positions in the Church, they may be curates, vicars, rectors, canons, chaplains but they will always be deacons and priests.

Fiona will need our prayers, our support and our encouragement both as individuals and corporately as a parish. There is no doubt that over these three years Fiona will change, grow and develop. She will experience different patterns of worship, deepen her knowledge and appreciation of Church teaching and be exposed to various pastoral contexts. Fiona will be in her mid-fifties when she is ordained and will continue in her secular employment, in this way Fiona may be serving the Church over the next twenty to twenty five years as an assistant priest in a parish. The changes and challenges that are ahead of both Fiona and the Church as both seek to communicate the love of God for the world are daunting. But tremendous strength can be gained from those that have gone before. The Church's history throws up many challenging times and periods which were met with courage, determination and faith by men and women who put their trust in God. There have been priests serving the parish of Alderley for almost a thousand years (which Birtles was a part until 1890). Prestbury was our mother Church and priests would make the journey from there to here. It is remarkable to think that there were no clocks and at that period no bells or even a Church. Yet these priests week on week gathered a community around them to hear God's word and celebrate the sacraments. From this beginning a Church was built and at the start of the thirteenth century the parish of Alderley with its own Rector was established. We stand on the shoulders of previous generations of lay and ordained faithful who have launched out into the unknown believing that their faith will be met with God's good grace. We are testament to that faith and should be confident of joining our faith with theirs so that the life of the Church can be passed to generations yet to be born. God can make all things possible and prosper our work done in his name.

James

DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

Sun.7th	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Birtles
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley
	11.15am	Family Service at Birtles
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley
Thur.11 th	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley
Sun.14th	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley
	9.45am	Family Service at Alderley
	11,15am	Holy Communion at Birtles
	6.30pm	Holy Communion at Alderley
	6.30pm	Combined Service at St.Bartholomew, Wilmslow
Thur.18 th	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley
Thur. 18 th	7.30pm	Nigel Ogden's Organ Recital
Sat. 20 th	11.00am	OPEN WEEKEND – WW1 Display
Sat. 21 st	2.00pm	OPEN WEEKEND – WW1 Display
Sun. 21st	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley
	11.15am	Mattins at Birtles
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley
Thur. 25 th	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley
Sun.28th	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	
	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

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October

Sun.5th	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
	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

Week ending	Gift Aid Envelopes	Non-Gift Aid & Misc Cash	Standing Orders	Total
Jul 6 th	150.00	35.00		185.00
Jul 13 th	352.00	18.50		370.50
Jul 20 th	324.00	36.35		360.35
Jul 27 th	194.50	85.58		280.08
TOTAL	1020.50	175.43	875.00	2070.93

ST MARY'S NEED NEARLY £6000 PER MONTH FOR RUNNING COSTS



MOTHERS' UNION

HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesday 17th September
2.00pm

All Welcome



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee produced a simple 3 course sit down lunch following the special service to commemorate the fallen of WW1 on July 28th. The numbers attending were slightly unknown until the day! In the end we served 65 people, with 2 pieces of quiche left!

A huge thank you to everybody who helped make this a success, especially with the washing up!

I hope everybody enjoyed the **Summer Lunch** outing on August 5th. John and Pat Durnall's note included in this magazine says it all!

The Church's World War 1 and Family History Weekend on September 20th/21st is getting nearer. I have had some offers of help in the café but would still love more offers! The café will be open 11.00am - 5 pm on the Saturday and 2pm - 5 pm on the Sunday. Good to have a gossip with a tea towel and a tray! Offers of homemade soup and scones and biscuits would be also be lovely.

Janet Adamson Tel: 01625 583320

ST MARY'S WALKING GROUP

Saturday 4th October – 10.00am start prompt

Walk: Hartington and Berresford, Wolfscote and Biggin Dales following the River Dove. A walk between the contour lines.

Starting Point: Meet Hartington duck pond. OS White Peak SK 128 604. Plenty of parking at roadside: parking restrictions relaxed from October.

Map:

Length: One hill only, moderate 7 1/2 miles

Further information: Boots, waterproofs and packed lunch needed
Walk leader Jamie Smith, 01625 585245, mob. 07791604099 for more details



Oasis

Your donations of food and clothing have been much appreciated.

HOWEVER there is an increasing need for our support.

Warm clothing and bedding are always in short supply and there is an ever increasing need for emergency food bags. Empty shelves and 'fridges are an everyday way of life for many people in the Gorton area and it is very much a hand to mouth existence.

If we can help by remembering them when we do our own food shop, even by the addition of one item, it would make a big difference to one family.

PLEASE help if you can. Oasis can change lives with their overall support for families and in the provision of basic foods.

A very big 'Thank You' to Geoff and Maureen Woolley who go up to Oasis on a regular basis with a very well loaded car. If you would like to visit please contact me Tel: 01625 584377 or Maureen 01625 582807.

On behalf of Oasis a big thank you for your continuing support.

Anne Robinson.

Social Committee Summer Lunch

The plans being discussed at the time of writing the July magazine came to fruition on Tuesday August 5th. "Abbeywood" proved to be a lovely name for a beautiful place. 14 happy people assembled together to enjoy a meal, and, if able, to tour the Gardens and Aboretum.

The luncheon menu was splendidly varied with excellent choice and modest prices.

Good company, happy conversation, memories recalled and memories created, topped off with a wander around the garden — a wealth of variety and colour.

All in all a memorable outing! Thank you Janet and the committee for making the arrangements

John and Pat Durnall

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FAMILY HISTORY WEEKEND

ALSO

LOCAL WORLD WAR 1 DISPLAY

Saturday 20th September 11.00am – 5.00pm
&
Sunday 21st September 2.00pm – 5.00pm

St. Mary's 14th C church has a wealth of history!
Guided tours available

Stanley Mausoleum open

Light Refreshments will be available throughout

Family History Records

Including St. Mary's BMD records and two very early census records of 1811 and 1821. The church has also digitally recorded the parish records dating back to 1629, which are available for sale.

Quote from 2013

"Thank you so much for your help at the Open Day. Everyone we met was so pleasant and helpful it made for a delightful day. I look forward to your next open day. My grateful thanks again". Ann Hough

For any further information, please email: info@stmarysaldlerley.com

Alderley War Memorial

In February 1919, a public meeting was held to decide on what to do to preserve the memory of those who had served in the Great War. Lord and Lady Sheffield (Stanley) were in attendance and chaired the meeting.

It was felt that something beautiful and lasting should be placed in the Church and therefore a War Memorial Fund was set up. A committee was appointed to consider the matter and collect subscriptions

Their findings were put to another Public meeting in January 1920, where it was unanimously resolved to accept the design. The originator of the design was Mr Hubert Worthington.

The modelling would be undertaken by Hugh Miller, of Messrs. Earp, Hobbs and Miller, Sculptures of Manchester. A Faculty was applied for: 24/02/1920

At the vestry meeting in April 1921, Canon Cecil Brooke Welland, Rector of Alderley, apologised to the meeting that progress on the Memorial had been rather slow but things were now beginning to take pace.

The subscriptions which amounted to £500, with the promise of more if needed, were used to pay for the Memorial.

The Memorial was completed and dedicated by the Bishop of Chester on 5th February 1922. Long before the service was due to start the church was full, with additional seating also full. Seats had been reserved for the relatives of those whose names appeared on the memorial. It was announced during the service that in no circumstances were artificial flowers to be placed on the ledge under the memorial. If they were found there they would be removed!

Jenny Youatt

Coffee will be available as usual after the service on Sunday 21st September.

At the same time please do take the opportunity to view the Nether Alderley World War 1 exhibition. There will also be exhibitions from Alderley Edge, Great Warford, Chelford and Nether Alderley Parish Council.

Harvest Festival Sunday 5th October

Church Decoration

Decoration of the Church will take place on Friday evening and Saturday from 2.00pm. If you wish to help please contact me so I can arrange a schedule.

Gifts of fruit and vegetables will be gratefully received in Church on the Friday evening and Saturday afternoon

Michael Penlington 01625 530084

St Mary's, Alderley

Sunday 5th October 2014



HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

followed by

HARVEST CELEBRATION BRUNCH

in Nether Alderley Parish Hall

Service starts 9.45am

Tickets: £6.00 – Adult; £4.00 – Child (16 & under)

Ticketed event, limited availability
Don't miss out - see Fiona Robinson, Maureen Woolley
or Mark Wilkinson to book you seat.

Raffle. Bring your friends!

HYMN: The story behind ... JUST AS I AM

The hymn 'Just As I Am' must be one of the most famous in the world. It has been sung by tens of millions of Christians at Billy Graham Crusades the world over, just for starters! Yet it was not written by a professional who was 'aiming' at a specific market, as many songs seem to be written today. Instead, it was written by an artist in Victorian times.

Her name was Charlotte Elliott, and she was born in Clapham in 1789. She grew up in a well to do home, and became a portrait artist and also a writer of humorous verse. All was well until Charlotte fell ill in her early 30s, and slid into a black depression. A minister, Dr Caesar Malan of Switzerland, came to visit her. Instead of sympathising, he asked her an unexpected question: did she have peace with God? Charlotte deeply resented the question and told him to mind his own business.

But after he left, his question haunted her. Did she have peace with God? She knew that she did not, that she had done some very wrong things. So she invited Dr Malan to return. She told him that she would like to become a Christian, but would have to sort out her life first.

Dr Malan again said the unexpected: "Come just as you are." The words were a revelation to Charlotte. She had assumed that she would have to put her life in order before she could hope to be accepted by God. Instead, she realised that Jesus wanted her just as she was - and he would take care of the sin. Charlotte became a Christian that day.

14 years later, in 1836, Charlotte wrote some verses that summed up how it had been between her and Jesus that day. They ran:

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bids't me come to Thee
O lamb of God, I come! I come!
Just as I am, tho tossed
about With many a conflict,
many a doubt Fightings within,
and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Charlotte could not have dreamed that 150 years into the future, her verses would be sung by millions of people all over the world, as they responded to the Gospel presented at many great Billy Graham crusades, and made their way forward to do just as the hymn describes - to come to Jesus Christ, despite sin and fear and doubts, to come 'just as I am.'

On why you should never replace your hymn books

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I am surprised you are considering buying a new set of hymn books for your church; I had assumed everything you sang would be projected on to one of those screens which are invariably strategically placed to obscure the altar – although wherever you placed it in your converted cinema, it could never spoil its architectural aesthetics.

In my – fortunately limited – experience of such devices, they provide the projectionist with endless opportunities for showing the wrong hymn, or the right hymn but from another edition, which will contain either one verse too many or one too few. Should the hymn run to two pages, then the turnover always takes place some milliseconds after that verse has started, so that the congregation is faced with the snap decision of either trying to sing two lines at double time, or just to join in late, making a nonsense of the words.

When we decided to change hymn books some years ago, the reverberations made the consequences of that little event in Sarajevo seem insignificant. The proposal was to move from “Hymns Ancient and More Ancient” to the more recent version: “Hymns Ancient and Slightly Less Ancient”.

Colonel Wainwright said he would be happy so long as we continued fighting good fights and urging Christian soldiers onwards. The men wanted the hymns they remembered from school, the ladies those they sang at their weddings and no one would consider anything that dropped thines or wouldsts. The basses in the choir wanted hymns they knew the tenors found difficult and those who couldn't read music wanted more hymns sung in unison. When a rumour started that the books may contain hymns written in the last 50 years, timetables were consulted for bus services to the next village.

Eventually we reached a perfect compromise: doing something which made no change whatsoever. Miss Simpson was charged with buying yards of sticky backed plastic and repairing the current books. She put a note on the front of every copy that if the page for the hymn they wanted was missing, they should share with the person sitting next to them – an experience which will be almost as traumatic as being invited to pass the peace. Yet another decision has thereby been deferred for a Church Council to make some time next century. Harmony reigns once again.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

ROTA FOR AUGUST 2014

LADY SIDESMEN / SIDESMEN / LECTORS

DATE	TIME	SIDESMEN	LECTOR
3 rd	9.45am	Mr M Wilkinson & Mrs J Robinson	Mrs J Lee
	6.30pm	Mrs J Bean	Mrs E Jackson
10 th	8.00am	Mr H A Wright	
	9.45am	Mr G Hilton & Mrs J Martin	Miss C Mowforth
	6.30pm	Mr G Barrie Joint Choral Eensong at St Mary's Alderley	Mrs F Robinson
17 th	8.00am	Mr P Bean	
	9.45am	Mr A Claridge & Mr G Woolley	Mrs W Liddle
	6.30pm	Mr P Reynolds	Mr P Reynolds
24 th	8.00am	Mrs B. Essayan	
	9.45am	Mrs G Beeley & Mr J Ratchford	Mrs E Jackson
	6.30pm	Mrs A Robinson	Mrs A Dodd
31 st	8.00am	Mr H A Wright	
	9.45am	Mr J Stephenson & Mrs R Dyas	Mrs C Stephenson
	6.30pm	Mr P Reynolds	Mr P Reynolds
7 th Sept	9.45am	Mrs W Liddle & Mr S Welsh	Mrs J Lee
	6:30pm	Mrs A Robinson	Mrs E Jackson

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Advanced notice - Back by popular request the St Mary's
HARVEST BRUNCH Sunday 5th October 2014 - Save the date!

FROM THE REGISTERS

Christenings

Sun. 3 rd Aug	Summer and Rafael Hartley
Sat. 16 th Aug	Henry William Freeth
Sun. 17 th Aug	Jessica June Neddham
Sun 17 th Aug	Daniel Carl Neddham
Sun 24 th Aug	Emily Charlotte Hughes
Sun 31 st Aug	Kit Geoffrey Hardy

Weddings

Sat. 2 nd Aug	Charlotte Tams and Thomas Dugdale
Sat 16 th Aug	Sarah Geary and Ben Ellis
Fri 22 nd Aug	Sarah-Jane and Mark Wilkinson
Sat. 23 rd Aug	Amy Kershaw and Perry Staines

Funerals

Wed 22 nd Aug	Jean Farnworth
Wed 27 th Aug	Valerie Bailey
Fri 29 th Aug	Allan Brown

FLOWER ROTA

Sept. 7 th	Avril Lamond
Sept. 14 th	Avril Lamond
Sept 21 st	Flower Committee
Sept. 28 th	Flower Committee

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