

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

7th Oct Alariah Jones
28th Oct Jack Brown

Weddings

Funerals

1st Oct John Alan Wood
11th Oct Mrs Garlick (burial of ashes)
19th Oct Nigel Geoffrey Morton (then burial in Parish ground)

FLOWER ROTA

Nov 4th Liz Beech
Nov 11th Michael Penlington
Nov 18th Michael Penlington
Nov 25th _____

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

The deadline for the next magazine is **Thursday 15th November**
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Rector Writes

November 2018

Remembrance Sunday is always held on the Sunday nearest to Armistice Day which is 11th November. Sometimes the 11th is a Sunday, and that is the case this year. On Remembrance Sunday it will be exactly 100 years since the Armistice that ended fighting in what was then known as The Great War. The Armistice between the Allies and Germany was signed in the Forest of Compiègne at 5am, with the Armistice coming into effect on the same day at 11am.

What can we say about the last 100 years? In the UK, the peak years for church attendance were after the Second World War and during the growing Cold War in the 1950s. Since then, there has been a steady decline. The church has always thrived in times of adversity. My inspirations, which have developed over thirty years of parish ministry, are threefold.

Firstly, the fabric of our nation – its counties and oldest Cathedrals – were founded in the Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms of the ‘Dark Ages’ – before England existed – in which, against the odds, Christianity took root and thrived. Christianity is the foundation of us as a nation.

Secondly, for most of the last 100 years an atheist regime dominated central and eastern Europe and threatened world peace. In Russia and the nations of the Warsaw Pact, the churches stood against Communism and saw it defeated.

Thirdly, the hard question that continues to challenge the church is the prevailing anti-Semitism in Christian Europe that let the Nazi Holocaust unfold.

The church in England will survive, but in the future it will be different from today. Ancient Christian roots will remain, and they will continue to inspire. As the church stood against Communism, so the church will continue to stand against the danger of atheism. And the church will continue to be chastened by the recent past to be more inclusive of difference and more willing to accept variety in human behaviour and belief.

My task is to ensure that St.Mary’s Church remains healthy and faithful to Jesus Christ.

Jon A Hale

DIARY NOVEMBER 2018

Thu 1st 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley

Sun.4th Fourth Sunday before Advent

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

Thu 8th 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley

Sun 11th Third Sunday before Advent

10.30am Remembrance Service at Alderley
 10.45am Remembrance Service at Birtles
 6.30pm Holy Communion at Alderley (said)

Thurs 15th 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley

Sun 18th Second Sunday before Advent

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

Thurs 22nd 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley

Sun 25th Sunday next before Advent

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

Thu 29th 10.00am Holy Communion 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.

Changed email address for the Rector

The Rector has changed his email address so that it is the same one that is used by Ken Wilkinson – the Benefice Administrator.

To email the Reverend Jon Hale please use: alderleyandbirtles@gmail.com
 Emails sent to the previous email addresses used by the Rector will be forwarded to alderleyandbirtles

ROTA FOR NOVEMBER 2018
SIDESPEOPLE / LECTORS / WARDENS

D'T	TIME	SIDESPEOPLE	LECTOR	W'N
4 th Nov	8.00am	(at Birtles)		
	9.45am	Mrs W Liddle & Mrs E Jackson	Mrs W Liddle	MP
	6.30pm	Mrs L Kershaw	Mr P Kershaw	TF
11 th Nov	10.30a m	Mr A Claridge & Mr M Wilkinson	Mrs SJ Wilkinson	MP
	6.30pm		AJH	AJH
18 th Nov	8.00am			HW
	9.45am	Mr G Hilton & Mrs G Beeley	Mrs M Stonehewer	MP
	6.30pm	Mr M Dyer	Mr M Dyer	AJH
25 th Nov	9.45am	Mr & Mrs G Woolley	George Varden	KW
	6.30pm	Mr G Barrie	Mrs A Robinson	TF

COLLECTION TOTAL

MU News

We are a progressive organisation with the Power to do good and to express the Love of God in the way we work to promote our care value. The Love and Friendship combined with an interesting and varied choice of speakers also plays a large part in why our members attend meetings. Prayer and companionship is an important part of MU, not only at our meetings but within our daily lives

.Our new programme has now begun as always with Holy Communion and we were very grateful to Rev. Linda Lonsdale a retired priest, in Rector's absence on leave, taking the service for us. In October we had a talk titled "Arctic Dreams" by our great friend and member of our congregation, Terry Fones. As always Terry made it very interesting. Wednesday 21st November we shall be welcoming Joy Winkler and hearing her talk titled "Writing your heart out". I am sure many of us will relate to this.

Tuesday 4th December 11am we are invited to the Deanery Advent Carol Service and light lunch at St. Cross Knutsford. We know many of you like to join us for our December meeting which as always is a week earlier on Wednesday 12th at 2pm. A quiz with our friends and a time to put your knowledge to the test. It is promised not to be too hard!!! Please come to any of our meetings. You are always welcome.

Knutsford Deanery once again manned the Mothers' Union tent at the Royal Cheshire Show where almost 400 families visited the facilities in the tent making it possible for Mums to feed and change their babies in comfort and have a rest!

Thank you for the many pairs of socks you donated. A wonderful response which were delivered to Syrian Refugee Centre in Northwich and "Care, a charity working with the homeless in Cheshire. We shall be launching a new project in 2019 and as usual we shall be grateful for your support.

We pray for families that they will be transformed into loving households as they explore their way forward.

Ann Austin

Week ending	Gift Aid Envelopes	Non-Gift Aid & Misc Cash	Standing Orders	Total
Sept 2nd	399.20	23.00		422.20
Sept 9 th	117.50	23.00		140.50
Sep 16th	209.00	33.00		242.00
Sep 23 rd	216.60	62.00		278.60
Sep 30 th	242.00	106.90		348.90
TOTAL	1184.30	247.90	1651.00	3083.20

Donald Henderson Tel 01625 584008 or email orchardmain@ntlworld.com

NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB **October draw winners**

1st prize Jenny Youatt
2nd prize Anne Storey
3rd prize Geoff Woolley

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.

Over £6000 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!!

Alderley Church News

July saw the launch of a new St.Mary's Church regular publication: Alderley Church News, aimed specifically at the new homes in Alderley Park. The first new home was occupied in May, and the new community will be growing fast throughout the summer and autumn. Every few weeks, **Alderley Church News** will be delivered to all the occupied homes in Alderley Park. If you would like to join the distribution team please let the Rector know.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Thank you to everybody who helped do the simple refreshments for the open weekend.

The next event is The Christmas Fair. It will be held on December 1st in the Parish Hall, 10.00 am until 1.00pm. Has to be early to fit with the Barnby Choir who have other engagements. It is expected they will sing 10.30 ish and around 11.30.

We shall have the usual format offering coffee and biscuits and Christmas Cake. Items will be needed please to stock the stalls. ie Raffle Prizes, General provisions. Good items for the Christmas gift stall, small Tombola prizes. Also help required on the day. Please let Janet know about anything to do with the Fair.

Looking to the future we expect to run a Bridge Drive on 11 02 2019. Diary date.

Janet Adamson 01625 583320.

Walking

A group of friends from St Mary's are going for a walk on the **8th Dec 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.

Place : Astbury village hall Peel Lane, CW12 4RQ

OS map 268, SJ 8462;6161

Time: 10.00

Distance: six and a half miles

Conditions: flat but may be muddy in places.

Bring packed lunch

Area: Astbury, Macclesfield canal, Little Morton hall

Contact: Terry Fones 01625820738: 07815478154

27th The parish of Lower Peover
28th The parish of Marthall
29th The parish of Mobberley
30th The parish of Over Peover

Prayer Calendar for the Parish of St.Mary, Alderley

Week beginning	Please pray for
4th November	All who live in Nursery Lane
11th November	Nether Alderley Primary School: children, teaching staff, support staff, volunteers, parents, members of the Governing Body and the wider community of support and belonging
18th November	All who live in Chelford Road
25th November	All members of St.Mary's Church Parochial Church Council.

The church parish of St.Mary, Alderley includes the civil parishes of Nether Alderley and Great Warford. I have drawn up a prayer list of 52 entries (one for each week of the year) which has all roads in the parish that have residential properties, and all institutions, public amenities, pastoral priorities, and democratic bodies in and serving the parish.

Diocesan Prayer Intentions for November 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.

November 2018

- 1st The parish of Farndon
- 2nd The parish of Handley
- 3rd The parish Hargrave
- Sunday 4th Please pray for Workplace Chaplaincy Mission UK:
www.industrialmission.org.uk
- 5th The parish of Malpas with Threapwood
- 6th The parish of Marbury
- 7th Please pray Shocklach
- 8th The parish of Tarporley
- 9th The parish of Tattenhall
- 10th The parish of Tilstone Fearnall
- Sunday 11th Please pray that wars may cease
- 12th The parish of Tilston
- 13th The Right Reverend Peter Forster was consecrated Bishop of Chester on this day in 1996. Please give thanks and pray for Bishop Peter's continuing ministry as our Diocesan Bishop.
- 14th The parish of Tushingham
- 15th The parish of Waverton
- 16th The parish of Whitewell
- 17th Knutsford Deanery
- Sunday 18th Please pray for Christians who are persecuted for their faith.
- 19th The parish of Alderley
- 20th The parish of Chelford
- 21st The parish of Alderley Edge
- 22nd The parish of High Legh
- 23rd The parish of Knutsford St.Cross
- 24th The parish of Knutsford St.John the Baptist
- Sunday 25th Please give thanks for the Royal Academy of Arts.
www.royalacademy.org.uk



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday December 1st 10.00am – 1.00pm

Barnby Choir singing at
10.30am and 11.30am in Church

Wine and Mince Pies after 11.30am singing

Please come and join in

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY IS 11th NOVEMBER: 100 YEARS TO THE DAY SINCE THE END OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR

10.30am: traditional Remembrance Sunday service at St.Mary's Church

10.45am: traditional Remembrance Sunday service at St.Catherine's Church

2.15pm: parade leaves Festival Hall, Alderley Edge for wreath-laying at the war memorial and then a Remembrance service in St.Philip & St.James Church, Alderley Edge.

WANTED !

Two more volunteers to join the Church cleaning team!

It involves cleaning in pairs once every four weeks on
a Wednesday or Friday morning.

Please contact Michael Penlington (01625 530084) if you are
able to help or want any more information.

Please Pray for St Mary's Church

**St.Mary's Church, Alderley: MISSION ACTION PLAN for 2018
Adopted by the Parochial Church Council on 25th January 2018**

Action area	Task
1. Numbers of people at worship	Increase the number of regular worshippers by, amongst other ways: a) Personal invitation to worship b) Engaging with all who support St.Mary's Church online to encourage them to become regular worshippers c) providing different kinds of worship to serve different needs.
2. Families and children	Set up and run events and opportunities for children and families including Messy Church and a weekly drop-in for pre-school children and their parents /carers.
3. Social events	Increase the diversity of church social events so that St.Mary's Church may engage with a broader range of people.
4. New residents	Monitor the construction and occupation of new dwellings at Alderley Park, engage with new residents and in due course invite them to events at St.Mary's Church which may include an 'Introduction to Christianity' course.
5. Parish Hall Restoration	Support the Parish Hall Restoration Committee and the Joint Management Committee of Nether Alderley Parish Hall to achieve repair, refurbishment and improvement of the Parish Hall and improved management so that the Hall may be better-used by St.Mary's Church and may serve the church and parish better.

The Rector writes

We all pray, but do we pray as a church?

My invitation remains for you to give me the names of those for whom you would like St.Mary's Church to pray – those who are known to you to be unwell, and only if you have their consent . These peoples' names will be included in the weekly news sheet of St.Mary's Church.

And, looking at our Mission Action Plan for the year, please pray as St.Mary's Church pursues its priorities. The Mission Action Plan is printed in this edition of the magazine.

Church growth occurs when you invite others to worship with you. Whom might you invite to come to church with you? Please pray that we may be ready to welcome newcomers to worship and to faith.

Alderley Church News is now being delivered to occupied homes at Alderley Park, and it includes an invitation to anyone who would like to help St.Mary's Church set up a weekly drop-in at the Parish Hall for pre-school children and their parents / carers. It is in Alderley Park where new families are the most likely to settle or begin, and where we are targeting our invitation to help set up the new drop-in. Please pray that we may set up such a weekly drop-in soon.

The Social Committee do a great job, and we need new initiatives in social events. Please pray whether this may be something that you are being called to.

The Parish Council and St.Mary's Church are working together on the project to repair and refurbish the Parish Hall. The Parish Council – Chaired by Mrs Jenny Shufflebottom – is focussing on the building work that is necessary for the Parish Hall, while St.Mary's Church is focussing on the need to expand car parking. Together we are working on future management arrangements for the building. Please pray for Nether Alderley Parish Council and for the Parochial Church Council as they work together.