

**FROM THE REGISTERS**

***Christenings***

June 26th                      Montague Thomas Maynard  
July 10th                        Elliott George McGurk

***Weddings***

July 1st                         Jennifer Wood and Paul Reddy  
July 23rd                        Jane Walmsley and Peter Spence

***Prayer Service***

July 2nd                         Tracey Kelly and Cordelia Robinson

**FLOWER ROTA**

Aug 7th  
Aug 14th                      Wedding (St.Philips)  
Aug 21st                      Joyce Davis  
Aug 28th

**MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS**

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**Wardens Write**

**August 2016**

Life is full of memories, things that happened to us many years ago and things that happened perhaps only yesterday. Many older people will still be able to recount the first thing they can recall as a child when they were perhaps just two or three years old, something which happened on holiday or with a parent or another sibling. Then of course first day at school, in my case, I remember saying to my mother when she woke me up for my second day at school that ... "but I've been to school"!

School and family is where most people's early memories start to develop and expand rapidly, early school friends may stay with us for life or they may pass on into memories. What supports these memories and often makes them 'vivid' again are the pictures and memorabilia that are associated with them. My mum, now 93, has recently accepted that she cannot live in her own home on her own anymore so we have been clearing out her house. We have found so many memories, pictures of all kinds going back right to the beginning of the camera, pictures of her parents which must have been taken close to 100 years ago, astonishing in their quality and ability to trigger memories of past times and events. Old telegrams sent to congratulate weddings and then there are the ornaments, silver perhaps, and, in our case old tea sets, what to do with them all? We don't want to sell them, they are difficult to give away or worse have to throw away but they come from a different era and often don't fit into our modern lives and homes (and there simply isn't space anyway!).

However, the constant in all our lives is our Christian faith; for most of us it will have developed over the years from childhood, been influenced by outside forces and circumstances and of course it will have been tested at times perhaps to almost breaking point. We are extremely fortunate that at St Mary's there has been a constant support, belief and communal worship in the Christian message for over 700 hundred years and the Christian message itself remains as strong and relevant in today's world as it was in Jesus time.

So during this summertime let's take some time to share stories and memories when we meet together. Whether it is before or after a St Mary's event or service or with friends or relatives and let's give thanks that we can look forward to our new Rector, Jon Hale, joining us in November to start another chapter in the in St Mary's story. We wish you all a lovely summer and hope to continue to see you regularly.

Peter Michael & Jenny

**DIARY FOR AUGUST 2016**

**Sun.7th Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**  
 8.00am *Holy Communion at Birtles*  
 9.45am *Holy Communion at Alderley* Revd. Susan Hawkins  
 11.15am *Family Service at Birtles*  
 6.30pm *Evensong at Alderley* Revd. Gary Bowness

**Sun 14th Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**  
 9.45am *Family Service & Baptism* Revd. Loveday Alexander  
 11.15am *Holy Communion at Birtles*  
 6.30pm *Holy Communion (said)* Revd. Gary Bowness

**Sun. 21st Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
 8.00am *Holy Communion at Alderley* Revd. Gary Bowness  
 9.45am *Holy Communion at Alderley* Revd. Ken Burghall  
 11.15am *Mattins at Birtles*  
 6.30pm *Evensong at Alderley* Revd. Gary Bowness

**Thu 25th** 10.00am *Holy Communion at Alderley* Revd. Gary Bowness

**Sun. 28th Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
 9.45am *Mattins at Alderley* John Durnall  
 11.15am *Holy Communion at Birtles*  
 6.30pm *Evensong at Alderley* Revd. Gary Bowness

**Sept**  
**Sun 4th Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
 8.00am *Holy Communion at Birtles*  
 9.45am *Holy Communion at Alderley*  
 Rt. Revd. Libby Lane, Bishop of Stockport  
 11.15am *Family Service at Birtles*  
 6.30pm *Evensong at Alderley* Revd. Gary Bowness

**ROTA FOR AUGUST 2016**

**SIDESPEOPLE / LECTORS / WARDENS**

D'T	TIME	SIDESPEOPLE	LECTOR	W'N
Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	(at Birtles)		
	9.45am	Mr G. Hilton & Mrs W. Liddle	Mrs W. Liddle	MP
	6.30pm		Mr P. Reynolds	PR
14 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Mr A. Claridge & Mrs H. Jabr	Miss C. Mowforth	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs J. Bean	Mr P Bean	PB
21 <sup>st</sup>	8.00am			HW
	9.45am	Mr S. Welsh & Mr Stonehewer	Mrs E. Jackson	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs A. Robinson	Mr M. Dyer	JY
28 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Mrs G. Woolley & Mrs E. Fairhurst	Mrs J. Lee	JY
	6.30pm	Mr G. Barrie	Mr P. Reynolds	PR
25 <sup>th</sup> THU	10.00am			RA
	9.45am			
	6.30pm			
Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	(at Birtles)		
	9.45pm	Mrs W. Liddle & Mrs R. Dyas	Mrs W. Liddle	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs A. Robinson	Mrs J. Youatt	JY

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES**

Sunday 4th September – Holy Communion at 9.45am

Preacher the Rt. Revd. Libby Lane

Bishop of Stockport

## London's mulberry trees come under the spotlight

Some of London's oldest trees are now under the spotlight, thanks to a new campaign supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The Conservation Foundation's Morus Londinium project unravels the intriguing stories of London's mulberry tree heritage, including the East End's 17th century silk industry and reveal some of the capital's lesser known heritage sites.

Mulberries and their place in the life of London over the centuries have long interested Peter Coles, who first approached The Conservation Foundation with a plea to help preserve and publicise London's precious mulberry inheritance. Morus Londinium is the latest of the Foundation's tree projects which include elm programmes for London and Sussex and We Love Yew, all supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Great British Elm Experiment.

Mulberries have been grown in London since Roman times, when they were planted for their unique and delicious fruit, which perishes soon after it is picked and so cannot be imported fresh. Mulberry trees were often associated with medieval abbeys and monasteries in and around London, where they may have been grown for their medicinal virtues. The unusual home-grown fruit brought an exotic flavour to the tables of fashionable nobility in Elizabethan times. Some of London's mulberries may date back to the 17th century, when they were planted to provide food for silkworms in James I's attempt to start a silk industry to rival that of Italy and France.

In addition to the expanding national mulberry collection in the private gardens of Buckingham Palace, mulberry trees can also be found in London's streets and back gardens, as well as public parks and heritage sites. Some of the older trees may be the only survivors of a lost past, destroyed by fires, wartime bombs and the accelerating march of progress. They can also provide fruit for urban foragers, and can be eaten raw, used in traditional British cuisine, or provide a prized fresh ingredient at the heart of specialty dishes from Iran, Syria, Turkey and elsewhere.

Sadly, the existence of only a few of these valuable trees has been recorded and their true histories are often unknown. The Morus Londinium project is therefore calling on Londoners to help hunt down and record their local mulberry trees on the website as part of the first comprehensive survey ever.

Wherever possible the Wardens have covered each of our services with either Clergy or Readers. Unfortunately however the number of Sunday 8.00am and Thursday 10.00am services have had to be reduced due to the lack of staffing.

### PLEASE NOTE

8.00am Holy Communion at Birtles is on the **first** Sunday in the month.

**OUR 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE ON THE 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

10.00am Holy Communion is only on the **last** Thursday in the month.

**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>
5 <sup>th</sup> June	224.70	76.20		300.90
12 <sup>th</sup> June	174.50	68.20		242.70
19 <sup>th</sup> June	246.50	75.00		321.50
26 <sup>th</sup> June	159.24	50.00		209.24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>804.90</b>	<b>269.40</b>	<b>625.00</b>	<b>1699.34</b>

"Just a reminder that it costs around £6000 a month to maintain St Mary's"

. Thank you. Donald Henderson

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

There was a happy **Summer Lunch** outing on Tuesday July 12<sup>th</sup>. We went to Woodford Garden Centre. 17 people were able to join in.

Thank you as usual to everybody who is helping with Coffee after the 9.45 service. We are trying to keep a rota of helpers going. With my back problem we still need more regular help to actually do the Coffee. If some Sundays it does not happen it is lack of help. Please let Janice or myself know if you can help.

Janice no.01565 889057

Janet 01625 583320

The plans for the **September Open Weekend**, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> are under consideration. Please is there any one who could help with the Café - do let me know. All these activities do need willing hands. We will be working in conjunction with Jenny.

**Janet Adamson (01625 583320)**

## Walking

A group of friends from St Mary's are going for a walk on the 10th September 2016. The details are given below and anyone interested is welcome to join the group. If you do come along, you do so at your own risk as walking can be a hazardous activity. Children and / or dogs are also welcome but you have to take full responsibility for them. It is advisable that you have appropriate footwear and clothing with you to cope with any weather and ground conditions that might be met.

### Cheesden Valley

Starting at 10.00 am prompt from the Pack Horse Inn, Elbut Lane, Birtle near Bury.

**Grid ref:** SD835125      **Post code:** BL9 7TU

**Length:** 7.25 miles

**Grade:** Moderate over varied terrain

**Further information:** Packed lunch with drinks needed. Contact Will Ablett (01625 585180) with any questions.

## Mary Sumner – founder of the Mothers' Union

This month the Mothers' Union celebrates its 140th anniversary. It has a lot to celebrate, what with four million members doing good work in 83 countries. That is a far cry from the modest circle of prayer for mothers who cared about family life, which is how it all began with a rector's wife, Mary Sumner. Mary was born in late 1828 in Swinton, near Manchester. When she was four, her family moved to Herfordshire. Mary's father, Thomas Heywood, was a banker and historian. Her mother has been described as a woman of "faith, charm and sympathy" – qualities which Mary certainly inherited. Mrs Heywood also held informal 'mothers' meetings' at her home, to encourage local women. Those meetings may well have inspired Mary's later work.

Mary was educated at home, spoke three foreign languages, and sang well. While in her late teens, on a visit to Rome she met George Sumner, a son of the Bishop of Winchester. It was a well connected family: George's uncle became Archbishop of Canterbury, and his second cousin was William Wilberforce. Mary and George married in July 1848, soon after his ordination. They moved to Old Alresford in 1851 and had three children: Margaret, Louise and George. Mary dedicated herself to raising her children and supporting her husband's ministry by providing music and Bible classes.

When in 1876 Mary's eldest daughter Margaret, gave birth, Mary was reminded how difficult she had found the burden of motherhood. Soon she decided to hold a meeting to which she invited the local women not only of her own class, but also all the village mothers. Her aim was to find out if women could be brought together to offer each other prayer and mutual support in their roles as wives and mothers. That meeting at Old Alresford Rectory was the inaugural meeting of the Mothers' Union.

For 11 years, the Mothers' Union was limited to Old Alresford. Then in 1885 the Bishop of Newcastle invited Mary to address the women churchgoers of the Portsmouth Church Congress, some 20 miles away. Mary gave a passionate speech about the poor state of national morality, and the vital need for women to use their vocation as mothers to change the nation for the better. A number of the women present went back to their parishes to found mothers' meetings on Sumner's pattern. Soon, the Mothers' Union spread to the dioceses of Ely, Exeter, Hereford, Lichfield and Newcastle. By 1892, there were already 60,000 members in 28 dioceses, and by 1900 there were 169,000 members. By the time Mary died in 1921, she had seen MU cross the seas and become an international organisation of prayer and good purpose.

## Triennial Veterans 100m cycle ride in support of the Mothers' Union Literacy Fund

Chris Sweetman and myself arrived at Duddon Memorial Hall near Chester to embark on this guided cycle ride around Cheshire, Shropshire and North Wales. It is open to veterans over 50; quite a few entrants were somewhat senior to this.

We were allocated to the sixth group of seven and began our ride at 8.50. The route wound round unfamiliar lanes of West Cheshire, Shropshire and forayed into Wales. Apart from a few yards on an A road, we were on very quiet and narrow roads. First stop after 25 miles was Overton (the one near Bangor on Dee) for a welcome cup of tea and the biggest Danish pastry I have ever encountered! Onwards then towards Llandrinio for lunch.

At about 40 miles, during a brief stop for some to don waterproofs after a few drops of rain, I noticed that there was something amiss with one of my pedals. After trying to ignore it for a few miles I tried a repair i.e. taking it off and refitting. It stubbornly refused to return to its proper place. Unlike the Tour de France, there are no following cars loaded down with spare bikes and unfortunately I had to abandon the ride at 46 miles.

The organisers did provide a 'sag wagon' in the form of Sean, a very cheerful young man with a small hatchback. He drove me to the lunch stop and then back to Duddon for me to retrieve my car.

I drove to Overton to cheer Chris on, and then returned to Duddon to collect him on his completion. The group had pushed on at a fairly rapid pace and Chris had a very hard final leg. A magnificent effort by him. Well done Chris. He now seems to be planning his next challenging ride and I am repairing my bike.

Jamie Smith

*I am sure you will all have read the above with interest and as a member of the St. Mary's Mothers' Union committee I feel I must thank both Chris and Jamie most sincerely for entering the above in aid of the MU Literacy Fund. (For those who don't know what it does, it is the fund that the MU supports to teach the women in Africa and other countries to read and write) and as MU is celebrating 140 years this year since Mary Sumner started the organisation all branches have been asked to have a special event for this cause. We as a group are therefore VERY grateful to both Chris and Jamie for entering the cycle ride on our behalf.*

*As everyone has been very good and returned their sponsor forms and money, I am now able to forward to Headquarters over £900 which when Gift Aid is added will bring the total over £1000. Quite wonderful and thank you again to all who have supported this venture and particularly to our two cyclists.*

Noni Watkins

## NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB June draw winners

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	Noni Watkins
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	Geoff Woolley
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	Innes Jamieson

Congratulations to all the winners

Your cheque or standing order gives you a chance of being the winner.

Forms can be found at the back of Church and in the Parish Hall Kitchen.

A total of £2000 has now been handed over to St Mary's treasurer, towards the day to day running costs of the Church.

### Miss Beatrix Potter – 150 years on

Helen Beatrix Potter, whose illustrated children's books have sold in their millions, was born 150 years ago in Kensington.

Her family were Unitarians, and the Potters never sent their daughter to school. As a result she had few friends as a child and was reticent in company, though a sharp observer of both people and nature.

She was remarkably talented in words and drawing, as well as in natural science, but she was a disappointment to her mother, who had hoped for a more conventional daughter. However she was always close to her governess, Annie Moore, and her illustrated letters to Moore's children, particularly her son Noel, were the basis of the animal books.

The first to be published, in 1902 (after a private printing of 250 the previous year), was The Tale of Peter Rabbit, and others followed quickly. Today The Complete Tales of Beatrix Potter (23 in all) are available as a downloadable, digital audiobook.

The success of Potter's books – she was also a shrewd businesswoman – enabled her to buy land in the Lake District, where she eventually lived with her husband William Heelis until her death in 1943 – being credited among other things with helping to save the traditional Herdwick sheep from extinction. She left her land, including 15 farms and 4000 acres, to the National Trust, and it is as much her legacy as the stories.

Her home, Hill Top Farm, at Near Sawrey, is preserved in accordance with her wishes and open to the public.

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# FAMILY HISTORY WEEKEND

WITH

## LOCAL WORLD WAR 1 DISPLAY

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2016 10.30am – 5.00pm

&

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016 11.30am – 5.00pm

St. Mary's 14<sup>th</sup> C church has a wealth of history!

Guided tours available

Stanley Mausoleum also 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.

## 'The Path of the Remembered'

*This project was a key part of the National Commemoration of the Centenary of the Battle of the Somme. It was a call out to the nation, asking people of all ages to take a moment and pay creative tribute to someone affected a century ago by designing a simple memory square.*

*The Battle of the Somme is widely regarded as one of the most resonant episodes of World War One. A century on, it can be hard to comprehend the scale of the battle and look beyond the statistics, and the imagery of the trenches. The Path of the Remembered encouraged us to focus on the stories of the individual men and women who were directly affected, helping us understand the impact of the battle, not just in 1916, but on the following decades and the lives we lead today. The first 5300 memory squares submitted were printed onto ceramic tiles and laid in a temporary physical Path of the Remembered at Heaton Park.*

Here at St.Mary's we have three men listed on our WW1 memorial who died at the Somme. Jenny Youatt 'designed a tile' and submitted the information to the above project.

Dedicated to

Frank Coops; William Gleave;  
Walter Summerfield

'We honour these soldiers and will always  
remember them. God Bless you all'

We are delighted to let you know that our memory square was printed onto a ceramic tile to form part of The Path of the Remembered at Heaton Park in Manchester - the site of the National Commemorative Concert on 1st July 2016.

The **Path of the Remembered** was visible to the public on Friday 1st July and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. A number of organisations will now be taking a proportion of the memory squares, including a new Veterans Housing Village development in Newton Heath, Manchester, as well as Manchester Art Gallery, Manchester Cathedral and at the Tram Museum Heaton Park. They will be installed in the coming six months. The remaining memory squares are being stored at Heaton Park and once funding is secured, will form part of a memorial.

The 'virtual path' with the uploaded designs and words will remain online at [www.somme100path.co.uk](http://www.somme100path.co.uk) for the foreseeable future. St.Mary's will be receiving a duplicate copy of the tile very soon, to have on display.