

St. Mary, Alderley is now in 'an interregnum' which is intended to give the Parish space and time to reflect on the previous ministry and to discuss its hopes and aspirations for the future ministry.

The Churchwardens from St. Mary and St. Catherine have had an initial meeting with the Reverend Jane Parry (The Rural Dean). The Rural Dean during the vacancy becomes the 'Priest-in-Charge'. The meeting was a formality to check that the wardens are doing their duty to keep the church running as normal as possible and to offer help and guidance if required.

The Churchwardens working with the Rural Dean, take responsibility for the life and work of the Church during the vacancy but need your support in keeping the Church **ALIVE**.

Finding clergy to take services is not easy as most retired clergy are already heavily committed to other churches also going through an interregnum. However, we are now sorted up to Easter but have had to make some adjustments to the pattern of services as regards the 8am Sunday Holy Communion and 10am Thursday Holy Communion. These services will only be held on the last Sunday and last Thursday of the month. And for the present time Christenings will take place during the monthly Sunday Family Service.

The most important message to a prospective incumbent is that we have a Church that is **ACTIVE, PROGRESSIVE** and has an **OPPORTUNITY TO GROW**. So please, please continue to support St.Mary at its services and activities during the vacancy.

Along with the wardens of St. Catherine we have been invited to meet Bishop Peter in mid-November to discuss the future of the benefice and we shall keep you informed.

The Harvest produce and provisions which you so kindly and generously donated were very gratefully received by the Oasis Centre and we now look forward to sharing with you the joy of Advent.

Your Wardens, Jenny, Peter and Michael

## DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2015

<b>Sun.1st</b>	<b>Twenty Second Sunday after Trinity</b>		
	8.00am	<i>Holy Communion at Birtles</i>	
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley	Revd. Loveday Alexander
	11.15am	<i>Family Service at Birtles</i>	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	Brian Haslam
<b>Sun.8th</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>		
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Remembrance at Alderley</b>	Revd. Loveday Alexander
	10.30am	<i>Remembrance at Birtles</i>	
	6.30pm	Holy Communion at Alderley	Revd. David Harrison
<b>Sun. 15th</b>	<b>Twentieth Fourth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley	Revd. David Harrison
	11.15am	<i>Mattins at Birtles</i>	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	Revd. Gary Bowness
Wed.18th	2.00pm	Mother's Union	
<b>Sun. 22nd</b>	<b>Sunday before Advent</b>		
	9.45am	Mattins at Alderley	John Durnall
	11.15am	<i>Holy Communion at Birtles</i>	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	Doug Wisener
Thur. 26th	10.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	Revd. Gary Bowness
<b>Sun. 29th</b>	<b>Advent Sunday</b>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Alderley	Revd. Gary Bowness
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley	Revd. Loveday Alexander
	11.15	<i>Holy Communion at Birtles</i>	
	<b>6.30am</b>	<b>Churches Together at the Methodist, AE</b>	
<b>Dec</b>			
<b>Sun. 6th</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Advent</b>		
	8.00am	<i>Holy Communion at Birtles</i>	
	9.45am	Holy Communion at Alderley	Revd. Ivan Whinton
	11.15am	<i>Christingle Service at Birtles</i>	
	6.30pm	Evensong at Alderley	Sandi Fisher

Wherever possible the Warden's 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. (See page 3)

PLEASE NOTE

8.00am Holy Communion at Birtles is on the **first** Sunday in the month.

8.00am Holy Communion at Alderley is only on the **last** Sunday in the month

10.00am Holy Communion is only on the **last** Thursday in the month.

**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE ON NOVEMBER 8TH WILL BE AT 10.30AM**

**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>
Sept 6 <sup>th</sup>	337.25	62.64		399.89
Sept 13 <sup>th</sup>	342.00	55.00		397.00
Sep 20 <sup>th</sup>	441.90	51.30		493.20
Sep 27 <sup>th</sup>	214.28	104.23		318.51
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1335.43</b>	<b>273.17</b>	<b>1150.00</b>	<b>2758.60</b>

**NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB**

**September draw winners**

1<sup>st</sup> prize Mr M. Wilkinson

2<sup>nd</sup> prize Mrs M. Stonehewer

3<sup>rd</sup> prize Ines Jamison

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.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Recently we have paid for some Bell Rope repairs requested by Peter Robinson. We are very lucky to have many enthusiastic ringers,

As in previous years we ran and manned 'The Café' on the two days of the recent Open Weekend in September. A big thank-you to all who helped, in whatever capacity. On the Sunday of that weekend we also provided the refreshments and wine for Rector's farewell presentation.

As I am writing this we are looking forward to the Autumn lunch outing at the Wilmslow Garden Centre. 16 people are attending. An offshoot of this is, that I keep in touch with many members of our congregation.

Getting organised for the **Christmas Coffee morning**, seems no time since last Christmas. The date will be **Saturday December 5th 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.**

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 also be good. I would also 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 items we support on behalf of the Church through the year. This year we are expecting to put the funds raised towards the New Fencing round Rector's Field.

**Janet Adamson (01625 583320)**

## ST MARY'S WALKING GROUP

**Saturday 5th December—10.00am start prompt.**

**Starting Point:** Shirley's Car Park Prestbury  
SK10 4XP



**Length:** 6 miles easy (may be less)

**Further info:** Snacks. Afterwards at 33, Macclesfield Road, Prestbury.

**Contact:** Terry Fones 01625 820738

## CHURCH OPENING

Our 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 20th September this year, we have raised around £700. 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!

Both the 'Open Weekend' and the 'Open Sunday' afternoons have once again been highly successful. We have welcomed a grand total of approximately 500 visitors.

The recent 'Open Weekend' was blessed with glorious weather, with 150 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 . Another 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 10.00am to 12.30pm

Barnby Choir singing at  
10.30am and 11.45am in Church.

Wine and mince pies after 11.45am singing.

Please come and join in

# LINCOLN!

**SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Coach leaving Alderley Edge Methodist Church at 7am stopping en route for comfort break to arrive at Lincoln Cathedral for a conducted tour. Then in your own time make your way to the Castle next door to view its history and their copy of MAGNA CARTA in this historic year of its 800 anniversary.

Free time to wander around the shops gaily bedecked for Christmas and soak the 'ye olde' atmosphere of the old quarter.

Meet up for Cathedral Evensong at 5.30pm then home making a comfort stop en route..

Joint Cathedral & Castle Ticket plus Coach travel **£32** per person or if you are over 63yrs then it is per person **£30**

**DEPOSIT CHEQUE MADE OUT TO CTIA PLEASE** of **£20** per person and sent/given to **Revd Jane Parry** – **not your own minister** – by 2nd November (we need a full coach to keep this price.) Please indicate if you are on the (*slightly*) reduced ticket price.

**THANK YOU** – *it should be great fun and very interesting!*

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ALDERLEY**

Getting Ready...Arrange.....Organise....Plan....Set Up.....PREPARE!

Three Discussions

Monday 12th October—2pm—Preparing for Preparation

Monday 9th November—2pm— Preparation

Monday 10th December—2pm—We're Here

Bible Study and Reflection

@ Costa Coffee. ALL WELCOME

## **RESERVATION OF GRAVE AND ASHES PLOTS**

It is the policy of the Diocese of Chester that Grave burial places and Ashes plots should no longer be able to be reserved. Those that have already been allocated and reserved will, of course, be honoured. However, please note that the PCCs will no longer be able to grant reservations in the churchyards.

*Revd Jane Parry  
Rural Dean Knutsford Deanery*

## **Thank You**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who came along and supported the Coffee Morning on Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup> in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We had a wonderful morning.

Also a big thank you to people who couldn't attend but kindly gave a donation or provided a raffle prize. We raised £805 which was a record amount. None of this would be possible without peoples support.

Many thanks once again.

**Margaret Worthington**

## **Oasis .....Autumn Lunch ....**

We had wonderful weather with excellent food and wine and an inspiring talk from Victoria .

An enjoyable afternoon was had by all and we raised £905.80 for the Oasis Centre . In addition to this £ 1,000 was donated the following day by a Manchester Firm who heard of the success of Oasis from one of our guests . A fantastic and unexpected boost to their funds !

A big 'thank you' to the hard working team of helpers from St Mary s and all those who bought tickets or donated for this special occasion .

**Anne Robinson**

*Catherine Butcher looks back on the courage of Edith Cavell...*

*(Parish Pump)*

## **Faith before the firing squad**

This year is the centenary of Edith Cavell's death. Many remember her patriotism. But for Edith, patriotism was not enough. Many saw her as a hero and a martyr; some even think she was a spy. But Edith asked to be remembered '... only as a nurse who tried to do her duty'.

Dozens of books have been written about Edith Cavell, but none answered the question: 'How could she be so calm and confident before the firing squad?' My new book, *Edith Cavell - Faith before the firing squad* (Monarch, £8.99) tells Edith's story. It traces the roots of her calm confidence, her love for others expressed in practical, selfless service to friend and foe alike, as well as her courage helping fugitives from war find freedom.

Self-sacrifice was the hallmark of Nurse Edith Cavell's life. She was executed on 12 October 1915 for enabling at least 200 Allied soldiers to escape occupied Belgium into neutral territory, but her care had extended to German and Allied soldiers.

On the night before her execution she told the chaplain who came to give her Holy Communion that she was grateful for the weeks of quiet she had spent in solitary confinement after such a busy life. She said, 'I have seen death so often that it is not strange or fearful to me ... This I would say, standing as I do in view of God and eternity, I realize that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone.'

She knew that the patriotism her fellow prisoners had used in their defence was not enough to enable her to stand in God's presence. Throughout her life she had used the Book of Common Prayer, repeating the Lord's Prayer morning and evening, 'forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us'. She knew that she couldn't hold on to hatred or bitterness. She needed to forgive others, just as she had been forgiven.

After they had shared communion, they said together the words of the hymn 'Abide With Me', and they talked about heaven. As he left her cell, she took the chaplain's hand and said with confidence in her eternal future, 'We shall meet again.' She was executed by firing squad at dawn the next morning.

## A TWO LETTER WORD - UP

This two letter word in English has more meaning than any other two letter word. It is listed in the dictionary as an adverb, preposition, adjective, noun or verb.

It is easy to understand UP, meaning towards the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP? Why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special. And this UP is confusing: a drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP. We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UPI

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of the word UP, look it UP in the dictionary. It takes UP almost one quarter of a page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may end UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP. When it rains the earth soaks UP the rain. When it does not rain for a while things dry UP.

One could go on and on and I am sure if it were UP to you, you could think UP more examples. For now however I will shut UP!!

### OASIS

Special request from Oasis for good condition toys for them to put in their shop for parents to maybe purchase for their children over Christmas, at affordable prices.

Leave in church or contact Maureen Woolley 01625 582 807.

## On how to save electricity in church

The Rectory  
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Your church certainly seems to have taken to the idea of green electricity with a vengeance. To have covered the whole of your roof with solar panels was a brave move, and makes quite a sight – especially when the sun catches them, dazzling motorists on the by-pass and causing multiple pile-ups. I pity the local pigeons, who try to land on it and then do a gentle glissade into the gutters. I know there have been objections to your proposal to erect a wind turbine in your car park – although no one could claim that it spoils the aesthetic appearance of your church. Nothing, my dear Darren, could do that.

May I humbly offer you some further suggestions for reducing your electricity consumption. If you cut your sermons by half, then everyone could go home 20 minutes earlier. Similarly, if you only sang each chorus once instead of your customary 17 times, that should cut your service times in half. And why have lighting so good that everyone can see everyone else? That is the last thing our own congregation ever want to do.

I raised the issue at our last church council meeting, but having only recently gone on to electricity, there seemed little enthusiasm for yet more change. Major Hastings still fondly remembers our old acetylene plant in the churchyard, destroyed during one Mattins when the verger was unaware of the gas leak and lit up a cigarette. We still occasionally find pieces of his cassock when mowing the grass.

Mr Prentice, with a slightly malicious gleam, suggested building a treadmill, to be worked by the Young Farmers – which would also keep them out of the pub while Evensong was taking place. I couldn't help feeling that our Ladies Group would have far more determination to keep the thing rotating – probably providing enough energy to light the entire County. I was tempted to suggest we invite the vicar from our adjoining parish, St. Agatha's, to preach every Sunday, as that would fill our church with more than enough hot air.

I finally stopped all further discussion on the subject when a solar panel consultant arrived at the Rectory and began his sales pitch with the phrase: "I've come to convert you".

Your loving Uncle, Eustace

I would like to say a **huge thank you** to Michael and his wonderful team of helpers for making our Church look so beautiful for our Harvest Festival. The displays of flowers all around the church were magnificent. We are so very fortunate to have such talented people in the congregation who do such a wonderful job throughout the year. A big thank-you to all concerned.  
Margaret Worthington

**ROTA FOR NOVEMBER 2015**  
**SIDESPEOPLE / LECTORS / WARDENS**

D'T	TIME	SIDESPEOPLE	LECTOR	W'
1st	8.00am	(at Birtles)		
	9.45am	Mrs R. Dyas & Mrs W. Liddle	Mrs W. Liddle	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs A Robinson	Mrs A. Cockburn	JY
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.30am</b>	Mr M. Wilkinson & Mrs H. Jabr	Mrs S J. Wilkinson	MP
	6.30pm	Mr M. Dyer	Mr P. Reynolds	PR
15 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Mr J. Stephenson & Mrs G. Beeley	Mrs C Stephenson	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs J. Bean	Mr P. Bean	PB
22 <sup>nd</sup>				
	9.45am	Mrs J. Martin & Mr G. Woolley	Mrs J. Lee	MP
	6.30pm	Mr Graham Barrie	Mr M. Dyer	JY
29 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Mrs B. Essayan		HW
	9.45am	Mr M Stonehewer & Mr S. Welsh	Mrs S J Wilkinson	MP
	6.30pm	<b>Service at Methodist Church</b>		
THU 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am			RA
Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	(at Birtles)		
	9.45pm	Mrs W. Liddle & Mr G. Hilton	Mrs W. Liddle	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs A. Robinson	Mrs A. Cockburn	JY

**FROM THE REGISTERS**

***Christenings***

Sat Oct 17th Dylan Andrew David Lloyd Lawton  
Holly Lawton (adult)

***Holy Matrimony***

***Funerals***

Sat Oct 10th Phyllis Louisa Steele  
Mon Oct 19th Ronald William Brunskill  
Mon Oct 26th Peter Yeo Shirwell

**FLOWER ROTA**

Nov 1st Elizabeth Fairhurst and Rita Brown  
Nov 8th Remembrance — Michael Penlington  
Nov 15th Remembrance — Michael Penlington  
Nov 22nd Remembrance—Michael Penlington  
Nov 29th Advent

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