

“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we're liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others”

I recently came across this quote from Marianne Williamson's book '*A Return to Love*' which inspired me to re-visit how I see Jesus' ministry. Marianne is a Jewish woman born in Houston, Texas now living in Los Angeles, California. What she says may sound like some west coast self help clap trap but I think on closer reading we can see the kernel of Jesus' teaching in what she conveys. I wonder how this sits alongside the culture of being English and also being a member of the Church of England? How much do we celebrate being ourselves and how much do we rejoice in others being themselves - in all our brilliance and in all their brilliance?

Jesus' ministry seen in the round is all about human flourishing and liberating people to better connect with God and their neighbours. He affirmed human dignity and saw each person he encountered as a precious child of God. His sacrifice on the cross was not just for some but for all. Christ's love for those he encountered gave permission for others to love. He challenged the limits people placed on love and his compassion spilled out to touch the edges of society. In fact it would be accurate to say that with regards acceptance Jesus showed there was no 'out' or 'in' but only in. We are to love ourselves, our neighbours and God. This should inspire us to want to live our lives more fully, so that we can make manifest the glory of God. The ministry of the Church is primarily proclaiming this liberation by means of love in word and sacrament. By encountering this simple truth lives can be transformed and individuals can discover a power to let their light shine. In doing this those that follow Christ give others inspiration and courage to love themselves and those around them. A Christian therefore should shine as a light in the world and actively encourage others to do the same. As Marianne points out fear holds us back from accepting we are brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous children of God. I would also add that other people's attitudes, comments and actions can also hinder our appreciation of our own self worth. This does nothing to glorify God because as his children, as his creation we are made in his image. Our brilliance ultimately reflects God's brilliance. We should therefore not hesitate to burn bright!

DIARY FOR AUGUST 2015

Sun.2nd Ninth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am *Holy Communion at Birtles*
9.45am Holy Communion at Alderley
11.15am *Family Service at Birtles*
3.30pm Flower Fund Tea Party
6.30pm Evensong at Alderley

Thur.6th 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley

Sun.9th Tenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion at Alderley
9.45am Family Service at Alderley
10.30am *Holy Communion at Birtles*
6.30pm Holy Communion at Alderley

Thur.13th 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley

Sun. 16th Eleventh 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.20th 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley

Fri 21st 1.00pm Holy Matrimony at Alderley

Sun. 23rd Twelfth Sunday in Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion at Alderley
9.45am Mattins at Alderley with Sunday School
11.15am *Holy Communion at Birtles*
6.30pm Evensong at Alderley

Thur.27th 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley

Sun. 30th Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion at Alderley
9.45am Holy Communion at Alderley
12.noon *Holy Matrimony at Alderley*
11.15am *Holy Communion at Birtles*
6.30pm Evensong at Alderley

September

Sun.6th Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	<i>Holy Communion at Birtles</i>
9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley
10.30am	<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
7 th June	384.40	64.50		448.90
14 th June	367.00	69.30		436.30
21 st June	434.00	119.80		553.80
28 th June	263.00	7.11		270.11
TOTAL	1448.40	260.71	540.00	2249.11

NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB

June draw winners

1 st prize	Elizabeth Fairhurst
2 nd prize	Michael Penlington
3 rd prize	Ines Jamieson

Congratulations to all the winners

NEXT MONTH'S FIRST PRIZE WILL BE IN EXCESS OF £40.

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.

So far £ 500 has been handed over to St Mary's treasurer towards the day to day running costs of the Church.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We are looking forward to the **Summer Lunch** outing on Wednesday **August 5th** and will be meeting at The Davenport Arms at Marton at 12.30pm.
Do join us. It would be lovely to have some new faces!
Please let me know if anybody is interested in joining us.

Thank you to everyone who is helping with Coffee after the 9.45am service.
We are proposing to try to organise a rota for helpers. With my back problem we need more regular help to actually do the Coffee. Full support will be on hand!!
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 19th and Sunday 20th are under way. 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 (01625 583320)

ST MARY'S WALKING GROUP

Saturday 5th September—10.00am start prompt.

Caldon Canal

Starting Point: Hollybush Inn, Denford
(Just the other side of Leek)



Map: Explorer OL24, Landranger 118

Grid ref: ST13 7JT

Length: 6 miles easy – virtually flat, mostly following a canal footpath but with a gentle climb and descent through a country park.

Further info: Packed lunch needed but there is the Inn at the end of the walk for those who might be interested for revitalising refreshment.

Contact Will Ablett (01625 585180) with any questions.

Alderley Church Flower Fund

Afternoon Tea Party on the Church Paddock - Sunday 2nd August 2015

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

(IF WET – IN PARISH HALL)

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

When the vicar won Wimbledon

80 years ago this month, on 21st Aug 1935, the Rev John Hartley, the British tennis champion, died. He was the world's number one player in 1879 and 1880, when he won Wimbledon both years. He was the only clergyman to ever win Wimbledon.

The first Wimbledon Tennis Championships took place in 1877. It was at the third tournament, of 1879, that the Rev J.T. Hartley, vicar of Burneston in Yorkshire, won the All-Comers Gentlemen's Singles out of an entry of 45 competitors at Wimbledon, and repeated the feat the following year. On the middle Sunday of the tournament, he was obliged to dash back to Yorkshire to deliver his church sermon before returning once again to complete his triumph.

Never again was a clergyman to win Wimbledon

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FAMILY HISTORY WEEKEND

WITH

LOCAL WORLD WAR 1 DISPLAY

AND

'Gallipoli Remembered'

Saturday 19th September 2015 10.30am – 5.00pm

&

Sunday 20th September 2015 11.30am – 5.00pm

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

Stanley Mausoleum also open

Light Refreshments will be available throughout

Family History Records

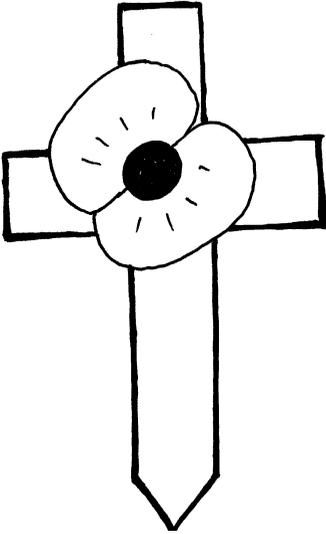
Including St. Mary's BMD records and two very early census records of 1811 and 1821. The church has also digitally recorded the parish records dating back to 1629, which are available for sale.

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

A trip to Northern France

by

Beryl Bardsley - July 2015



Last year, for the Church Open Weekend, I gave Jenny some memorabilia belonging to my Uncle Walter for the World War 1 exhibition.

I mentioned that I would like to visit his grave in St. Sever cemetery, Rouen. Noni and Jenny said that they would like to accompany me and so after some discussion, it was decided to make the trip in June 2015.

We found the cemetery, which was a public cemetery shared by ordinary people and soldiers. It was beautifully tended, which I found very pleasing and comforting.

We looked for his grave Row 23, no 23 and having located it, I was able to put a wooden cross on it. It was a sad and very emotional moving moment.

On the way out, I was able to sign the cemetery register, which made me feel that Uncle Walter was still remembered and not forgotten. I picked up a fir cone and keep this on my windowsill as a reminder of Uncle Walter and this trip.

Whilst in Rouen, which I found to be a beautiful and interesting town, we visited the church of Joan of Arc and the museum.

We all had a good time, which I do not think we will forget. I am pleased that Noni and Jenny were able to come with me on this very memorable visit. I cannot thank them both enough for being my supporting companions.

For further information about the men on the St.Mary's War Memorial please do come to our Open Weekend in September. (See page 6)

Hana and Sarah's Hyde Park Race for Life

Friendship is a powerful thing, but few things are capable of testing its true strength. Three years ago, faced with a diagnosis of Stage 4A Hodgkins lymphoma, our friendship wasn't broken but instead was to become even stronger than ever before. After Hana endured a roller coaster of treatment involving chemo, radio, surgery, and a stem cell transplant, we both found ourselves living in London, Hana studying for a Masters in Geological Engineering and Sarah working as a Medical Writer.

But how to celebrate? How to mark beating cancer and pursuing our dreams in the greatest city in the world? We'd done drinks, dinner, films but nothing felt more like a true salute to overcoming the past than running the race for life. So, on Sunday 19th July, we laced up our trainers and lined up on the starting line in the beautiful Hyde Park with thousands of other women all of whom had been touched by cancer in some way. We'd put in the training but, having been promised a cool cloudy day by the BBC, were totally unprepared for the mid-20s heat with very little wind! But we made it across the finish line, slightly slower than we would have liked, but still smiling not just from physically finishing and the prospect of a cold drink, but from what it really meant to us. To be happy, healthy, and to come through anything with the support of friends and family.

A massive thank you to everyone who donated to our justgiving page for cancer research. The money raised will help even more people beat cancer and get to enjoy more of their lives, happy and healthy, with friends and family. You have helped us raise almost £1000 for a cause that is very close to our hearts. Please keep your eye on St Mary's website and Facebook page for the photos we took on the day!

Hana and Sarah

MESSAGE FROM OASIS

Hi Everyone

My name is Stuart Gosling, I am the Centre manager at the Oasis Centre. As you all may be aware, The Oasis Centre's charity shop sells good, affordable and quality second hand clothing, bric-a-brac, bedding, towels, books, food and other goods to local people who are in need. Because of high demand we are now currently in need of new donations.

So if you have any unwanted items and are looking to get rid of them then please let me know! We are open from Mon -Wed, 10am - 2pm should you wish to deliver them. If you need us to collect them then we can arrange a time that is convenient. My number is 07732352568.

St Marys Church, Alderley
Jubilee Committee

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Harvest Festival

Sunday 4th October 2015

Popular Harvest Festival Service at 9.45am (followed by the Harvest Celebration Brunch) and 6.30pm

Harvest Celebration Brunch

Bacon 'Barm', Continental – selection of cold meats, cheeses, fruits & breads, croissants, Danish pastries & preserves:

Tickets: £6.00 Adult
£4.00 Children (16 and under)

Nigel Ogden's Organ Concert

"The Organist Entertains"

Friday 9th October 2015 at 7.30pm

An evening of popular and light classical music played by Nigel Ogden, Presenter of BBC Radio 2's 'The Organist Entertains'
Refreshments will be served in the interval.

Tickets: £8.00

Tickets available from either Mark Wilkinson, Sarah-Jane Wilkinson, Maureen Woolley, Sally Hilldrup, Gail Hodgett, Alison Boddington, Cordelia Robinson, Tracy Kelly or Juliana Maynard

Mr M Wilkinson, 74 Haslington Road, Ashway Park, Manchester, M22 5HU
Tel No: 0161 437 6425

In Darkest England Then – the birth of the Salvation Army



It was 150 years ago this summer that a couple of free-lance evangelists who had been ministering in the poorest parts of London founded what they called the 'Salvation Army'

They were William and Catherine Booth - right from the start this particular army would be happy with the idea not just of female soldiers but of women as officers. Their mission was to the poorest and the most neglected parts of a huge city, in which enormous wealth lived a few streets away from the most appalling poverty.

William Booth wrote a book, *In Darkest England Now*, which awakened the public conscience to the conditions in which millions of people were living in the growing cities of the industrial revolution. Overcrowded and squalid houses, filthy streets, petty crime and larceny endemic and - Booth's top-line anxiety - cheap alcohol playing havoc with family budgets and family life. Before the wage-earner got home on a Friday night, he had very often spent a large part of his wages in one of the gin-houses which were everywhere.

In that setting the Booths and their helpers preached the Gospel. But they did much more: they cared for the people, setting up centres where problems could be addressed, food could be provided and children clothed. They didn't just preach the gospel; they lived it.

The new movement adopted a military-style uniform and its ministers were given quasi-military ranks. They saw themselves as an army fighting the horrors of poverty, despair and degradation in our big cities. Their presence at times provoked violent counter demonstrations, sometimes encouraged by those whose trade was affected by their opposition to cheap alcohol. Yet rapidly the Army grew.

The Salvation Army is still with us, of course, now highly respected. William and Catherine Booth are commemorated in the Church of England's Calendar, and the movement founded in the slums of Victorian London now works world-wide. Happy 150th, Sally Army!

ROTA FOR AUGUST 2015
SIDESPEOPLE / LECTORS / WARDENS

D'T	TIME	SIDESPEOPLE	LECTOR	W'N
2 nd	9.45am	Mrs W.Liddle & Mrs J. Martin	Mrs W. Liddle	PB
	6.30pm	Mr M. Dyer	Mr P. Reynolds	PR
9 th	8.00am			HW
	9:45am	Mr A. Claridge & Mr J. Stephenson	Sophie or George Vardon	MP
	6.30pm		Mrs F. Robinson	FR
16 th	8.00am			RA
	9.45am	Mrs G. Beeley & Mr M. Stonehewer	Mrs J. Lee	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs A. Robinson	Mr M. Dyer	JY
23 rd	8.00am			RA
	9.45am	Mr J. Ratchford & Mrs H. Jabr	Mrs E. Jackson	MP
	6.30pm	Mr G. Barrie	Mr P. Reynolds	JY
30 th	8.00am			HW
	9.45am	Mrs E. Fairhurst & Mr G. Hilton	Mr P. Bean	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs A. Robinson	Mr P. Reynolds	PR
Sept 6 th				
	9.45am	Mrs W. Liddle & Mr S. Welsh	Mrs W. Liddle	MP
	6.30am		Mr M. Dyer	JY

FROM THE REGISTERS

Christenings

Sun 12th July July Jenson William Flitton
Sun 19th July Sienna-Rose Fishwick
Sat 25th July Joshua Evan Hanson

Holy Matrimony

Sat 11th July Sharon Sutton and James Boswell
Sat 18th July Laura Connaughton and Callum Garvey

Funerals

Fri Jun 5th Avril Jennings

FLOWER ROTA

Aug 2nd
Aug 9th Janet Adamson
Aug 16th Marie Stonehewer
Aug 23rd Marie Stonehewer
Aug 31st Wedding

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