

FROM THE REGISTERS

*Christenings*

Sat. June 5th            Kitty Jane Ryder

*Weddings*

Sat June 11th            Suzanne Smalley & Anthony Buckley

*Funeral*

Thu. June 2nd            Peggy Hope Gleave

**FLOWER ROTA**

July 3rd            Wedding (Fri 1st)  
July 10th            Jean Lee & Sally Hildrup  
July 17th            Jean Lee & Sally Hildrup  
July 24th            Wedding  
July 31st

**MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS**

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**Wardens Write**

**July 2016**

The Queen is a truly remarkable lady! Whatever your views on the monarchy might be, one cannot help but be amazed and impressed at how she continues to play such an active role in public role at the age of 90.

I am sure that Sunday 12th June 2016 will go down as a memorable day for many at St Mary's for number of reasons; firstly the Wardens' were able to announce that The Revd. Jon Hale has accepted the position as our new Rector and (subject to the necessary legal procedures), he and his wife Kerry, hope to join us towards the end of October / early November. Jon is currently the Vicar at All Saints' Church, Crawley Down in Sussex.

Secondly, during the sermon for the Family Service, we celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday with a birthday cake complete with candles, the singing of Happy Birthday and a couple of verses of the national Anthem. This was followed by tea and cake in the Parish Hall and was a very happy occasion.

Last but not least, each member of the congregation was presented with a complimentary copy of a new book "The Servant Queen and the King she serves" which is a lovely publication produced in conjunction with the Bible Society. The books were purchased by the choir in memory of Winifred Dawson a long time member of the choir. Note, there are some copies remaining, please speak with one of the Wardens if you would like one. During the Family Service, Loveday Alexander, used the book as the core of her sermon and entertained and educated us all by sharing some of the less well known facts about the Queen's life which are detailed in the book. One quote which she used at Christmas 2002 is particularly noteworthy and offers a great insight into the faith that has so clearly underpinned her long life:

*"I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try and do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God ... I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel"*

As we enter the summer months we can draw on the same strength and inspiration and we can look forward to some forthcoming events. The Flower Fund Afternoon Tea Party will be held on the Church paddock on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July (in the Hall if wet) and we can also look forward with great anticipation to the visit of the Bishop of Stockport, Rt Revd Libby Lane on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. We hope you can join us for both occasions.

We would like to close by thanking the Patrons, the Parish Representatives and all involved in the recruitment and interview process and wish you all a great summer and hope to see you regularly over the coming months.

Jenny, Michael & Peter

**DIARY FOR JULY 2016**

<b>Sun.3rd</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley	Rev. Loveday Alexander
	11.15am	Family Service at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	Rev. Gary Bowness
<b>Sun 10th</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday after Trinity</b>		
	9.45am	Family Service at Alderley	Rev. Loveday Alexander
	11.15am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Holy Communion (said)	Rev. Gary Bowness
<b>Sun. 17th</b>	<b>Eighth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	Rev. Gary Bowness
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley	Rev. David Harrison
	11.15am	Mattins at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	Rev. Gary Bowness
<b>Sun. 24th</b>	<b>Ninth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
	9.45am	Mattins at Alderley	John Durnall
	11.15am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	Rev. Gary Bowness
<b>Thu 28th</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	Rev. Gary Bowness
<b>Sun. 31st</b>	<b>Tenth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley	Rev. David Harrison
	11.15am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	Rev. Gary Bowness
<b>Aug</b>			
<b>Sun 7th</b>	<b>Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</b>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley	Rev. Susan Hawkins
	11.15am	Family Service at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	Rev. Gary Bowness

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES**

Sunday 4th September – Holy Communion at 9.45am

Preacher the Rt. Revd. Libby Lane

Bishop of Stockport

**ROTA FOR JULY 2016**

**SIDESPEOPLE / LECTORS / WARDENS**

D'T	TIME	SIDESPEOPLE	LECTOR	W'N
July 3rd	8.00am	(at Birtles)		
	9.45am	Mrs W. Liddle & Mr A. Claridge	Mrs W. Liddle	PR
	6.30pm	Mrs A. Robinson	Mr Peter Bean	PB
10 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Mr G. Woolley & Mrs G. Beeley	Master G. Vardon	MP
	6.30pm		Mrs J. Youatt	JY
17 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Mr H. Wright		HW
	9.45am	Mr S. Welsh & Mrs E Jackson	Mrs E Jackson	MP
	6.30pm		Mrs J. Youatt	JY
24 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Mrs J. Martin & Mrs E. Fairhurst	Mrs J. Lee	JY
	6.30pm	Mr G. Barrie	Mrs P. Reynolds	PR
28 <sup>th</sup> THU	10.00am			PB
31 <sup>st</sup>	9.45am	Mrs R. Dyas & Mr M. Wilkinson	Mrs SJ Wilkinson	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs A. Robinson	Mr P. Reynolds	PR
Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	(at Birtles)		
	9.45pm	Mrs W. Liddle & Mr G. Hilton	Mrs W. Liddle	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs A. Robinson	Mr P. Bean	PB

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I feel sure that this would be a much more business like manner of dealing with the emergency than mere vague appeals for rain. But after all, even this scheme, though greatly preferable to the haphazard methods previously employed, is in itself only a partial makeshift. What we really require to pray for is the general amelioration of the British climate.

What is the use of having these piecemeal interpositions—now asking for sunshine, and now for rain? Would it not be far better to ascertain by scientific investigation, conducted under the auspices of a Royal Commission, what is the proportion of sunshine and rain best suited to the ripening of the British crops? It would no doubt be necessary that other interests besides agriculture should be represented, but there must be certain broad general reforms in the British weather upon which an overwhelming consensus of opinion could be found. The proper proportion of rain to sunshine during each period of the year; the relegation of the rain largely to the hours of darkness; the apportionment of rain and sunshine as between different months, with proper reference not only to crops but to holidays; all these could receive due consideration. A really scientific basis of climatic reform would be achieved.

These reforms, when duly embodied in an official volume, could be made the object of the sustained appeals of the nation over many years, and embodied in general prayers of a permanent and not of an exceptional character. We should not then be forced from time to time to have recourse to such appeals at particular periods, which, since they are unrelated to any general plan, must run the risk of deranging the whole economy of nature, and involve the interruption and deflection of universal processes, causing reactions of the utmost complexity in many directions which it is impossible for us with our limited knowledge to foresee.

I urge you, Sir, to lend the weight of your powerful organ to the systematization of our appeals for the reform of the British climate.

Yours very faithfully, 'Scorpio.'

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>
1 <sup>st</sup> May	299.00	76.60		375.60
8 <sup>th</sup> May	200.00	75.02		275.02
15 <sup>th</sup> May	318.42	85.80		404.22
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	94.50	18.00		112.50
29 <sup>th</sup> May	244.00	49.55		293.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1155.92</b>	<b>304.97</b>	<b>1265.00</b>	<b>2725.89</b>

“Just a reminder that it costs around £6000 a month to maintain St Mary’s”

. Thank you. Donald Henderson

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We have now planned the **Summer Lunch** outing for Tuesday July 12<sup>th</sup>. After some discussion we plan to meet at Nottcutts Wilmslow. It is noted for its easy access and reasonable parking. There is also plenty to look at. The menu will be your personal choice. We will meet in the restaurant at 12.30pm. Do join in and let me know.

**Coffee** after the 9.45am service each week is going well. It continues to be a good chance to have a natter! Perhaps to also get to know people.

On Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> we celebrated **the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**. After a special morning service we offered Coffee, Wine, Biscuits and Birthday cake in the hall. It was good because we had a cake with 9 candles in church and sang 'Happy Birthday'.

As mentioned in the last magazine, the plans for **the September Open Weekend**, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> are on the go. The willing few are getting older! We would be really grateful for some new blood. Please is there anyone who could help with the Café. It is becoming increasingly necessary for some active people to help. All these activities do need willing hands. We will be working as usual in conjunction with Jenny.

**Janet Adamson (01625 583320)**



## ST MARY'S WALKING GROUP

**Saturday 6th August—10.00am start prompt.**

**Starting Point: Rowarth Car Park**

**Grid Ref: SK 01146 : 89206**

**Postcode: SK22 1EF (approx. location only)**

**Length: 6.5 miles**

**Further info:** .Moderate walk but hilly  
Bring a Packed lunch

**Contact: Terry Fones (01625 820738)**

## “PRAY FOR RAIN”

Winston Churchill to The Times, 12 June 1919

*Churchill's letter to The Times in 1919, signed “Scorpio,” following the Duke of Rutland's appeal for national prayers for rain, is very witty.*

*In a season of drought the Duke of Rutland issued a manifesto urging that recourse should be had to the Prayers for Rain in the Prayer-book.*

*This started Winston Churchill on a playful! Only a polymath such as WSC could write such a letter at a time when he was also fighting a one-man battle in the British Cabinet, arguing for military action against the Bolsheviks in Russia. Judging by the wet 2004 summer in the UK, his call for a Royal Commission to solve the ongoing problem of the British climate is as urgent today as in 1919.*

To the Editor of The Times. Sir— Observing reports in various newspapers that prayers are about to be offered up for rain in order that the present serious drought may be terminated, I venture to suggest that great care should be taken in framing the appeal. On the last occasion when this extreme step was resorted to, the Duke of Rutland took the leading part with so much well-meaning enthusiasm that the resulting downpour was not only sufficient for all immediate needs, but was considerably in excess of what was actually required, with the consequence that the agricultural community had no sooner been delivered from the drought than they were clamouring for a special interposition to relieve them from the deluge.

Profiting by this experience, we ought surely on this occasion to be extremely careful to state exactly what we want in precise terms, so as to obviate the possibility of any misunderstanding, and to economize so far as possible the need for these special appeals. After so many days of drought, it certainly does not seem unreasonable to ask for a change in the weather, and faith in a favourable response may well be fortified by actuarial probabilities.

While therefore welcoming the suggestion that His Grace should once again come forward, I cannot help feeling that the Board of Agriculture should first of all be consulted. They should draw up a schedule of the exact amount of rainfall required in the interests of this year's harvest in different parts of the country. This schedule could be placarded in the various places of worship at the time when the appeal is made. It would no doubt be unnecessary to read out the whole schedule during the service, so long as it was made clear at the time that this is what we have in our minds, and what we actually want at the present serious juncture.

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When I first started out a few years ago, I couldn't care less about the time and I won't forget how I felt when I ran my first 5K without stopping, then the first 10K without stopping and now, I'm running 'The Great Run' in 58:01. I want to gradually get this down to under 55:00, then under 50:00 and with a bit more training I know it's a definite possibility! Probably the most important thing to remember with this is something I am guilty of not just when running but almost every day. Don't compare yourself with others. When you're one of 35,000 runners, there will always be someone faster, there will always be someone slower and actually it doesn't matter whether you run, walk, crawl or make it round carrying a fridge on your back (yes we really did see that), if you do your best and enjoy it, that's all that really matters.

Thank you to each and every one of you who sponsored Dad and I. We really appreciate your support and the money will be so greatly appreciated by the Oasis centre who do incredible work for the homeless and those in need.

### **The Queen celebrates her Birthday twice each year**

The Queen celebrates her birthday twice each year - once on the anniversary of the day she was born, and on an "official" birthday in June.

It is a tradition that was started by George II in 1748 and owes its origins to the ageless problem of the British weather.

George was born in November, and felt the weather would be too cold at that time of year for his annual birthday parade. So instead, he combined his birthday celebration with an annual spring military parade known as Trooping the Colour, in which regiments displayed their flags or "colours" so soldiers would be familiar with them.

It is a tradition that has continued to this day. All British sovereigns are given the option of having an "official" birthday, and because the Queen's real birthday is on April 21, she has stuck with the tradition of celebrating in June.

During the early part of her reign the Queen's official birthday was on a Thursday, but it later changed to a Saturday in June so that more members of the public could enjoy it.

## **NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB**

### **May draw winners**

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	Mrs R. Dyas
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	Mrs J Youatt
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	Mrs N. Watkins

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.

### **PARISH PROFILE**

The completed Profile is available for your viewing, at the back of church. It can also be seen on [www.alderleychurch.co.uk](http://www.alderleychurch.co.uk).

We hope you will find it interesting..

### **Mothers' Union**

Jamie Smith and Chris Sweetman have very kindly offered to support the Mothers' Union (Literacy Fund) on a Bike Ride.

It is with the Bert Bailey Memorial Tri – Veterans'100 – 10th July 2016 Chester and North Wales. Cycle England (formerly Cyclists Touring Club)

This organisation is for the over 50 age group known as the Tri-Vets and they have to complete the ride of 100 miles within 12 hours!!!! The organisation dates back to the organisation's jubilee year of 1928.

Riders have up to 12 hours to complete the route and receive a certificate to commemorate their achievement.

The St. Mary's Mothers' Union committee is very grateful for this offer and will be seeking sponsors for this event in the next few weeks. Please be prepared for us to approach you!!

Many thanks Noni Watkins

## Alderley Church Flower Fund

### Afternoon Tea Party on the Church Paddock - Sunday 24th July 2016

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 available NOW!

from

Michael Penlington (01625 530084) or Jenny Youatt (01625 585226)

## CHRISTIAN AID TOTALS

St Mary Plant Sale      £415.00

St Mary door to door   £854.76

St Mary Church plate

Or handed to Fiona     £73.21

£1342.97

(incl. St. Philips)

GRAND TOTAL.        £3471.97 (to which Tax Back will be added.)

Thank you to the plant growers , sales team, collectors and count team but also to all our loyal supporters. Well Done Everyone. Fiona Ablett

## MANCHESTER 10k RUN by Sarah Reynolds

The Manchester 10K or 'The Great Run' as it's now known is the biggest 10k in Europe. Over 35,000 people running through the centre of Manchester for all number of reasons: friends, family, charities, even just proving something to themselves. Rain was forecast, but somehow we were blessed with sun and heat for the whole of the race, with the wind and rain only arriving after we had finished and were safely inside with a celebratory pint of cider.

Having lived in London for nearly 3 years now, I often come in for a playful bit of stick for being 'Northern' and, other than being voted the best tea maker in the office, the list of perceived good things about the North is relatively slim. That said, crossing the finish line filled me with an immense sense of pride at being from this amazing part of the world, and so lucky that we were supported the whole way round by the incredible generosity of the people of St Mary's who, at the latest count, helped us raise £1,400 for Oasis.

As way of a thank you of your kind donations, instead of being you with a standard race report (we got up, ate some breakfast, got to the start, ran, finished, got a goody bag, went home), I thought I'd go a bit more sentimental with this article and think about why running has become so much more to me than just putting one foot in front of the other. Growing up and through school, I never really saw the point of running for no reason and all the running I did, involved chasing a ball around a court or field. In my own words 'why would you run for no reason'? I don't know what changed, maybe it's something that you mature into, like coffee or strong cheese, but I started running on my own a few years ago. I really caught the bug, learned a lot about myself and discovered that actually, there are plenty of reasons why you can just run, when many others will see no reason for it.

People who run say that running is all in your head and, to a huge extent, it is. It turns out that while we gaze in awe at the elite men and women competing in the Olympics, and think 'I could never do that', the prerequisites for running are actually far from extensive. In fact, as the athletes in the Invictus games proved beyond any doubt, you don't even need two legs! Happily, I am blessed with having two legs and therefore just needed to learn that you can achieve pretty much anything you want when you stop thinking 'I can't' and start thinking 'I can'. That said, the thing with the 'I can' attitude is, a little goes a long way and actually learning to make achievable goals was a real breakthrough for me to make running a regular thing. While the winner of the Manchester 10K got round in a crazy quick time of 28:08, my goal was to be under an hour, a reasonable benchmark for the amount of training I'd done. What's great about making achievable goals is the immense feeling of pride you get when you meet them, gradually increase them, and then look back and watch yourself do things you never thought you could.

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