

*FROM THE REGISTERS*

*Christenings*

10th April Annabelle Rose Heal  
Benjamin David Mackenzie

**FLOWER ROTA**

May 1st Michael Penlington  
May 8th Marie Stonehewer  
May 15th Marie Stonehewer  
May 22nd Joyce Davis  
May 29th Joyce Davis

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**Wardens Write**

**May 2016**

**Dunstan - the abbot who restored monastic life in England**

In this month of Vocation Sunday, Dunstan (909-988 AD) stands out as an example of what just one person can achieve when they follow the call of God on their life.

Dunstan was born near Glastonbury, of a noble family with royal connections and church connections; his uncle was archbishop of Canterbury. But in 935, at the age of 26, he was accused of 'studying the vain poems of the pagans' – and expelled from court. He nearly married, but instead made private monastic vows and was ordained a priest by Elphege, bishop of Winchester. Dunstan felt God's call on his life, and responded. That decision was to shape English history.

Not at first, however. For Dunstan began his priestly life by simply returning to Glastonbury and living as a hermit. He painted, embroidered and did metal-work. But when in 939 Edmund became king of Wessex, he recalled Dunstan and made him abbot of Glastonbury. The monastic life of the country was all but dead: the Danish invasions and the hostility of local magnates had seen to that. Dunstan set out to change all this, and went on to restore monastic life in England, under the Rule of St Benedict.

Down the years, Dunstan saw kings come and go: Edmund, Edred, Edgar, Edward. Under King Edgar Dunstan was made bishop of Worcester in 957, bishop of London in 959, and archbishop of Canterbury in 960. Thus was born a fruitful collaboration between King and Archbishop which was to reform the Church in England. Monastic orders began to thrive once more. After the Conquest, the days of Dunstan would be looked back on as the 'golden age'.

Dunstan was zealous for the faith. He taught, prayed, fasted, repaired churches, acted as judge, inspired national laws of the land, made sure taxes were paid, and encouraged his monks in their manuscripts and prayers. He remained active right to the end of his life: he preached three times on Ascension Day 988, and died two days later, on 19 May, aged nearly 80.

They wrote of him: he was without doubt "chief of all the saints who rest at Christ Church' (Canterbury). It has been well said that the 10th century gave shape to English history, and Dunstan gave shape to the 10th century.

*(Parish Pump)*

**DIARY FOR MAY 2016**

<b>Sun.1st</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday after Easter</b>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley	Rev. Gary Bowness
	11.15am	Family Service at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	Rev. Gary Bowness
<b>Sun 8th</b>	<b>Sunday after Ascension Day</b>		
	9.45am	Family Service at Alderley	Rev. Loveday Alexander
	11.15am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
	12.00noon	Baptism at Alderley	
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Deanery Choral Evensong at Alderley</b>	
<b>Sun. 15th</b>	<b>Whit Sunday</b>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	Rev. Gary Bowness
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley	Rev. Loveday Alexander
	11.15am	Mattins at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	Rev. Gary Bowness
<b>Sun. 22nd</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>		
	9.45am	Mattins at Alderley	John Durnall
	11.15am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	Rev. Jane Parry
<b>Thu 26th</b>			
	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	Rev. Gary Bowness
<b>Sun. 29th</b>	First Sunday after Trinity		
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley	Rev. Gary Bowness
	11.15am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Birtles	Rev. Gary Bowness
<b>June</b>			
<b>Sun. 5th</b>	<b>Second Sunday after Trinity</b>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley	Rev. Gary Bowness
	11.15am	Family Service at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	Rev. Gary Bowness

**ROTA FOR MAY 2016**

**SIDESPEOPLE / LECTORS / WARDENS**

D'T	TIME	SIDESPEOPLE	LECTOR	W'N
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.00am	(at Birtles)		
	9.45am	Mr A. Claridge & Mrs W. Liddle	Mrs W. Liddle	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs A. Robinson	Mr P. Reynolds	PR
8 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Mr S. Welsh & Mr G. Woolley	George Vardon	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs J. Bean & Mr P. Bean	<b>(Deanery Evensong)</b>	PB
15 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am			HW
	9.45am	Mr G. Hilton & Mr M. Wilkinson	Mrs SJ Wilkinson	MP
	6.30pm		Mr P. Reynolds	PR
22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.45am	Mrs J. Martin & Mrs G. Beeley	Mrs J. Lee	JY
	6.30pm	Mr G. Barrie	Mrs J. Youatt	JY
26 <sup>th</sup> THU				RA
29th	9.45am	Mrs R. Dyas & Mrs E. Fairhurst	Mrs E. Jackson	JY
	6.30pm		Mr P. Reynolds	PR
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	(at Birtles)		
	9.45pm	Mr J. Ratchford & Mrs W. Liddle	Mrs W. Liddle	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs A. Robinson	Mr P. Reynolds	PR

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES**

Sunday 4th September – Holy Communion at 9.45am

Preacher the Rt. Revd. Libby Lane

Bishop of Stockport

## Salt Sunday

Salt of the earth - bringing people together to create a better life

The Lion Salt Works  
8th May 2016 2pm to 4pm

Exhibitions and a service of celebration with the Bishop of Birkenhead  
(See poster in the porch or phone Terry Fones 01625 820738)

## ANNUAL FLOWER FUND TEA PARTY

### ADVANCE NOTICE

The Annual Flower Fund Tea Party will take place on Sunday  
afternoon 24th July 2016 on the Church Paddock.

## EASTER FLOWERS

A big thank-you to all those who donated towards the Easter Flowers  
and to those who helped decorate!!

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>
Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>	230.00	52.00		282.00
Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>	227.90	79.80		307.70
Mar 20 <sup>th</sup>	312.00	34.00		346.00
Mar 27 <sup>th</sup>	553.30	159.50		714.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1323.20</b>	<b>325.30</b>	<b>910.00</b>	<b>2558.50</b>

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

. Thank you. Donald Henderson

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

This time of the year is much quieter! Our next Committee meeting is in May when we will be making plans for the future.

I expect we will organise a small event in July and we will be planning an outing which is usually during August. It will be good if some new faces can join us. Please don't wait to be asked!

I have not been able to come to church recently, but I understand the coffee is normally going strong.

Our Charity Pot is being distributed. At this time we have £200 in hand.

This amount has been increased by a small profit we made at our March lunch.

It will be divided between Oasis and to The Sun Flower Centre at the Hospice.

**Janet Adamson (01625 583320)**

## ST MARY'S WALKING GROUP

**Saturday 11th June—10.00am start prompt.**

The Roaches from Tittesworth Reservoir

**Starting Point:** Tittesworth Reservoir, Meerbrook – parking charge £4.70

**Starting Point Grid Ref:** SJ963824 ( **Post code:** SK12 2NR)

**Map:** White Peak Grid Ref: 994603. Post code ST13 8SW.

Allow 45 mins from Alderley. Suggest car-share if possible.

**Length:** 9 miles, moderate with some steep bits to reach the wonderful views from the Roaches

**Further info:** Usual refreshments and footwear.

**Contact:** Don Henderson (07919 055941)



*The Easter Flowers in Church were kindly donated in memory of:*

*Peter Adamson  
Valerie Barlow  
Archie Barrie  
Evelyn Barrie  
Jack Beeby  
Ellinor Beeby  
Mary Bliss  
C. Geoffrey Boddington  
E. Norah Boddington  
Harold F. R. Boothman  
Gwendolen R. Boothman  
Ernest Brooks  
Ethel Brooks  
Alan Brown  
Charles Maitland Currie  
Peter Andrew Currie  
Aerin Davidson  
John Davis  
Winifred Dawson  
George Edwin Dodd  
Frances Mary Dodd  
Richard Dunhill  
Harry Fairhurst  
Peter Gass  
June Gass  
Charles Godfrey Gould  
Dorothy Gould  
Major Kevett Haines  
Winifred Haines  
Ray Hamilton  
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*Frank F. Lee  
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Margaret Lee  
Gary Moss  
Julie Moss  
Ken Moss  
Henry Peter Nairn  
Trudy Nairn  
Charles Henry Neale  
Annie Ogden  
Stanley Penlington  
Eleanor Penlington  
Barbara Joan Pickett  
Christopher John Rennie  
Ernest Rennie  
Patricia Rennie  
Rosina Rennie  
Dudley Reynolds  
Granville Schofield  
Joyce Schofield  
Frank Cavendish Shepherd  
Robert Shiers  
Elsie Shiers  
Jill Shiers  
Robin Skelton  
Anna Snape  
Anthony Paul Steele  
Phyllis Louisa Steele  
Annie Sutcliffe  
Horace Swales  
John Musgrave Swales  
Pathanea Swales  
David Watkins  
Kathleen Watkins  
William Watkins  
Andrea Welsh  
Wilfrid Whittingham  
Bessie Whittingham  
Patricia Whittingham  
George Yarwood*

**The Oasis Centre** would like to thank everyone from St Mary's Church for your amazing and continued support, prayers and love! We see you as a vital part of the support we receive and all our success is your success!

As the welfare cuts continue to change our benefit system we continue to see an increase in the most vulnerable, disadvantaged and marginalised finding themselves without food, heating and hope for their futures. **BUT** we are delighted to report that as we step out in faith God is providing!!

Many long standing charities in East Manchester are closing due to government cuts and the overwhelming number of charities seeking the same funding pots. We recently took on the work load of a neighbouring charity who supported people into employment. We got straight to prayer and took a great leap of faith employing their 2 main staff members.

We did not have a spare penny to fund this new work but knew the devastating effects on our community if this Work Club stopped and knew our God is faithful! Just 2 days after employing these two workers someone posted a cheque through my door for the exact money we needed for the first 6 months of this new Work Club project! God is so faithful. We are seeing on average 25 vulnerable people a day using this new service.

In September 2015 a large group of people from Syria were placed in Gorton. From day one their crisis issues were made known to us. We have been able to clothe, feed and educate (through ESOL) around 30 Syrians on a daily basis and we are seeing wonderful transformation in these very precious people who have experienced great distress in their homeland and the consequent journey to the UK. I'm sure we all still have those vivid pictures in our minds of thousands of Syrians escaping Syria on fragile boats to Europe. We feel it is a great privilege to support these precious people.

**In the past 6 months Oasis has included:**

Visited 1st time for support	131 people
Given crisis support on	896 occasions
Given out 2 week Emergency Food Parcels	154 occasions
Supported clients with Basic Life Skills	50 clients + 30 clients from Syria
Clients volunteered @ Oasis helping build confidence and work skills	- 4 clients
Clients supported into full-time employment (most for the first time in their adult life)	4 clients

Please pray for us as we seek funding to continue this vital work.  
Victoria x

**NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB**  
**March draw winners**

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	Mary Harwood
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	Donald Henderson
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	Shirley Bailey

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.

Last year, £1300 has 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..

**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.

**MOTHERS' UNION**

You are warmly invited to attend our next Mothers' Union gathering on Wednesday May 18th at 2.00pm. Our speaker will tell us all about the work at Styal Prison. Do join us. Open to non-members.



**The  
Children's  
Society**

## **THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

Annual Box Opening

Amount donated: £837.55 (£825.50 last year)

Again, "thank you" to our loyal and generous boxholders.

Our continuing support helps those all too often considered by society as difficult or troublesome: young people who suffer abuse, neglect and exploitation every day and facing a future with little or no prospects.

For more than five years, Jane's mother constantly abused her. Bleach and lighted cigarettes were thrown in her face. She was beaten and had to be admitted to hospital. Depressed and feeling unwanted, Jane began to cut herself, took drugs and alcohol to numb her pain and became suicidal.

The Children's Society provided Jane with emergency accommodation and regular contact with a counsellor,

'My friends see a difference in me since I started coming to The Children's Society. They are good people and it's like a family here. This is my family.'  
Jenny, aged 16.

Sadly; the last two years have seen a 5% decline in collection boxes across the country. This aspect of fundraising is a vital element in the income of The Children's Society and an effective way to help in its essential work.

Please telephone 01625 594218 if you would like to become a boxholder or know anyone who might be interested.

Bert Wright

27 March 2016

## **Herbaceous Plant Sale**

**for Christian Aid**

At the Methodist Church Hall, Alderley Edge  
The sale will be held on the morning of May 7th.

It would be lovely to see members of  
St Mary's at our stall.

There will be coffee and other stalls

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

**MAY 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**

Please Support the collection  
and the Plant Sale  
for  
Christian Aid this year

Thank you