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**MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS**

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**Caring for the Carers:**

**Sunday 22 October at St.Mary’s Church at 3.00pm**

Increasingly we are an ageing population, and consequently an increasing number of people will need care and/or will be carers. The task of caring for a spouse, family member or friend is demanding and often unsupported.

A ‘Caring for the Carers’ service will be held on Sunday 22 October at 3pm for carers – about 40 minutes - followed by tea and cake in the Parish Hall. In this is a simple act of worship and prayer the task of caring will be acknowledged, and carers – and those for whom they care – will be prayed for. All are welcome.

Please note that there is limited access for people who use wheelchairs in the Parish Hall and there is not a mobility WC. See the article elsewhere in this edition of the magazine for news of progress with the Parish Hall project.

Please contact me on 01625 585440 to find out more about the ‘Caring for the Carers’ service. This will be a benefice service: St.Mary’s Church Alderley and St.Catherine’s Church Birtles working together.

Jon Hale

**DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2017**

Sat 3rd 12.30pm Holy Matrimony at Alderley

**Sun.3rd Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion at Birtles  
 9.45am Holy Communion at Alderley  
 11.15am Family Service at Birtles  
 6.30pm Evensong at Alderley

Thurs 7th 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley

**Sun 10th Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.45am Family Service at Alderley  
 11.15am Holy Communion at Birtles  
 6.30pm Holy Communion at Alderley (said)

Thurs 14th 10.00am Holy Communion

**Sun. 17th Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion at Alderley  
 9.45am Holy Communion at Alderley  
 11.15am Mattins at Birtles  
 6.30pm Evensong at Alderley

Thurs 21st 10.00am Holy Communion

**Sun 24th Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.45am Mattins at Alderley  
 11.15am Holy Communion at Birtles  
 12.40pm Holy Baptism at Alderley  
 6.30am Evensong at Alderley

Thurs 28th 10.00am Holy Communion

Sat 30th 2.30pm Holy Matrimony at Alderley

**ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER 2017**  
**SIDESPEOPLE / LECTORS / WARDENS**

D'T	TIME	SIDESPEOPLE	LECTOR	W'
Sept 3rd	8.00am	(at Birtles)		
	9.45am	Mrs W Liddle & Mrs A Austin	Mrs W Liddle	MP
	6.30pm		Mr P Reynolds	PR
Sept 10th	9.45am	Mr G Woolley & Mrs M Woolley	Miss C Mowforth	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs J Bean	Mr P Bean	PB
Sept 17th	8.00am			HW
	9.45am	Mrs R Dyas & Mrs E Jackson	Mrs SJ Wilkinson	MP
	6.30pm	Mr M Dyer	Mr M Dyer	JY
Sept 24th	9.45am	Mrs J Martin & Mr M Stonehewer	Mrs J Lee	MP
	6.30pm	Mr G Barrie	Mr T Fones	TF
	8.00am			
	9.45am			
	6.30pm			

**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.

## 25th Sept St Ceolfrith (d 716) - baking and Bibles

Ceolfrith is a good patron saint for anyone who has studied hard for their profession, is strong in the face of tragedy, and who can also offer some homely care to others in need.

This well-loved abbot of Wearmouth and Jarrow came from a noble Northumbrian family, and was ordained at Ripon when he was just 27. He travelled to Canterbury and Icanho (in East Anglia) where he studied ecclesiastical and monastic practices. But back at Ripon the monks soon came to appreciate him for another good reason: Ceolfrith was an outstanding cook. They asked him to be the monastery's baker, and he agreed.

In time Ceolfrith was moved on to Wearmouth, and then in 682, when the monastery at nearby Jarrow was founded, Ceolfrith became abbot. It was here that disaster struck, when a plague killed all of the monks who could sing or read. Only Ceolfrith and the boy Bede were left alive. It would have been so easy to flee that empty house of death, but instead, Ceolfrith and the young Bede faithfully stayed on, because they believed God had called them to be there. Soon Jarrow prospered once more, and by 689 Ceolfrith was made abbot of both Wearmouth and Jarrow.

Ceolfrith seems to have been a kindly and energetic leader. During his rule 600 monks joined the monastery, the library was doubled, and the endowments increased. But Ceolfrith's biggest legacy to history came when he commissioned from his own scriptoria three Pandects (complete Bibles in single volumes) in uncial script. One still survives today, as the Codex Amiatinus, an enormous volume in the Bibiloteca Laurenziana in Florence. It is the oldest surviving complete Latin Bible in one volume.

A kindly baking abbot who also happened to leave us the earliest complete Latin Bible – not a bad combination of skills!

## Email addresses

The email address of the Office at The Rectory is [alderleyandbirtles@gmail.com](mailto:alderleyandbirtles@gmail.com). Ken Wilkinson – the Church Administrator – works in the office on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

You can also contact the Rector on this email address: [vicar@jkcahale.co.uk](mailto:vicar@jkcahale.co.uk)

## Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at St.Catherine's Church, Birtles at 8.45am. All welcome.

## COLLECTION TOTAL

Week Ending	Gift Aid Envelopes	Non-Gift Aid & Misc Cash	Standing Orders	Total

Donald Henderson Tel 01625 584008 or email [orchardmain@ntlworld.com](mailto:orchardmain@ntlworld.com)

(July figures will appear in next month's magazine)

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We are sadly missing Janice our 'pusher'. She was firmly behind everything we have done in the last 16 years.

At this time we have some monies in hand from our Sunday Charity pot. We are going to donate £100.00 to the Melanoma Research Trials at the Christie which is being led by Janice's consultant Prof. Logan., in memory of Janice.

As I write we are looking forward to the Summer Lunch outing on August 22nd. There are 19 people on the list at the moment.

I am preparing the rota for September coffee after morning service on Sunday's. As always looking for helpers to relieve the faithful few. We do however thank everybody who supports us, this enables us on behalf of the Church to support a few Charities.

Janet Adamson 01625 583320.

## Walking

A group of friends from St Mary's are going for a walk on the 7th October 2017. 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.

### **Ashbourne, Thorpe, Okeover Park and Mapleton 7.2m 370m ascent moderate.**

Starting at 10.00 am prompt from Mapleton Lane car park nr. Ashbourne, (pay and display £4.00 all day.)

Best approached from the A523, take the left turn signposted to Ilam (Take care, there is a minor road a short distance before this). At the next cross roads continue straight do not take the left turn to Ilam and carry on down the hill to Mapleton. After crossing the hump-back bridge turn right through Mapleton village after meandering for about 2K the car park is on the left.

**Email** ohmsafe@ hotmail.com for a map

**Grid ref:** SK175 469 post code DE6 1FD

**Length:** 7.2 miles. **Grade** Moderate over varied terrain

Further information:

Packed lunch with drinks needed. **Contact** Jamie Smith t 01625 585245 or 07797 604099 with any questions.

Refreshments and toilets at car park

## Siegfried Sassoon - war poet

One of the leading poets of the First World War, Siegfried Sassoon died 50 years ago, on 1st September 1967. His intense, dramatic verses highlighted the futility of war and attacked those who in his view sought to prolong it.

Sassoon was also known for his prose, particularly the semi-autobiographical *Memoirs of a Foxhunting Man* and its sequels, published in the 1920s and 30s.

He was the product of a wealthy Kent family: his father was a notable Jewish merchant and his mother came from a family of artists and sculptors. He went to Marlborough School and Cambridge University but did not obtain a degree. He served with distinction in the First World War, earning the Military Cross in 1916 for bringing wounded soldiers to safety.

He was discharged after being injured but remained deeply affected by the horrors of war, writing the anti-war "Soldiers' Declaration" and flinging his MC into the Mersey – at least, that is what everyone thought, until it turned up at his ex-wife's former home on the Isle of Mull in 2007.

Instead of being court-martialed, he was sent to Craiglockhart Military Hospital in Edinburgh for treatment. Here he met Wilfred Owen, several years younger than him, who was inspired to write Great War poetry himself. He was killed a week before the war ended after returning unnecessarily to the front – despite Sassoon trying to prevent him from doing so.

In his later years Sassoon became a devout Roman Catholic, and his final poems reflected that.

**The Parish Hall Restoration Committee is making slow but steady progress.**

**An architect is about to be commissioned to produce costed sketch schemes for different scales of work to be done on the Parish Hall.** These costed schemes will then be presented to everyone, asking for views on the scale of repair, refurbishment, reconstruction and extension work that should be done, bearing in mind the amount of funds that will need to be received in donations and in grants. All these schemes will be subject to planning permission and faculty approval and these may restrict what we can do, bearing in mind the Listed status of the building.

**One objective is to make the Parish Hall an asset to its owners – the church and parish council – which does not need to be subsidised: the income received from hiring out the building should cover the costs of running the building.** To this end, Jenny Shufflebottom, Martyn Bale and I will be attending a training day on Monday 16 October that is being run by Emily Allen – the Diocesan Church Buildings Development Advisor – on ‘How to get the best from your church hall’. This will be free of charge, and will be held at St.John’s Church Centre, Hartford, Northwich. Emily has already given a lot of advice already to the Parish Hall Restoration Committee and she will ‘walk with us’ as we progress the project. Please let me know if you would like to attend on 16 October and I will sign you up.

**The Parish Hall project is particularly complex because the building is jointly owned and run by the church and the parish council.** It is essential that church and parish council have unity of purpose. Please pray for all members of the Parish Hall Restoration Committee who are: Martyn Bale, Peter Bean, Yvonne Bentley, Joe Broadley, Simon Fenton, Geoff Hilton, Jenny Shufflebottom, Christine Walker, Roger Walker, Jacquie Wilkinson and myself. And don’t hesitate to contact any member of the Parish Hall Restoration Committee if you have questions about the project or if you would like to assist in this exciting task.

#### **The ordination of Fiona Robinson**

A large group of us from the Alderley & Birtles benefice were at the cathedral on 2 July for the ordination of Fiona Robinson as Deacon. There are three orders of ordained ministry: deacon, priest and bishop. Usually a deacon will be ordained as priest after a year. (Most priests are not subsequently ordained bishop!) Fiona expects to be ordained priest at a service which has been arranged for Saturday 2 June 2018 at Chester Cathedral at 5.00pm. I will arrange a coach party again, and I will give details of this in early April.

Revd Jon Hale

## **NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB** **June draw winners**

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	Mr Charles Dyas
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	Mr Will Ablett
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	Mrs Fiona Robinson

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 £4000 has now been handed over to St Mary's treasurer, towards the day to day running costs of the Church.**

**Thank you to all participants!!**

#### **Service times in the benefice and Baptism**

It is now nine months since I was instituted to Alderley and Birtles by Bishop Peter, and it has taken time for me to get used to the rhythms and patterns of life and worship.

Baptism at both St.Catherine’s Church and St.Mary’s Church is offered both during the monthly Family Service and after the main morning services. At least once a month a Baptism takes place either at 12.30pm at St.Catherine’s Church or at 12.40pm at St.Mary’s Church.

Starting this month, Baptisms may be held at 12.30pm / 12.40pm on the second, fourth and fifth Sundays of the month.

So that I am taking a maximum of three services on a Sunday morning, there will be an 8am Holy Communion service in the benefice on only the first and third Sundays of the month: first Sunday at St.Catherine’s Church and third Sunday at St.Mary’s Church.

The Family Service is held at St.Catherine’s Church usually on the first Sunday of the month at 11.15am.

The Family Service is held at St.Mary’s Church usually on the second and fifth Sundays of the month at 9.45am.

Please contact me on 01625 585440 to enquire about Baptism.

Revd Jon Hale

## Diocesan Prayer Intentions for September

The Benefice of Alderley & Birtles stands within the Diocese of Chester. Throughout the year, on a daily basis, you are invited to hold in prayer all aspects of Diocesan life in Christ, using the list that will be published month by month in this magazine. This is the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer.

### September

- 1<sup>st</sup> Chester St.Paul with St.Luke parish
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Christleton parish
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Leonard Cheshire Centenary. Group Captain Leonard Cheshire (later created Baron Cheshire) was born in the city of Cheshire on 7 September 1917. During World War Two he became one of the most decorated RAF pilots, eventually being awarded the Victoria Cross in 1944. Invalided out of the RAF in 1946, he began a series of social welfare initiatives, all of which failed. He was left with large debts and an enormous empty house in Hampshire. To this house he brought an incurable patient from a local hospital to live. In this inauspicious way began the Cheshire Homes. Cheshire, often with his second wife, Sue Ryder, worked in the charitable sector for the rest of his life. He died in 1992. [www.leonardcheshire.org](http://www.leonardcheshire.org)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Dodleston parish
- 5<sup>th</sup> Eccleston & Pulford parish
- 6<sup>th</sup> Guilden Sutton parish
- 7<sup>th</sup> Hoole parish
- 8<sup>th</sup> Kelsall parish
- 9<sup>th</sup> Lache cum Saltney parish
- 10<sup>th</sup> Setting God's people free: Jesus calls every Christian to live and work for him. Through Baptism, we are commissioned to be Christ's witnesses. Earlier this year the Church of England produced a report called 'Setting God's People Free'. This called for the church to rediscover the vision that we are all called to live and work together for Jesus Christ.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Plemstall parish
- 12<sup>th</sup> Tarvin parish
- 13<sup>th</sup> Upton-by-Chester parish
- 14<sup>th</sup> Plas Newton parish
- 15<sup>th</sup> Chester Christ Church parish
- 16<sup>th</sup> Chester St.Oswald & St.Thomas of Canterbury parish
- 17<sup>th</sup> Pastoral workers. Pastoral workers are men and women with a practical ministry of care in their local church that often extends to the local community as well.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Chester St.Peter parish
- 19<sup>th</sup> The Bishop's Blue Coat Church of England School
- 20<sup>th</sup> University Church Free School

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- 21<sup>st</sup> Chadkirk Deanery. A Deanery is a group of parishes. There are 18 Deaneries in Chester Diocese. The benefice of Alderley & Birtles lies within Knutsford Deanery.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Bredbury St.Barnabas parish
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Bredbury St.Marh parish
- 24<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival. Pray for all food producers.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Romiley parish
- 26<sup>th</sup> Disley parish
- 27<sup>th</sup> High Lane parish
- 28<sup>th</sup> Low Marple parish
- 29<sup>th</sup> Marple parish
- 30<sup>th</sup> Compstall (or Werneth) parish

## Harvest Festival at St.Mary's Church

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October

**Services at St.Mary's Church will be 9.45am Holy Communion and 6.30pm Evensong.**

We will give thanks to God for the food we eat and the work of many people to provide food on our plate. We will also praise God for the wonders of creation and our place within it.

Please come to either service and bring with you your offering of non-perishable food which will be taken to the Oasis Centre: <http://oasisgorton.org/what-we-do/>

The Church will be open from 2.00pm - 4.30pm. Why not come along and view the amazing flowers and arrangements. 2 stewards will be also on duty, so you may also learn a little about our history!