

FROM THE REGISTERS

Christenings

May 8th Ozzie Lee Crank

FLOWER ROTA

June 5th Avril Lamond
June 12th Wedding
June 19th Janet Adamson & Hellie Jabr
June 26th Avril Lamond

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

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Wardens Write

June 2016

Over the last few months I have come into contact with a number of different faiths as a result of my recent travels. I was fortunate to have a holiday in Thailand and Laos: both beautiful countries and both predominantly Buddhist. I still have family in the Republic of Ireland, which remains strongly Roman Catholic and, of course, our own Anglican religion here in England. What is clear from my travels and from reading local papers is that most major religions are facing challenges.

The Anglican issues were brought home to me when the Wardens from St Mary's and St Catherine's attended the Archdeacons visitation on 12th May at Christ Church in Timperley. I was struck by how many references there were to problems within the Church of one kind or another; offers of help with managing conflict (in our churches), falling congregations, ageing buildings (and ageing congregations), money challenges and so the list went on. They are all of course very relevant and important but if you dwell on them too long, it can sap the energy to be enthusiastic and optimistic. On the other hand, what was very positive about the evening was that there was a full church; full of Wardens and Sidespeople who were willingly and enthusiastically carrying out their roles for the love of their own Church, their congregations in the love of God.

Contrary to the many issues above that could distract us, I believe there is much to be optimistic about in St Mary's. Although having had almost eight months of interregnum, our weekly attendance continues at a very good levels and there remains a strong positive support for the many activities that take place each week and month of the year. We also have a great opportunity ahead of us in our continuing search for a new incumbent. The Patrons of St Mary's along with the parish representatives of St Mary's and St Catherine's are actively working on finding a new priest for our Benefice. The first round of advertising has already taken place, a number of applications have been received and interviews are planned. However, we must also be willing to remain patient and allow the Patrons the time and space to find the right person should this first round not prove successful, although we pray it will be. We will no doubt have 'bumps' on the journey in front of us but with the right leader, it is fantastic what can be achieved. We will continue to keep you informed of progress as it happens and look forward with optimism to bringing you news of the appointment of a new incumbent before too long. We ask for your support and prayers for those involved in the appointment process. Peter, Jenny & Michael (Wardens)

DIARY FOR JUNE 2016

Sun.5th	Second Sunday after Trinity		
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley	Rev. Gary Bowness
	11.15am	Mattins at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	Rev. Gary Bowness
Sat. 11th	1.00pm	Holy Matrimony	
Sun 12th	Third Sunday after Trinity		
	9.45am	Family Service at Alderley	Rev. Loveday Alexander
	11.15am	Family Service at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Holy Communion (said)	Rev. David Harrison
Sun. 19th	Fourth Sunday after Trinity		
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	Rev. Gary Bowness
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley	Rev. Loveday Alexander
	4.00pm	Dedication Service at Birtles Bishop Peter	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	Rev. Gary Bowness
Sun. 26th	Fifth Sunday after Trinity		
	9.45am	Mattins at Alderley	John Durnall
	11.15am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	Rev. Gary Bowness
Thu 30th	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	Rev. Gary Bowness
July			
Fri.1st	1.00pm	Holy Matrimony	
Sun. 3rd	Sixth Sunday after Trinity		
	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

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sunday 4th September – Holy Communion at 9.45am

Preacher the Rt. Rev. Libby Lane

ROTA FOR JUNE 2016

SIDESPEOPLE / LECTORS / WARDENS

D'T	TIME	SIDESPEOPLE	LECTOR	W'N
June 5 th	8.00am	(at Birtles)		
	9.45am	Mr J Ratchford & Mrs W. Liddle	Mrs W. Liddle	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs A. Robinson	Mrs J. Youatt	JY
12 th	9.45am	Mr G. Hilton & Mrs H. Jabr	Miss C. Mowforth	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs A. Robinson	Mr P. Reynolds	PR
19 th	8.00am			HW
	9.45am	Mrs R. Dyas & Mr S. Welsh	Mrs J. Lee	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs J. Bean	Mr P. Bean	PB
26 th	9.45am	Mrs J. Martin & Mr M. Wilkinson	Mrs SJ Wilkinson	MP
	6.30pm	Mr G. Barrie	Mr P. Reynolds	PR
30 th THU				RA
July 3 rd	8.00am	(at Birtles)		
	9.45pm	Mr A. Claridge & Mrs W. Liddle	Mrs W. Liddle	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs A. Robinson	Mrs J. Youatt	JY

When the Vicar won Wimbledon

“Lawn Tennis,” wrote J.B. Priestley, “is a name with the mildest associations. It suggests a companion pastime to croquet, a late-Victorian thing, bright with petticoats and delicately clouded with curates.”

So it seemed with the development of Wimbledon’s All England Lawn Tennis Club from its beginnings in 1869 as a Croquet Club, at which “Gentlemen are requested not to play in their shirt sleeves when ladies are present.” However, with the addition of tennis courts to the grounds, the new game gained ascendancy, and 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 at the All-England Club.

Never again was a clergyman to win Wimbledon. (Though in their dreams I am sure many clergy have appeared in the final a number of times!)

Many of the early players were highly idiosyncratic. In the 1921 quarter-finals Randolph Lycett was playing Zenzo Shimidzu on one of the hottest days in memory. During the third set, Lycett had to be revived with gin every time he changed ends. In the fifth set, muzzy and staggering, he ordered a bottle of Champagne to be brought out onto the Centre Court, and he consumed the last drop of it as the umpire called, “Shimidzu leads by nine games to eight in the final set.” The gallery hardly knew whether to object or sympathise when Lycett dropped his racket, and then on hands and knees crawled round in search of it. To most people’s relief, Shimidzu won the match.

Today a Bosnian, Novak Djokovic, as world’s Number One, leads a dazzling array of players who - almost universally - see Wimbledon as ‘the big W’ - that can seemingly make a man or woman immortal.

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

Week Ending	Gift Aid Envelopes	Non-Gift Aid & Misc Cash	Standing Orders	Total
Apr 3rd	258.70	34.95		293.65
Apr 10 th	363.00	192.50		555.50
Apr 17 th	217.00	36.72		253.72
Apr 24 th	155.70	35.80		191.50
TOTAL	994.40	299.97	920.00	2214.37

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

. Thank you. Donald Henderson

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We are planning a Summer Lunch outing on Tuesday July 12th. Venue to be finalised.

Coffee after the 9.45 service each week is going well. Thanks to everybody who chips in. Also, thanks due to the washing up helpers!! The monies collected in our pot mount up gently. We decided at our last Committee meeting to give the £200 we have in our pot to Will Ablett for the PCC account. A small token to help with the running deficit of the Church.

On Sunday June 12th the Church of England is celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday. We intend to offer a glass of wine along with the coffee after the service and Birthday cake. Please come and join in that day.

The plans for the September Open Weekend, Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th 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.

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 2nd July—10.00am start prompt.

Hollinsclough from Earl Sterndale

Starting Point: Parking opposite **The Quiet Woman** public house, in front of church.

Starting Point Grid Ref: (map ref. SK092 669)

Map: .

Length: 7 1/2M Moderate with two climbs.

Further info: .Packed lunch needed, walking boot advised.

Cafe stop afterwards possible Craft Centre, Longnor approx 2M

Contact: Jamie Smith 01625 585245 0783 437 5547



CHRISTIAN AID

Plant Sale News

Once again the herbaceous plant sale has been and gone. And once again I am pleased to report its great success, raising just over £400 for Christian Aid; this is a magnificent amount for such a low key event.

At present we have only a small group of contributors. Thank you all very much. If you are able to share some of your garden plants, Fiona and I will be happy to do a recce for suitability at any time. A more diverse selection will hopefully help us to raise even more next year.

Lynn Smith

Door to Door Collection

Thank you so much the loyal band of Collectors who give of their time and energy.

We cover the most populated roads where we can. Over the years we have combined smaller rounds to be most effective.

Our Collectors are with 2 exceptions over 60,70, or 80. I would love to be able to add 20's 30's 40's 50's and 60+CAN YOU HELP next year? Phone 585180 to offer/ discuss.

Fiona Ablett

The greatest poster ever?

Hundreds of thousands of young men saw it. Indeed, they could hardly miss it. The poster was everywhere – a stern-faced distinguished figure and, most prominently, a finger pointing straight at them. Below it were the words, 'YOU - Join your country's army!'

The year was 1914 and Britain was at war. Our army needed recruits in huge numbers, to be trained and then sent across the English Channel to the battle-fields of southern Belgium and France. Lord Kitchener, who died a hundred years ago this month, was a hero from the Boer War and now the Secretary of State for War.

The idea of the poster had developed from a newspaper advertisement which read 'Your King and Country Needs You' by way of hand-bills to a full-size poster. It was Kitchener himself who proposed making it a personal appeal to 'Britons' to 'join the country's Army'. They did, and it was not until 1916, following massive casualties in France, that conscription had to be introduced. The poster has subsequently had many imitators, but no equals in emotional impact.

The story behind the HYMN: Lord, for the years

by Timothy Dudley Smith

This well-loved hymn was written in 1967 by the Rev Timothy Dudley Smith, who later became Bishop of Thetford. He later confessed: "I wrote it on a train when I was very pressed for time. I'm thankful if something I write gets picked up, but I suspect anyone who does something in a rush later regrets that they didn't find time to apply the sandpaper a bit more!"

Dudley Smith had been asked to write a hymn for the centenary service of the Children's Special Service Mission, now Scripture Union, in St Paul's Cathedral. His commission was to write words that could be fitted to Jean Sibelius's Finlandia, as it was to be accompanied by an orchestra with this tune in their repertoire. And so – 'Lord for the years' was written.

Dudley Smith need not have worried about lack of time – his lyrics were a 'hit' in the cathedral on the day, and went on to become so well-loved that George Carey chose the hymn to be sung at his consecration as Bishop of Bath and Wells, and then again later, in 1991, at his consecration as Archbishop in Canterbury Cathedral.

The hymn continued to be widely sung and loved, until in 2002 Timothy Dudley Smith was asked to write an extra verse for it so that it could even be sung around the time of the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Many of the words in the hymn are true for the Queen herself, as she celebrates her 90th birthday this month. She does indeed thank God 'for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way'...

And so indeed the 'extra' verse added for the Queen has also held true:

Lord for our hopes, the dreams of all our living,
Christ and his kingdom one united aim,
Rulers and peoples bound in high thanksgiving,
Lord of our hopes, our trust is in your Name.

NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB

April draw winners

1 st prize	Mr G. Woolley
2 nd prize	Mrs R. Mogg
3 rd prize	Mrs H. Jabr

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.

We hope you will find it interesting..

CONGREGANTS REQUEST

8.00am Holy Communion

As from April, St.Mary's 8.00am Holy Communion will take place on the 3rd Sunday in the month and **NOT** the last Sunday in the month.

NETHER ALDERLEY.....

is forming a working group to plan and move ahead with the refurbishment of the Parish Hall and would welcome members of the community to join us for the future benefit of all local families and friends of the Parish.

The Hall is a valuable asset for the community and we are looking for volunteers who have skills / enthusiasm to help us take this exciting project forward.

If you have any time, interest or skills that would help us with this community project please contact: Jenny Shufflebottom on 07966 224453

Sunday June 12th

9.45am Service



Celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday

Please come and join us for a celebration drink and piece of cake, after the 9.45am service.

(How about wearing red, white and blue?!)

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.

Tickets available from Sunday 19th June

from

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

The draw prizes will be announced in the July magazine

Thanksgiving for 150 years of Readers

It was on 5th May 1866, at a meeting of the bishops at Lambeth Palace, that the ministry of Readers was launched within the Church of England. In this 150th anniversary year it's appropriate to reflect on the ministry that Readers exercise in parishes across the Anglican Church. The bishops sought to release lay people in the church to share the ministry of the Word and to take the church's life and witness beyond the walls of its building.

Today there are around 10,000 licensed Readers who lead worship, teach and preach, to build up the Church and make Christ visible. Readers provide a pool of lay people trained in theology and who can bring the gospel to people at work and in the community. In this way, they make vital connections between the church and the world in an attractive and authentic way, as only lay people can.