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**MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS**

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**Rector Writes**

**November 2016**

It is great privilege to be entrusted with responsibility for the churches and parishes of St.Mary, Alderley and St.Catherine, Birtles. I will tell you a bit about myself.

I grew up in Surrey and there met my future wife Kerry when we were both in the sixth form. We both attended university at Newcastle upon Tyne and married in 1977. My degree is in Town and Country Planning: in the 1980s I worked in Durham County Council's Minerals and Waste Planning Team.

In 1986 we moved to Salisbury for my training at theological college. Our daughter Clare was born there. I was ordained by the Bishop of Newcastle and my curacy was at St.Mary's, Monkseaton – a large coastal Tyneside parish. Our son Andrew was born while we were there.

In 1992 we moved back to Surrey where I served as priest in charge of the rural parish of St.Peter, Tandridge and curate of the adjoining town parish of St.Mary, Oxted.

Our next move, in 1998, was to All Saints' Church, Crawley Down in West Sussex. Here our two children went to school and left for university. In 2010 we launched an appeal for £250,000 to add to the sum we would receive from selling the land on which the Parish Rooms stood. By late 2013 we had raised £255,000, we had received £300,000 from the land sale, and we had built a new community hall attached to the church. Now, the Glebe Centre, as it is known, is a community focus in Crawley Down and it lets the church more effectively serve local needs, whilst giving the church integral WC and kitchen facilities.

In 2007 I took a three month sabbatical, researching opportunities for sustainable waste management by the church. In 2015 I was fortunate to take a second sabbatical when I studied 20<sup>th</sup> Century Jewish artists.

My leisure interests include art ([www.jonhaleart.co.uk](http://www.jonhaleart.co.uk)) and cycling.

There is no greater privilege than to be a Christian priest in the midst of the local community. Whilst I value praise that may be given to me, I also know that I live by unexpected and undeserved blessings – by God's grace.

Thank you for putting your trust in me. It is an honour to be appointed to serve in Birtles and Nether Alderley. Please pray for Kerry and for me as we start this new chapter in our life together.

**Revd Jon Hale**

**DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2016**

<b>Sun.6th</b>	<b>Twenty Fourth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
	9.45am	Holy Communion	Revd. David Harrison
	11.15am	Family Service at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	Revd. David Harrison
<b>Fri 11th</b>	7.30pm	Institution & Induction of the Revd Jon Hale	
<b>Sun 13th</b>	<b>Twenty Fifth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
	<b>NB 10.00am</b>	Remembrance Sunday	Revd. Jon Hale
	11.15am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Holy Communion (said)	Revd. Jon Hale
<b>Thurs 17th</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion	Revd. Jon Hale
<b>Sun. 20th</b>	<b>Sunday before Advent</b>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	Revd. Jon Hale
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley	Revd. Jon Hale
	11.15am	Mattins at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	Revd. Jon Hale
<b>Thurs 24th</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion	Revd. Jon Hale
<b>Sun. 27th</b>	<b>Advent Sunday</b>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Revd. Jon Hale
	9.45am	Mattins at Alderley	
	11.15am	Holy Communion at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Advent—Churches Together at St. Mary's	
<b>Dec</b>			
<b>Sun 4th</b>	<b>Second Sunday after Advent</b>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Birtles	Revd. Jon Hale
	9.45am	Holy Communion	Revd. Jon Hale
	11.15am	Family Service at Birtles	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	Revd. Jon Hale

**PLEASE NOTE**

As from Sunday 20th November, 8.00am Holy Communion will commence every Sunday (except for the first Sunday in the month)

As from Thursday 17th November, 10.00am Holy Communion will commence every Thursday.

**ROTA FOR NOVEMBER 2016**

**SIDESPEOPLE / LECTORS / WARDENS**

D'T	TIME	SIDESPEOPLE	LECTOR	W'N
Nov 6th	8.00am	(at Birtles)		
	9.45am	Mrs W Liddle & Mrs J Martin	Mrs W. Liddle	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs A Robinson	Mr M Dyer	JY
Nov 13th	8.00am	-----	-----	-----
	<b>10.00am</b>	Mr M Wilkinson & Mr G Hilton	Mrs S J Wilkinson	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs J Bean	Mr P Bean	PB
Nov 20th	8.00am			HW
	9.45am	Mr A Claridge & Mrs E Fairhurst	Mrs J Lee	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs A Robinson	Mr P Reynolds	PR
Nov 27th	8.00am			PB
	9.45am	Mr J Ratchford & Mr G Beeley	Mrs A Davis	MP
	6.30am	Mr G Barrie	Mrs J Youatt	JY
Dec 4th	8.00am	(at Birtles)		
	9.45am	Mrs W Liddle & Mr S Welsh	Mrs W Liddle	MP
	6.30am	Mrs A Robinson	Mr P Reynolds	PR
	8.00am			
	9.45pm			
	6.30pm			

A mid-week 10.00am Holy Communion Service will take place on Thursday 17th November and Thursday 24th November.

## Remembrance – 100 years after the Somme



Remembrance Day this year will have a special significance. Almost exactly a century after the Battle of the Somme finally came to its inconclusive end (18th November) we shall once again be remembering all those who have lost their lives in war, or had their lives blighted by its consequences.

The unbelievable slaughter of the Somme – more than a million men were killed or wounded – made it perhaps the bloodiest battle of human history. The incessant bombardment of heavy artillery, the suicidal waves of attack by unprotected soldiers, the introduction, a few months from its close, of the first tanks in battle all contributed to the vast number of casualties, but so did the pointless efforts of both sides to break what was in fact a five month stalemate. This was a battle nobody won but a million men lost.

This year we shall once again make our prayers for peace and our reflective remembrance against a back-drop of a world that is stubbornly inclined to think that problems can be solved by fighting over them. In the Middle East and in parts of Africa there are still too many who believe that guns and bombs can solve things, when all the evidence of history is that they can't.

Today, a hundred years after the Battle of the Somme, historians still can't decide what the Great War was actually about. And the arrival of the Second World War in 1939 tells us that whatever anyone thought it was, five years of sickening killing had not settled it.

'We will remember them', we say. Surely the finest remembrance would be a world without violence. It still seems a long way off.

**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
Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	287.00	52.00		339.00
Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>	892.00	60.30		952.30
Sep 18th	295.50	66.10		361.60
Sep 25 <sup>th</sup>	270.60	225.00		495.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1745.10</b>	<b>873.40</b>	<b>1630.00</b>	<b>4248.50</b>

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

. Thank you. Donald Henderson

### NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB September draw winners

1<sup>st</sup> prize     Mark Wilkinson  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize     Jacqueline Stone  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize     Charles Dyas

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.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

As in previous years we ran and manned 'The Café' on the two days of the recent church opening in September.

A big thank you to all who helped, in whatever capacity.

Getting organised for the **Christmas Coffee morning** seems no time since Last Christmas. The date will be **Saturday December 3rd 10.00am until 12.30pm.**

We are delighted a section of **The Barnby Choir** will once again be singing a selection of carols in the candle lit Church. Approx 10.30am and 11.45am. We will be serving wine and mince pies following the 11.45am singing.

**Help is needed on the day**, many of the committee are unable to do lifting and standing!! **Please can some of our younger supporters offer help. This is urgent.**

We ask you all please to consider offering acceptable Gifts for our Gift Stall. These could be left in church behind the font. Or let me know. If possible supplies for the Produce Stall would be good, if there is a problem, again let me know. Home made cakes and biscuits are always so welcome. I would be very grateful for the offer of Raffle prizes.

Above all **we need your support** on the day. We depend on profits made from this to fund things we support on behalf of the Church through the year. This year we have been able to pay for several smaller projects that needed funding. We have also given an amount to the PCC Account.

**Janet Adamson (01625 583320)**

## WALKING

A group of friends from St Mary's are going for a walk on the 10th December. 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.

**Location** Outside discovery centre Bollington ,Post code SL10 5 JZ  
Park in the Multi story car park behind Clarence mill

**Distance** A gentle 2 ½ mile stroll with stops to look at the historical area of Bollington

**Terrain** road except for 500 yards of field path

**Later** soup at Terry, Glenyse home

**Contact** Terry Fones 01625820738

**Email:** [terryfones@gmail.com](mailto:terryfones@gmail.com)

**Mob** 07815478544

Later we set off for Penmon to see the ancient priory there and then follow the path to the headland. The walk was delightful. We ate our lunch overlooking Puffin Island and were very excited by a seal swimming close in close to us. Rock pools were examined and sloe picking added to our activities before returning to Cleifiog.

That morning Hostess Gill had very kindly offered, a tray of tea for us all, so that we could call in and use the lounge for a rest. This was so appreciated by everybody. We were also able to show off our lovely room, which was much admired.

Refreshed, but having chatted too long, we found the shops had shut when we went for a pre dinner stroll. The wind was rising so we shortly settled in at the Bishopgate Hotel for their early bird menu before seeing our visitors off. The following morning we took our leave of Cleifiog, with many thanks to Gill for her great kindness.

Our final plan was to walk to the lighthouse at Point Lynas near Am-lwch. However we had a slight deviation to a hilltop Yr Arwydd near Plas Bodafon, where we could see the whole of Anglesey laid out below us. Having then driven to the start of our planned walk, we met a couple of bird-watchers (discernible by the huge lenses on their camera). They had spent the morning watching dolphins and porpoises from the headland, and showed us a superb photo he had taken.

As we climbed the road to the lighthouse a lovely bay came into view and then a car park at the top of the hill! We had carried sandwiches and ate them looking out over a turmoil of currents off the headland. We were rewarded with sightings of porpoises in the flattened areas of water where the pull of the waves and currents clearly made good feeding grounds.

A grand finale to our wonderful break. Many thanks go to Michael Penlington for arranging this lovely prize and to our hostess Gill for providing it.

Fiona Ablett

*Postscript from Jenny*

\*\* The Penrhos Coastal Path is the only remaining feature of the Penrhos Estate,. This passed into the hands of Sir John Thomas Stanley of Alderley, on the marriage to Margaret Owen in 1763. At the outbreak of the 2nd World War, Penrhos was evacuated.

## WHAT A PRIZE!

1st prize from the Summer Tea Party.....a 2-night stay at Cleifiog Guest House in Beaumaris.

Will and I set off on 28<sup>th</sup> September for our mini holiday at Cleifiog Cleifiog means House of healing. We travelled via Llandudno and the Great Orme with the wonderful views from the coast road. We would have walked but as the wind got up we were nearly knocked off our feet. We had various walks in mind taken from a book of walks Janice had lent us. 'Birds Boots and Butties, Anglesey', by Ruth Miller.

The first in the North of Anglesey; a flat and easy walk at Penrhos Coastal Park; we chose, being in a sheltered position, and followed it with a cream tea.  
(see end)\*\*

Travelling on via Trearddur Bay we headed for Beaumaris and Cleifiog. Our hostess Gill was expecting us and greeted us with a welcome tray of tea served in the Guest lounge. Our room proved to be delightful, beautifully furnished, spacious and comfortable. Our three windows looked out across the Menai Straits, onto Snowdonia. The whole house was fresh, interesting and clearly loved. Later we discovered that our room was in the Georgian extension to the original house, which dates back to at least 1610 and was run by Monks as a Hospice. The inscription above the original front door to the house, translates as meaning Peace to those who enter, health to those who leave. This may be seen in what is now the hallway.

We set out to eat early as the weather was worsening. Overnight the wind strengthened and I don't believe I have ever heard such a gale in the Straits. However it had cleared by the following morning and we woke to sunshine. An excellent breakfast in the company of the other guests was a very relaxed affair. One couple a vicar and his wife, the other hailed from distant Chelford! It turned out that the husband had been induced to stay in Bed and Breakfast for the first time in his life. He was very favourably impressed. Talk about starting at the top!

We had arranged to have visitors and to meet Janice and Chris and Jamie and Lynn at Bangor pier. Terry and Glenyse were unable to join us. The idea was to walk to the end of Bangor pier for coffee, although it turned out the spacious café was shut. Being part of the walking group, this proved no problem, as rucksacks contained filled vacuum flasks.

For those of you who don't know it, walking along the pier at Bangor takes you out in to the middle of the Straits looking across to Anglesey and Beaumaris and the walk back provides wonderful views of Snowdonia. Not for Bangor the commercialism of Llandudno pier!

## CHURCH OPENING

Our Sunday afternoon opening season has now come to an end, although we still welcome any visitors by appointment. Also behind the scenes is a constant stream of Family History enquires that come in over email. In the main I am able to help them and provide them with the information they require. We also run an 'online shop' which brings in a few hundred pounds each year.

From Easter Sunday through to Sunday 18th September this year, we have raised around £960.

A particular thanks must go to the volunteer stewards who man the church Sunday by Sunday. If you feel you could spare a few hours a month to help us with this task, do please let me know!

We have welcomed a grand total of approximately 500 visitors throughout the season.

The recent 'Open Weekend' was blessed with glorious weather, with 120 visitors arriving from far and wide. As usual we had numerous folk researching their Family History and many people enjoyed the World War 1 displays. A special thank-you must go to Bert Wright who gave up three days to assist me! Also, thanks to the Social Committee for organising the refreshments.

*Jenny Youatt*



**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> 10.00am – 12.30pm

Barnby Choir singing at  
10.30am and 11.45am in Church

Wine and Mince Pies after 11.45 singing

Please come and join in

**SERVICE OF INSTITUTION AND INDUCTION**

of  
THE REVD. ANTONY JOLYON HALE  
as  
RECTOR OF ST MARY, ALDERLEY  
&  
VICAR OF ST.CATHERINE, BIRTLES

The Patron and Church Wardens of St.Mary, Alderley & St.Catherine, Birtles invite you to the service of Institution and Induction of the Revd. Antony Jolyon Hale as the Rector of the Benefice of St.Mary, Alderley and Vicar of St.Catherine, Birtles at the Church of St.Mary, Alderley on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

There will be light refreshments in the Parish Hall following the service.

Yours Sincerely,

*Peter Reynolds, Michael Penlington & Jenny Youatt*  
(Church Wardens of St.Mary)

*Sir David Barnes & Peter Bethell*  
(Church Wardens of St.Catherine)

**ALDERLEY EDGE BIBLE STUDIES 2016 / 2017**

**Why do bad things happen to good people?  
A Problem of Suffering in the Book of Job**

led by Philip Alexander

All welcome: all you need is an enquiring mind (and a Bible!)  
We meet on the first Monday of the month EXCEPT those starred \*\*

\*\* Mon 14<sup>th</sup>  
November  
10, Haddon Close      Job's Big Question: Why do bad things  
happen to good people?  
The Prologue to Job

Mon 12<sup>th</sup>  
December  
10, Haddon Close      The Voice of Experience 1  
Job and his Three friends  
The First Cycle of Speeches

Mon 9<sup>th</sup>  
January  
10, Haddon Close      The Voice of Experience 2  
Job and his Three friends  
The Second Cycle of Speeches

Mon 6<sup>th</sup>  
February  
10, Haddon Close      The Voice of Experience 3  
Job and his Three friends  
The Third Cycle of Speeches

**Further dates:**  
Monday March 6<sup>th</sup>  
\*\*Monday May 8<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July (St Philip's Parish Rooms)

MEETING TIME:      7.30pm – 9.30pm  
CONTACT:              Loveday Alexander (0161 439 7946)

**MOTHERS' UNION**



**'Fun & Laughter in  
Rural Uganda'**



Wednesday 16th November

2.00pm

All Welcome