

# St.Mary, Alderley Cheshire



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**Rector Writes:**

**August 2014**

Colonel Geoffrey Sparrow peaceably passed away at home at the age of ninety one. In the weeks before his death his health had deteriorated and yet his graciousness was apparent for all to see. Before he died he passed on this poem to me by Ann Weems which he thought may be of some future use. Although intended for Lent the words take on a power and intensity when you consider they were read by someone nearing the end of their life.

**Lent is a time to take time to let the power  
of our faith story take hold of us,  
a time to let the events get up and walk around in us,  
a time to intensify our living unto Christ,  
a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,  
a time to place our feet in the streets of  
Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and listen to his Word,  
a time to touch his robe,  
and feel the healing surge through us,  
a time to ponder and a time wonder.....**

**Lent is a time to allow  
a fresh new taste of God!  
Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think,  
for thoughts come unbidden.  
Perhaps we're afraid to face our future  
knowing our past.  
Give us courage, O God,  
to hear your Word  
and to read our living into it.  
Give us the trust to know we're forgiven  
and give us the faith  
to take up our lives and walk.**

Geoffrey was a man of faith whose example in life and in his death can be of encouragement to us all. He received Holy Communion frequently in his last weeks with a humility that was touching and spiritually inviting to those that surrounded him. Geoffrey's walk with God continues into the life eternal. A Service of Thanksgiving will take place at St Mary's Church on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm led by the Lord Bishop of Chester, the Rt. Reverend Dr. Peter Forster.

**James**

## DIARY FOR AUGUST 2014

Sat. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2.00pm Holy Matrimony at Alderley

**Sun.3<sup>rd</sup> Seventh 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.7<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley

**Sun.10<sup>th</sup> Eighth 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.Mary's, Alderley

Thur.14<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley

Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm Holy Matrimony at Alderley

**Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Ninth 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. 21<sup>st</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> 12.30pm Holy Matrimony at Alderley

Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> 3.00pm Holy Matrimony at Alderley

**Sun.24<sup>th</sup> Tenth 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

Thur.28<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley

August continued)

**Sun.31<sup>st</sup> Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion at Birtles  
 9.45am Holy Communion at Alderley  
 11.15am Holy Communion at Birtles  
 6.30pm Evensong at Alderley

**September**

**Sun.7<sup>th</sup> 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

**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 1 <sup>st</sup>	343.10	42.55		385.65
Jun 8 <sup>th</sup>	348.80	26.90		375.70
Jun 15 <sup>th</sup>	357.00	24.70		381.70
Jun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	193.00	60.00		253.00
Jun 29 <sup>th</sup>	570.60	59.00		629.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1812.50</b>	<b>213.15</b>	<b>540.00</b>	<b>2565.65</b>

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

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We are looking forward to the **Summer Lunch** outing on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August**. I think everybody knows we are going to Abbeywood Gardens. The gardens are on the old Chester Road beyond Sandiway. About 50 minutes. We plan to meet there at 12.00 noon. I will be in touch with everybody I know who is hoping to go. Please let me know if anybody else has an interest to join us.

Thank you to everybody who helped with Coffee after the 9.45am service whilst I was away.

The plans for the **September Family History Weekend**, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> are also under consideration. Please is there anyone who could help with the Café.

All these activities do need willing hands. We will be working in conjunction with Jenny.

**Janet Adamson Tel: 01625 583320**

## ST MARY'S WALKING GROUP

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September – 10.00am start prompt**

**Walk:** White Edge and Froggatt Edge



**Starting Point:** Car Park - Grid Ref: SK 262747 (This is a Pay & Display Car Park – there is roadside parking available close by.)

**Map:** OS Explorer 24 White Peak

**Walk description:** This is a fairly flat walk with one gradual but short climb onto White Edge, but the views are well worth it.

**Length:** 7 miles - easy

**Further information:** The Grouse Inn is just over halfway round for those who would like a pub lunch, or you can bring sandwiches to eat outside. Contact Will Ablett (01625 585180) with any questions.

## The clergyman who was voted UK Yachtsman of the Year 2013

What will you be doing this summer? Chances are, you will NOT be sailing a small boat across freezing Arctic waters. Yet last summer, that is exactly what the 78 year-old Rev Bob Shepton was doing. It won him the prize of Apollo/Yachting Journalists' Association Yachtsman of the Year Award for 2013. That must be an absolute 'first' for a retired Anglican clergyman!

The citation ran as follows: 'The Rev Bob Shepton completed the unique feat of sailing his 33ft sloop through hostile Arctic conditions of the North West Passage in both directions in successive years. His latest voyage west to east, last July (2013), aged 78, was in particularly bleak conditions, and the feat was managed by only three boats last year.'

It was a long way from the more populated places where Mr Shepton once ministered. He was a full time youth leader at the Cambridge University Mission in Bermondsey, the Warden of the Oxford Kilburn Club, and worked for a while at the Mayflower Family Centre when David Sheppard, later Bishop of Liverpool, was Warden. He later served as chaplain of two slightly specialist schools. But these days he cruises extensively in the Arctic on his 33ft Westerly, Dodo's Delight.

As the citation described his trip last summer: 'He faced extremely harsh conditions with 30-40 per cent more ice than usual and strong headwinds. This led to no spring at all in Alaska, and rivers frozen later than at any time in 96 years. Yet, as well as completing the passage successively, he also found time to carry out underwater filming for a Scottish marine biology consultancy to analyse the Arctic seabed flora.'

The Rev Bob Shepton, who is also ex-Royal Marines, has been called by sailing professionals "one of the most remarkable voyagers of our times." In the past 25 years he has sailed over 130,000 miles in every latitude from the Arctic to the Antarctic. In the 1990s, he took a crew of school leavers from his last school to sail round the world via Antarctica and Cape Horn. He has recently led several expeditions to Greenland and arctic Canada sailing and making first ascents of mountains and rock faces from the boat. He and his team were awarded the Piolets d'Or in 2011, probably the most prestigious mountaineering award.

As for this summer? He says: 'I am just about to return to Greenland with the 'Wild Bunch', who aren't wild at all except when rejoicing at the top of their incredible first ascents of big rock climbs. The plan is to sail across to the east coast of Baffin Island when the ice clears for them to put up some more superb new big wall routes. As I have said in my book, 'challenge is the name of the game'; the Christian life is a challenge, and maybe exposing yourself to danger, risk and challenge is a reflection of that and a training towards it.'

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## **FAMILY HISTORY WEEKEND**

**ALSO**

## **LOCAL WORLD WAR 1 DISPLAY**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 11.00am – 5.00pm**

**&**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2.00pm – 5.00pm**

St. Mary's 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@stmarysaldlerley.com)

## **World War 1 in Nether Alderley**

Last September, a tiny seed of an idea began to grow into a fascinating journey of research. Over the last 10 years I have delved into the Church's history but deciding to concentrate my new efforts on the WW1 era in Nether Alderley, has taken me down a completely new path of discovery.

We have two wonderful WW1 memorials in the church listing 18 men on our "Roll of Honour". My first quest was to track down as much information as I could about each name. Only one still eludes me!

I have been given invaluable items from Beryl Bardsley, whose uncle, Walter Rawlins is amongst our fallen. She has passed on to me various letters and documents including his medals and the original Memorial Plaque and Scroll which were sent to the soldiers next of kin after the war had ended.

Another item Beryl has passed over to me is a large photograph of our main War Memorial as it was originally, showing the statue of St George. (Sadly this statue was stolen during the 1980's)

I have spent many hours at Wilmslow library using the micro film machine, scanning through the local papers for the years 1913 to 1922 and also many hours at home 'googling', unearthing some fascinating information.

It is hard to believe that in such a small village as Nether Alderley so much war work was undertaken. Food parcels were being organised for POW, a hospital supply depot was set up in the Rectory and there was a hospital in Alderley Park (and another just down the road in Alderley Edge), I have collected several photos of Alderley Park hospital together with a unique autograph book signed by some of the patients!

I've also unearthed facts about a relationship between Lord Asquith (Prime Minister 1908 – 1916) and Venetia Stanley (youngest daughter of the Fourth Baron Sheffield and Stanley of Alderley). This would explain why Lord Asquith was such a frequent visitor to Alderley during those war years!

All in all this research results in an interesting collection! Please do come along to our forthcoming Open Weekend to view this exhibition.

**Jenny Youatt**

## The Walking Group goes Continental!

Having had three years of short walking holidays in the UK, the Group decided to spread its wings and fly off to France this year. The idea came from a visit to Brittany last year by Jamie and Lynn Smith who discovered an area there that was ideal for walking. Alongside that they had found a small complex of gites in a group of old farm buildings that would accommodate the Group.

And so it was that on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May we set off to Brittany. Nine of us were originally due to go but for unavoidable reasons the group were then five hardy souls. Travelling by various means we met at Landivisian, about 20 miles east of Brest, for lunch and to raid the supermarkets for provisions before travelling to our base at Tilibrennou. This is a hamlet about 3 miles north of Huelgoat (nobody managed to find the correct French pronunciation of that name, even from the locals). Geographically we are now about 15 miles due west of Brest. We occupied two of the four gites available, arranged so that we could pop in and out of each other's across the yard.

The area turned out to be a walkers' paradise. It consisted of rolling hills and woods with a feast of historical and geological interest. Jamie had a range of walks already sorted out for the next six days. The weather was ideal being sunny and warm but not too hot. On our first day we set out from Huelgoat through sun-dappled woods following an old canal built to supply a now abandoned silver mine (circa 1700). Visiting the site of the mine we then carried on to view another speciality of the area of huge round boulders, some the size of houses, formed during the Ice Age and seemingly just dumped all over. Many had evocative names to give an added sense of history to the area. On another day we went north to Perros-Guirec above Lannion and followed a coastal path to view the amazing rock formations of these boulders stacked high on top of each other. Their colour was of a soft pink granite that glowed in the sunlight. One morning was also spent visiting the market in Huelgoat to experience the atmosphere and test the local produce. Whilst there, Janice could not stop herself seeking out the local patisserie to check out her taste buds.

Lynn Smith, ably assisted by Fiona Ablett and Janice Sweetman, created gastronomic delights each evening and we assisted the French in helping to deal with their grape based produce. The highly competitive Janice also organised the evenings' activities; she even persuaded Jamie Smith to give each of us a ride on the back of his tandem. Jamie manfully set out on his bike each morning to visit the local boulangerie so we had fresh baguettes and croissants for breakfast each day. So after a lovely six days of activity and enjoying good company three of the Group returned to the UK the following Saturday, leaving Jamie and Lynn to enjoy a well-deserved rest for a week in another gite in Normandy.

**Will Ablett**

## The Mayonnaise Jar & Two Beers



When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the Mayonnaise jar and the 2 Beers.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous 'yes'.

The professor then produced two beers from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed. . .

'Now,' said the professor as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognise that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things - your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favourite passions - and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car... The sand is everything else - the small stuff.'

'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Spend time with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit your grandparents. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18 holes of golf... There will always be time to clean the house, take out the rubbish or deal with things from your job. Take care of the golf balls first - the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.'

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the Beer represented. The professor smiled and said, 'I'm glad you asked. The Beer just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a drink with a friend.'

*(supplied by June Gass)*

# WAR HOSPITAL SUPPLY DEPOTS

## MRS WELLAND, ALDERLEY RECTORY

(wife of Canon Cecil Brooke Welland, Rector of Alderley 1912 – 1944)

Where did all the bandages come from? Who supplied the nightshirts, gowns and bed-jackets for soldiers in hospital? Almost all were hand-made by groups and individuals world-wide, often paying for the materials out of their own pockets.

The Central Work Rooms in London were instituted in 1915, when it was considered desirable to co-ordinate the activities of working parties throughout the country and thus avoid overlapping. The Central Work Rooms gathered together willing women from all parts of the suburbs and those who lived further afield set up Supply Depots where local women could contribute their time and skills. There were more than 2,700 of these Work Parties and depots at home and abroad, and now their contribution has been largely forgotten, but without them supplies of dressings and garments to many hospitals would have been non-existent. They certainly deserve a mention, and their work recorded as an example of the importance of voluntary work during the Great War.

The fee for registration was 2/6 per depot irrespective of the number of workers. Every depot was enrolled (a) under its registered number, (b) by the County, and (c) by the name of its Head. All groups were sent a small Red Cross flag, bearing their registered number, labels for dispatch of their supplies direct to the Stores Department, papers giving the conditions under which their respective members could qualify for Certificates and Voluntary Workers' Badges, and periodical information as to Hospital requirements.

**Jenny Youatt**

### MANY THANKS

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the huge success of the 'Flower Fund Tea Party' and to all who attended and supported the event. We raised nearly £1000 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 everyone.

**Michael Penlington and Fiona Robinson**

## ROTA FOR AUGUST 2014 LADY SIDESMEN / SIDESMEN / LECTORS

DATE	TIME	SIDESMEN	LECTOR
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.45am	Mr M Wilkinson & Mrs J Robinson	Mrs J Lee
	6.30pm	Mrs J Bean	Mrs E Jackson
10 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>st</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.45am	Mrs W Liddle & Mr S Welsh	Mrs J Lee
	6:30pm	Mrs A Robinson	Mrs E Jackson

### \*\*STOP PRESS\*\*

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

## *FROM THE REGISTERS*

### *Christenings*

Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> July Jack Charles Nichols and Jessica Chloe Sophia Nichols  
Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> July Ralph Paul McGurk  
Sun. 27<sup>th</sup> July Mae Gibb Sunday

### *Weddings*

Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> July Claire Chambers and Michael Heal  
Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> July Callie Roberts and Kendal Sant  
Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> July Suzi Teasdale and Kyle Shore  
Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> July Lindsay Penney and Robert Oakes

## FLOWER ROTA

Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> Wedding  
Aug 10<sup>th</sup> Fiona Robinson  
Aug 17<sup>th</sup> Wedding  
Aug 24<sup>th</sup> Wedding  
Aug 31<sup>st</sup> Michael Penlington

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