

*FROM THE REGISTERS*

*Baptisms*

*Weddings*

*Funerals*

2nd March	Memorial service for James Christopher Hulme
11th March	Burial of cremated remains for John Durnall
21st March	Funeral for Charles Ronald (Ron) Kirkham
27th March	Funeral service for Alan Cockitt

**FLOWER ROTA**

Apr 1st	Flower Team
Apr 8th	Flower Team
Apr 15th	Michael Penlington
Apr 22nd	Micheal Penlington
Apr 29th	Marie Stonehewer

**MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS**

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**Rector Writes**

**April 2018**

**EASTER DAY**

When Jesus told his disciples that they were on the road to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man would suffer and die, and on the third day would rise again, his twelve disciples did not understand. At the arrest of Jesus, the twelve disciples ran away. It is thanks to the bold faith of Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea – neither of them among those who had been closest to Jesus - that Jesus' body was carefully taken down from the cross and placed in a newly cut, unused tomb set in a maintained burial ground, and was carefully anointed.

It was Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome who went very early on the third day in which the body lay in the tomb, to re-anoint Jesus' body, who found that the corpse was gone. Had the body been stolen? An angel said to them: "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here." Mary stayed near the tomb and saw the gardener. "If you stole the body, tell me where you put it", Mary challenges him. When the gardener speaks, Mary knows it is Jesus.

This is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The church lives to bear witness. St.Paul puts it this way in his Letter to the Romans, Chapter 6, verses 9 to 11: 'We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus'.

It is by Baptism – Christening – that we are 'in Christ'. Easter Day is the day when these truths are celebrated, so come to church and join the crowds on the day of Resurrection!

Jon Hale

**DIARY APRIL 2018**

**Sun.1st Easter Day**  
 8.00am Holy Communion at Birtles  
 9.45am Holy Communion at Alderley  
 11.15am Holy Communion at Birtles  
 6.30pm Evensong at Alderley  
 Thurs 5th 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley

**Sun 8th First Sunday after Easter**  
 9.45am Family Service at Alderley  
 11.15am Family Service at Birtles  
 6.30pm Holy Communion at Alderley (said)  
 Thurs 12th 10.00am Holy Communion

**Sun 15th Second Sunday after Easter**  
 8.00am Holy Communion at Alderley  
 9.45am Holy Communion at Alderley  
 11.15am Mattins at Birtles  
 6.30pm Evensong at Alderley  
 Thurs 18th 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley

**Sun 22nd Third Sunday after Easter**  
 9.45am Mattins at Alderley  
 11.15am Holy Communion at Birtles  
 6.30pm Evensong at Alderley  
 Thurs 15th 10.00am Holy Communion

**Sun 29th Fourth Sunday after Easter**  
 9.45am Family Service at Alderley  
 11.15am Holy Communion at Birtles  
 6.30pm Evensong at Alderley

**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.

**ROTA FOR APRIL 2018**  
**SIDESPEOPLE / LECTORS / WARDENS**

D'T	TIME	SIDESPEOPLE	LECTOR	W'N
1 <sup>st</sup> April	8.00am	(at Birtles)		
	9.45am	Mr A Claridge & Mrs J Martin	Mrs K Hale	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs L Kershaw	Mr P Kershaw	TF
8 <sup>th</sup> April	9.45am	Mrs G Beeley & Mrs H Jabr	Mrs SJ Wilkinson	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs A Robinson	Mrs A Robinson	PR
15 <sup>th</sup> April	8.00am			HW
	9.45am	Mr G Hilton & Mr M Stonehewer	Mrs M Stonehewer	MP
	6.30pm	Mr M Dyer	Mr M Dyer	JY
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	9.45am	Mr & Mrs G Woolley	Mr K Wilkinson	MP
	6.30pm	Mr G Barrie	Mr P Reynolds	PR
29 <sup>th</sup> April	9.45am	Mr J Ratchford & Mrs E Jackson	Mrs A Davis	MP
	6.30pm		Mr T Fones	TF

**Easter Flowers**

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the Lillies and Easter Flowers in Church in memory of loved ones please place your donation in an envelope with your name and the names of those to be remembered clearly written on the outside. Envelopes to be handed to Michael Penlington or placed in the appropriate box just inside the entrance to the Church. Cheques to be made payable to; 'Alderley Church Flower Fund'

A list of loved ones to be remembered will be put in Church and published in the Parish Magazine. Michael Penlington

# WOW!

The 200 Club has raised over

# £5000

To date the Nether Alderley 200 Club has raised over **£5000** to help towards maintaining and supporting St Mary's Church. In addition, over **£3000** in prize money has been paid out to lucky winners in the monthly draws!

If you are not already taking part why not join us and become a member of this exciting fund-raising initiative which makes a serious contribution directly to the on-going everyday overheads of our Church, whilst allowing **YOU** the chance to benefit from becoming one of the many luck winners we have had.

Monthly membership is just **£5** per entry. 40% of the total subscription income received is distributed as prize money and the balance, after expenses, goes directly to the upkeep of our Church.

## COME AND JOIN US

Entry forms are available from:

Rachel Mogg ([rmoggtuls@hotmail.com](mailto:rmoggtuls@hotmail.com))

Stephen Maynard ([samaynard@dial.pipex.com](mailto:samaynard@dial.pipex.com))

<http://alderleychurch.co.uk/200club/> Or at the back of the church

## 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)

## COLLECTION TOTALS

Week Ending	Envelopes	Misc Cash	Standing Orders	Total
Feb 4th	178.10	46.20		224.30
Feb 11th	152.00	15.00		167.00
Feb 18th	405.00	91.15		496.15
Feb 25th	146.90	44.40		190.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>885.00</b>	<b>196.75</b>	<b>1181.00</b>	<b>2262.75</b>

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

## NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB March draw winners

1<sup>st</sup> prize Will Ablett  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize Jacqueline Stone  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize 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 £5000 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!!**

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We had the Spring Lunch on March 13th.at Woodford Garden Centre.A very happy occasion. 27 people joined in. It is really good to talk to people one does not normally see. I look forward to welcoming more people next time.

Mothering Sunday went well. Everybody enjoyed the coffee after the service. The special treat cake was kindly brought by Pat Durnall.

We are thinking of organising an outing in October to see Me and My girl. At the Stockport Plaza Matinee performance on Saturday October 20th.This is a thought now.

Collecting names of people who might be interested. f there is sufficient interest we will look into it further. Long way off at the moment.?! Let me know if you are interested.

Janet Adamson 01625 583320.

## Walking

A group of friends from St Mary's are going for a walk on Thursday 3rd May 2018. 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.

### **A circuit from Foolow to Eyam and back**

**Starting at 10.00 am prompt from the village of Foolow (Post code S32 5QR). There is plenty of parking in the village itself.**

**Map:** OL24 – **Ref:** SK192767

**Length:** 6.5 miles.

**Grade:** Easy/moderate with one hill climb

**Further information:** Packed lunch and drinks needed. Please note this is a Thursday Walk, not the usual first Saturday of the month. Contact Will Ablett (01625 585180 or 07977 978620) with any questions.

## **ST MARY'S PLANT SALE**

**MAY 12<sup>th</sup> 10-12am**

**METHODIST CHURCH HALL ,  
CHAPEL ROAD, ALDERLEY**

**PLEASE COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO  
HAVE GARDEN BORDERS**

**ALL OUR PLANTS ARE GROWN AND  
PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE**

**by St Mary's Gardeners**

**ALL OUR PROCEEDS GO TO CHRISTIAN AID**

**Alderley Edge Methodist Church are hosting our Herbaceous  
Plant Sale alongside their Bedding Plant Sale and Coffee Morn-  
ing**

**ALL GROWERS**

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE PLANTS OR  
YOU CAN HELP ON THE DAY**

**Please Contact Fiona Ablett 01625 585180**

**Or**

**Lynn Smith 01625 585245**

## Diocesan Prayer Intentions for April 2018

The Benefice of Alderley & Birtles lies within the Diocese of Chester and the Deanery of Knutsford. Throughout the year, on a daily basis, you are invited to hold in prayer all aspects of Diocesan life in Christ. This is the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer.

### April 2018, until the 21st

- Sun 1<sup>st</sup> On Easter Day pray that we may always be a people of Easter hope.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> The parish church of Copenhall.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> The parish church of Crewe, All Saints and St.Paul
- 4<sup>th</sup> The parish church of Crewe, St.Andrew with St.John the Baptist
- 5<sup>th</sup> The parish church of Crewe, St.Barnabas.
- 6<sup>th</sup> The parish church of Crewe, St.Peter
- 7<sup>th</sup> The parish church of Crewe Green
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Pray for the work of Cheshire Wildlife Trust.
- 9<sup>th</sup> The parish church of Doddington.
- 10<sup>th</sup> The parish church of Haslington.
- 11<sup>th</sup> The parish church of Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon.
- 12<sup>th</sup> The parish church of Nantwich.
- 13<sup>th</sup> The parish church of Weston.
- 14<sup>th</sup> The parish church of Wistaston.
- Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Pray for all who work with children and young people.
- 16<sup>th</sup> The parish church of Worleston.
- 17<sup>th</sup> The parish church of Wrenbury.
- 18<sup>th</sup> The parish church of Wybunbury.
- 19<sup>th</sup> The parish church of Wettenhall.
- 20<sup>th</sup> The parish church of Warmingham.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Pray for Wirral South Deanery.

The current edition of the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer runs until 21<sup>st</sup> April.

## Thank you to Mark Wilkinson and Will Ablett for arranging Text Giving and Online Giving for St.Mary's Church.

**Text Giving:** Text SUND05 £5 to 70070 to donate £5 (the £5 can be any amount up to £10).

**Online Giving:** go to [www.alderleychurch.co.uk](http://www.alderleychurch.co.uk) and click on 'Donate to St.Mary's Church, Alderley'. There is no limit to the amount that you can donate by using online giving.

More people use a card for all payments now and do not carry cash or a cheque book. That's why more and more parish churches have Text Giving and Online Giving. These methods also enable giving by people who want to support St.Mary's Church but who do not come to the church or who live at a distance away.

If you have queries about this please talk with Mark Wilkinson or Will Ablett.

**The Big Church Day Out** this year is on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June (that's Friday and Saturday) at Capesthorpe Hall.

To find out more go to: <https://bigchurchdayout.com/>

St.Mary's Church is the parish church of Alderley which comprises Great Warford and Nether Alderley.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ST.MARY'S  
CHURCH IS ON THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL AT  
7.30pm IN THE PARISH HALL.**

This is an opportunity to review 2017, plan for the future and say a few 'thank you's'.

Please be at the meeting: all are welcome.

**Nancy Isobel Morton 21-6-1933 – 25-1-2028**  
**Interment at St Mary Alderley**

I wish to express my appreciation of the quality of the funeral service for my late wife Nancy Isobel Morton. You will be aware that ten minutes before I was due to leave Stafford I was rendered incapacitated by medical problems necessitating hospital treatment amounting to three visits over two days and that matters were complicated in that I was speaking to people whom I had not met and still have not seen face to face.

I owe a great debt of gratitude to my family for their efforts on the day, to the vicars, choir members, bell ringers, organists, staff and members of St Mary, St Philip, St Bartholomew, St Chad and numerous other parishes.

The organisation services provided by Messrs Hopkinson Wootton and Lovett were of high standard and carried out with great respect. All letters of condolence received, expressed nothing but praise and donations in lieu of flowers made in favour of Guide Dogs for the Blind gave a handsome total of just over £900. Nancy will like that in particular.

With love and best wishes, may God bless you all for your contribution.

Your one time Reader, Nigel

**Women's World Day of Prayer**

It was lovely to attend this service on such a cold night at St Philip's. The service was prepared by the Women of Suriname Ann, Jean and Maureen did interesting readings giving insight into the lives of women in Suriname along with several other ladies from St Pius, St Philip's and Alderley Edge Methodist churches. There was a good attendance in spite of the weather. Hopefully next year more of us may be able to attend. It was uplifting and thought provoking to realise that people throughout the world in many communities would be following this service and to endorse the values of caring even more for our environment and our own people not forgetting the less fortunate throughout the world.

Marie Stonehewer

**St. Mary's MU.**

International Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March honoured heroic women around the world including 4 Million MU members. We at St. Mary's are small within this wide society. We have faith and pray that church members are aware of our group and perhaps would like to come along to our interesting meetings.

During March MU donated money to enable members Worldwide in poorer countries to learn basic skills and find practical solutions to everyday problems, giving them hope for the future which we take for granted.

On 29<sup>th</sup> March greetings were sent to Hazel and Eric Highton on their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary.

Members please note - Lady Day (25<sup>th</sup> March) falls on a Sunday and has therefore been transferred to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April and Rector is holding a service of Holy Communion at 10am at St. Mary's. This is not for MU members only and everyone is very welcome to attend.

Our next meeting, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm in the Parish Hall we have Victor Crawford coming who will be giving us an insight into the North West Air Ambulance Service and the wonderful work that they do.

On 16<sup>th</sup> May Christine Wright is giving us a talk on Hearing dogs and will be bringing her dog with her.

Please remember everyone is welcome to come and please invite your friends to join us at any of our meetings. Love and prayers to members who have not been able to be with us lately and a speedy recovery to those who have been ill.

**From MU Prayer Diary.**

*Today take a moment to pray for the area in which you live. Thank God for its joys and sorrows and pray for His help in the challenges you meet.*

**Ann Austin**