

FROM THE REGISTERS

*Weddings*

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**FLOWER ROTA**

Oct 2nd            Harvest Flower Team  
Oct 9th            Harvest Flower Team  
Oct 16th           Harvest Flower Team  
Oct 23rd           Rita Brown & Elizabeth Fairhurst  
Oct 30th           Rita Brown & Elizabeth Fairhurst

**MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS**

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**Wardens Write**

**October 2016**

Education is back in the news again. Every new government seems to feel that they have to try something new to improve the standard of education - this time the debate is about selection and Grammar Schools. I am not an educationalist and when I listen to the arguments put forward by each side both seem to make a good case, I just worry what it will mean for the children and the teachers caught up in the middle of it all!

However, education does not end after school or even after a third level. It is lifelong. Businesses also understand the importance of education. They train their staff both in their products but also increasingly in the 'culture' or 'values' that they expect their employees to demonstrate when dealing with customers or other employees. Whether it is Mars (makers of the famous chocolate bars) looking for Quality, *Responsibility*, *Mutuality*, Efficiency and *Freedom* or Unilever (makers of PG Tips, Persil and many other famous brands) who want *integrity*, *responsibility*, *respect* and pioneering or indeed my own company who look for *integrity*, teamwork, courage and commitment, all these companies want their staff to think and act in a consistent, decent and predictable way; they understand the value and importance their employees bring in developing and promoting their brand.

I have come to appreciate that it doesn't matter what product or service a company is offering, they all share at least one 'value' in common i.e. treat your fellow human being with respect and decency, their gender, generation or nationality is not relevant to how you treat them.

This makes me realise that what we offer at St Mary's is what has been the constant and consistent message of the Christian teaching for over 2000 years. We have two very simple 'values' (or commandments as we prefer to call them); Love God and Love your Neighbour. Jesus knew the importance of treating your 'neighbour' with decency and respect and it these values that have continued to inspire Christians and permitted Christianity to grow and flourish for over two thousand years. Now it is our turn to live and positively demonstrate our values and continue to build the Christian 'brand' for the generations to come. There is no selection process by wealth or postcode, there is no "11 plus", all that we ask is live and demonstrate our Christian values not only to each other but to the visitors and new members of St Mary's, and into the wider world which need these values (and our prayers) as much today as at any time in the last two thousand years.

Your Warden's Peter, Michael & Jenny

**DIARY FOR OCTOBER 2016**

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|------------------|--|---|
| <b>Sun.2nd</b>   | <b>Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</b><br>8.00am <i>Holy Communion at Birtles</i><br>9.45am Harvest Mattins at Alderley<br>11.15am <i>Family Service at Birtles</i><br>6.30pm Evensong at Alderley | Rev. David Harrison<br><br>Rev. Gary Bowness                        |
| <b>Sun 9th</b>   | <b>Twentieth Sunday after Trinity</b><br>9.45am Family Service<br>11.15am <i>Holy Communion at Birtles</i><br>6.30pm Holy Communion (said)   | Rev. Loveday Alexander<br><br>Rev. Gary Bowness                     |
| <b>Sun. 16th</b> | <b>Twenty First Sunday after Trinity</b><br>8.00am Holy Communion at Alderley<br>9.45am Holy Communion at Alderley<br>11.15am <i>Mattins at Birtles</i><br>6.30pm Evensong at Alderley             | Rev. David Harrison<br>Rev. David Harrison<br><br>Rev. Taffy Davies |
| <b>Sun. 23rd</b> | <b>Twenty Second Sunday after Trinity</b><br>9.45am Mattins at Alderley<br>11.15am <i>Holy Communion at Birtles</i><br>6.30pm Evensong at Alderley   | John Durnall<br><br>Rev. Gary Bowness                               |
| <b>Thu 27th</b>  | 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley   | Rev. Gary Bowness   |
| <b>Sun 30th</b>  | <b>Twenty Third Sunday after Trinity</b><br>9.45am Holy Communion at Alderley<br>11.15am <i>at Birtles</i><br>6.30pm Evensong at Alderley  | Rev. Taffy Davies<br><br>Rev. Gary Bowness                          |
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**ROTA FOR OCTOBER 2016**  
**SIDESPEOPLE / LECTORS / WARDENS**

| D'T                  | TIME    | SIDESPEOPLE                      | LECTOR           | W'N |
|----------------------|---------|----------------------------------|------------------|-----|
| Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 8.00am  | (at Birtles)                     |                  |     |
|                      | 9.45am  | Mr A. Claridge & Mrs W. Liddle   | Mrs W. Liddle    | MP  |
|                      | 6.30pm  | Mrs A Robinson                   | Mr M. Dyer       | JY  |
| Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.45am  | Mr J Ratchford & Mrs E Fairhurst | Miss C Mowforth  | MP  |
|                      | 6.30pm  | Mrs J. Bean                      | Mr P Bean        | PB  |
| Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> | 8.00am  |                                  |                  | HW  |
|                      | 9.45am  | Mr S. Welsh & Mrs E Jackson      | Mrs A. Davis     | MP  |
|                      | 6.30pm  |                                  | Mrs A Robinson   | PR  |
| Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 9.45am  | Mr G. Hilton & Mr M Wilkinson    | Mrs SJ Wilkinson | MP  |
|                      | 6.30am  | Mr G. Barrie                     | Mrs J. Youatt    | JY  |
| Oct 27 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am |                                  |                  | RA  |
| Oct 30 <sup>th</sup> | 9.45am  | Mrs R. Dyas & Mr G Woolley       | Mrs J Lee        | MP  |
|                      | 6.30am  |                                  | Mr P Reynolds    | PR  |
| Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.00am  | (at Birtles)                     |                  |     |
|                      | 9.45pm  | Mrs W. Liddle & Mrs J Martin     | Mrs W. Liddle    | MP  |
|                      | 6.30pm  | Mr M. Dyer                       | Mr M Dyer        | JY  |

**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.

The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his letters from 'Uncle Eustace'.....

## On the perils of the Harvest Supper

The Rectory  
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren,

Plans for our Harvest Supper always start several months in advance with the traditional discussion about whether we dare increase the price of tickets by 20p to £1.50. After endless wrangling we compromise on 15p, with someone announcing that this will sound the death knell of Harvest. That every member of the committee will cheerfully go out to dinner and think nothing of shelling out £50 per head seems irrelevant.

Hot pots are provided by the ladies of the parish for the evening. It is always interesting to speculate on who has made which; some are robust and meaty, others may have had a fleeting relationship with meat, but the two long since went their own ways. Having sampled these confections over the past 30 years, I can now match each offering with the personalities of their creators. It is also amusing to watch how the cooks ma-noeuvre to make sure the correct people receive their own manufactures. If Mrs Ffrench ever saw Lady Masterson having a plate of her own hot pot she would never be seen in the parish again.

After the meal, we then proceed to what parishioners optimistically call the entertainment. I settle myself on the back row, smile and applaud at the appropriate points while concentrating on the large gin waiting for me back at the Rectory.

Only Colonel Hetherington imagines that the consumption of a bottle of claret over the meal improves his intonation as he gives his annual rendition of "The Lost Chord". I can only assume the lost chords he refers to are the vocal ones he once possessed. However, most of the performance was drowned out by the ladies in the kitchen crashing crockery and cutlery and discussing the shortcomings of Mr Timmin's new toupee. Miss Simpson's jokes have been repeated so often that the audience enthusiastically joins in with every punch line. This year, however, the dear lady introduced a new one. I do not wish to speculate where she heard it, but it was of a depth of blue that would have made a soldier blush. The innocent soul had no idea of its true meaning, but the audience reaction was amusing. You could sense many of the gentlemen making a mental note of it, so it could be used in after dinner speeches at the golf club. The less socially adept ladies looked deeply shocked; those with a little more social aplomb made it appear they were wholly innocent of the implications of the joke. The most sophisticated, however made it quite clear that they understood every word, but chose not to react.

The evening always ends with the Major's recitation of "The boy stood on the burning deck". Fortunately, before he started an un-requested encore, I managed to get on the stage, thank all the performers for their splendid contributions and wish everyone a safe journey home. The Major was left looking like a boy who had just had his lollipop stolen by the school bully. On reflection, that is quite an accurate analogy.

**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                 | Gift Aid      | Non-Gift Aid & | Standing      | Total          |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug  | 292.00        | 43.70          |               | 335.70         |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug | 159.10        | 108.00         |               | 267.10         |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug | 201.00        | 81.00          |               | 282.00         |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug | 245.00        | 58.71          |               | 303.71         |
|                      |               |                |               |                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>897.10</b> | <b>291.41</b>  | <b>725.00</b> | <b>1913.51</b> |

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

. Thank you. Donald Henderson

## NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB August draw winners

1<sup>st</sup> prize Mrs J Youatt  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize Mrs H. Jabr  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize Mr P Bean

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

That time of year again? At the time of writing, the Church Open Weekend September 17/ 18th is nearly upon us. Thank you to everybody who is able to help over the 2 days with the Café.

We have recently had a committee meeting. Since our last meeting we had collected £120 in our charity pot on Sunday mornings. We decided £60 to Oasis and £60 to the Hospice. Once again thank you to everybody who supports us in this enterprise.

Our Sunday Coffee after the morning service is being well supported. I have got more help now and we have a longer list of people for the rota. Everybody is great at helping with the washing up!!

We are planning for the Autumn now. Please put the Christmas Coffee morning in your diaries....**Saturday December 3rd 10.00am 'til 12.30pm.**  
Your support is needed.

**Janet Adamson (01625 583320)**

## WALKING

A group of friends from St Mary's are going for a walk on the 5th November. 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.

### Walk at the top of Poynton and touching Lyme Park

Starting at 10.00 am prompt from the Nelson Pit car park (top section) Higher Poynton.

Post Code: **SK12 1TH**; OS Grid Ref: **SJ 945 833**

Length: 6.5 to 7 miles

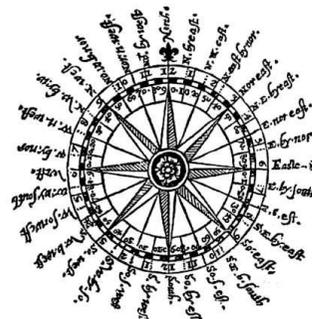
Grade: Mostly flat with hill sides at the start of Lyme Park

Further information: Packed lunch with drinks needed.

Contact Chris Sweetman (01565 889 057) with any questions

## The Scoresby Chair

In St.Mary's Parish Church, Whitby there is a beautifully carved wooden chair at the foot of the chancel steps commemorating the Revd. William Scoresby, D.D., F.R.S. 1789 -1857.



The son of a master mariner, William Scoresby became a distinguished sailor and Arctic explorer. At 21, he got his first command, and brought back to Whitby from the Arctic the produce of 30 whales. On voyages between 1815 and 1822 he made observations and experiments with improvements to the magnetic compass, and in an exhibition of the British Association in 1836 showed the compass needle of his own invention. Scoresby's compass, being such a great improvement, was taken into use by the

Admiralty. His magnetic instruments manuscripts and books are amongst the most highly prized exhibits in Whitby Literary and Philo-sophical Society's museum in Pannett Park.

William Scoresby was ordained in 1826, and while curate at Bessingby he came to preach at a memorial service at St. Mary's, Whitby, following the loss of two Whitby whaling ships in the Greenland Seas. In May, 1839, he received the degree of Doctor of Divinity at Cambridge and became Vicar of Bradford. In 1856 he sailed in the 'Royal Charter' to the Antarctic to test the effect of iron ships on the compass and to adjust it. The 'Royal Charter' was wrecked on a subsequent voyage off Anglesey, and the Scoresby Chair was made from its timbers.

The 'Royal Charter' a sailing clipper with a small 200 hp steam engine was launched on the Dee in 1855. She carried upward of 400 passengers. She had an iron hull and was a class of vessel built in a brief period between the wooden sailing ship and the steamer. When the passenger clipper was wrecked near Moelfre on 26th October, 1859, only 22 passengers and 18 crew were saved.

The chair was presented to St. Mary's in 1922 by Dr. Scoresby Jackson.

## Winnie the Pooh – a much loved bear

Winnie-the-Pooh was born 90 years ago this month, on 14 October, 1926 – in the sense that this was the date on which the world-famous children’s book by A. A. Milne was first published.

Technically, Winnie-the-Pooh, also called Pooh Bear, is a fictional teddy bear hero of a number of books, always illustrated by E H Shepard, who therefore gave Pooh his distinctive shape in the mind of the reader.

To his many admirers, Pooh is the wise, kind and loving companion they always wanted – a bear of very little brain and with many faults, but whose heart is always in the right place.

The Pooh stories, written originally for the author’s only son, Christopher Robin, and set in an area recognisable as Ashdown Forest in Sussex, have been translated into many languages, including a Latin version, Winnie ille Pu.

Though naive and somewhat literal-minded, honey-loving Pooh composes songs and hums and comes up with unexpected solutions to problems. He also invents the game Poohsticks. He has been recommended to Christians for his love toward his friends, such as Piglet, Tigger, Kanga and Rabbit – all modelled on Christopher Robin’s soft toys.

Examples of Pooh’s wisdom are widely quoted. His refusal to let Piglet worry him can be seen as deeply Christian:

“Supposing a tree fell down, Pooh, while we were underneath it?”

“Supposing it didn’t,” said Pooh after careful thought.

*(Parish Pump)*



## MOTHERS' UNION

### ‘Macclesfield Cradle Concern’



Wednesday 19th October

2.00pm

All Welcome

## Harvest Festival Sunday 2nd October

### Church Decoration

Decoration of the Church will take place on Friday and Saturday.  
If you wish to help, please contact me so I can arrange a schedule.

Gifts of fruit, vegetables, tinned and package food will be gratefully received in Church and will be donated to The Oasis Centre after the Harvest Services.

Michael Penlington 01625 530084

## OVER ALDERLEY & BIRTLES

A Jumble Sale will be held at The Reading Room, Over Alderley SK10 4SN

**on Saturday 8th October at 12 Noon.**

Donations may be brought to the Reading Room on Friday 7th October at 6 p.m, or phone 01625 582334.

## 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)

## 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mothers' Union

Please read a copy of the letter received at Mary Sumner House sent from Balmoral Castle from our Patron, Her Majesty the Queen.

*"As your Patron, I send my warmest congratulations to all members of Mothers' Union on the occasion of the charity's 140th anniversary.*

*Since Mothers' Union was founded by Mary Sumner in 1876, you have provided vital assistance to families all over the world who are experiencing hardships in their lives.*

*Now with four million members in 83 countries, the organisation continues to carry out the important work of supporting family life, and communities, through its programmes.*

*I send my sincere thanks to all those who have contributed to Mothers' Union over the years and I send my best wishes for the continuing success of a charity that has given hope and strength to so many. Elizabeth R.*

## Old Man's Day

Old Man's Day, commemorated in the quiet village of Braughing (pronounced Braffing) in Hertfordshire, is a custom that somewhat unusually celebrates something that - happily - didn't happen. On October 2 1571 a sad procession was making its way to St Mary's church in the village. Among the mourners was the fiancée of farmer Matthew Wall, who though still in his prime had been found dead. As the pall-bearers walked along tree-lined Fleece Lane one of them slipped on the leaves that had fallen in early autumn. The coffin slid from his grasp and fell with a jolt to the earth.

When the men took hold of their burden again they were to say the least shocked to hear banging from within the coffin. The fall had woken Matthew from his coma or narcoleptic fit, and he was thumping the lid quite literally for dear life.

Saved from being buried alive, Matthew went on to marry his sweetheart and to live another 24 years. In his will dated 1595 he made provisions to commemorate his remarkable escape. Matthew left the income from a piece of land in the village to ensure every October 2 the church bells would toll in remembrance, and later that they would ring a wedding peal to recall his marriage. The sexton of the church is enjoined to place brambles on his gravestone to stop sheep from wandering over it. And rather more strangely given the circumstances, Farmer Wall made arrangements to ensure Fleece Lane be swept on October 2 – had the lane been clear of detritus on October 2 1571 he would have met a terrible end.

These days it is schoolchildren who sweep the lane on Old Man's Day, for which they are rewarded with sweets, and a song concerned with the miraculous escape is sung in St Mary's. (Parish Pump)

## 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mothers' Union in Alderley

Although we have been enjoying the summer break, things have still been happening in our MU. First the final result for Jamie Smith and Chris Sweetman's Triennial Veteran 100 mile Cycle ride in July is £1,090.25 which is now in the MU Literacy Fund recognising 140 years of MU. We owe our thanks not only to Jamie and Chris, but also to those who sponsored them and made this total possible. Noni Watkins.