

St.Mary's, Alderley



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JUNE SUNDAY SERVICES

2nd Eucharist

9th All-Age Family Service

16th Eucharist

23rd Eucharist

30th Eucharist

2nd **July** Eucharist

all services at 9.45 am

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From the Rectory

For me, turning 50 was a bit of a milestone

Apart from a few minor issues and a grumbling appendix, I'd essentially got away without too many ailments or need for NHS care up to that point. In the last few months, that's changed. My dear mother once said "When you turn 50, things start dropping off". Not entirely true and rather dramatic, but there's something in that.

I need a procedure on my foot. I've been on the wailing list for quite sometime and have heard nothing; so I rang the consultant's secretary. She almost laughed when I told her I'd been waiting a year or so and said "You're way down the list; don't expect to hear anything for at least two years".

Now, my ailment is painful and annoying, but not life-threatening. Imagine if it was, and I needed urgent care like so many others. From what I gather from friends working in the healthcare sector, this is the new normal. We really are close to the whole system collapsing and losing the hard fought for privilege of free at the point of contact healthcare, as originally envisaged by Aneurin Bevan.

It got me thinking about how so many things we take for granted are being pushed to the edge, to the brink of destruction

Why are we so determined to destroy our health system along with so many other things we take for granted, like our environment and our way of life? It feels to me like we are sleepwalking into a disaster of our own making except, I think we are fully awake, which makes it all the more worrying

We can blame it on politicians, those in power, on the system which requires us to grow and expand swallowing up more and more natural resource. We can blame developing countries, the power and the powerless. We can always blame asylum seekers who are now going to be flown to a country with one of the worst human rights records in the world, or those who claim benefits - supposedly the lazy.

We never seem to blame those who have resource, money, education and influence who could change our country, our world for the better, providing adequate healthcare, libraries, public swimming pools, decent schools which are not falling down and maybe even work on how we feed people properly so they don't have to live off food banks. Do you remember those days?

As all the things which matter to us as a society are pushed to the brink, we must think about how and why this is happening. We must examine ourselves and ask, are we part of the problem.?

Church News

We had a busy Easter with a beautifully decorated church and full congregation, as well as a “competitive” egg hunt, and now we look forward to June’s events.

First, I need to introduce our new Parish Administrator, Deb Sellars. Debs was born and bred in Mobberley and now lives within the Parish at Great Warford. A local girl, Debs has been involved with event organising for over 30 years, so brings us a wealth of experience, particularly useful given our growing list of weddings. I’m sure you’ll bump into her or by phone over the coming weeks.

You may have noticed that the public notice consultation document which has appeared on the Church notice board and within the church. This details the work being undertaken on the Hall, another stage in the faculty process.

Dates in June:- 13th—Coffee the De Trafford;10.30am then ?come for lunch.
22nd—Walking Group - details from Fiona or Will Ablett
23rd—St Mary’s Garden Party at The Old Rectory
(by kind permission, of Mr & Mrs Grant)

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As a clergyman, some think I’m not supposed to talk about politics. I am to be like Jesus, meek and mild, forgetting that he also rampaged through the temple, throwing tables in the air and shouting. We are to stand up for the poor and needy, speak up for the marginalised and support those on the margins, on the edges. We have so many opportunities to do this, in small and significant ways. At St Mary’s, prayer is where we start, but it must not end there, else we too are like the scribes and the Pharisees “as tinkling cymbals or a clashing gong”. All mouth and no action.

Whilst we hope for better days we also pray for our communities and society. We turn to Christ who was champion to the poor and the voice of consciousness to the powerful. We need to add our voices too, in his name.

Church Register

Baptism: 19th May Charles Shelmerdine

NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB

May draw winners

1 st prize	Juliana Maynard
2 nd prize	Roslyn Dutch
3rd prize	Margaret Wothington

Flower Rota

5th & 19th May - Joyce Davis

19th & 26th May - Marie Stonehewer

Just a gentle reminder that Saturday 23rd sees our parish fete in the grounds of the Old Rectory. Come and enjoy some old-fashioned hospitality, and fun, with delicious scones and cakes and join in the fun from 2-4pm.

Huge thanks to Sarah and Stephen for letting us into their beautiful garden

The Reverend Canon Brian Reeve

It is sad to write about Brian Reeve who many will know passed away on the 18th April following a fall. Unfortunately, his dementia had progressed and he did not recover; he was 87 years old.

Brian was priest-in-charge of St Mary's from 1994 to 2001 during which time he was also Diocesan warden of readers and Honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral.

Brian and his wife Cath were very active in their time at St Mary's and certainly we all remember his informative and often too true sermons. Brian and Cath initiated the very popular family service, with Carolyn Poole on the piano, which attracted so many new people to the church. He encouraged us all to get involved and members of the congregation often took this service. Brian and Cath supported all aspects of our church especially the Mother's Union.

Brian was a founder of "Churches Together in Alderley Edge" and an instigator in organizing "round the houses" Lenten groups which helped people from all the Alderley churches to get to know each other.

The Pilgrimage to Israel which Brian organized for us was a wonderful experience which members of our congregation still remember and talk about.

On retiring, Brian and Cath decided to live in Leek where he quickly involved himself in the local community often found serving coffee at St Edward's or leading local walks in the surrounding area.

At the time of the onset of dementia they moved to Stone to be nearer to their daughter, Elly, and it was here that he sadly passed away.

I am sure we will all remember Cath and their children John, Richard, Elizabeth and Janet and their families in our prayers in the coming weeks, with enormous thanks for what Brian did for St Mary's.

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Organist:

St. Mary's is currently without a regular organist. The Church is grateful to the many organists who have been playing service by service since August 2017

The Church Choir:**Church Flower Rota**

Mrs Avril Lamond *email: avrillamond@btinternet.com*

Mr Michael Penlington (Festivals)

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Captain of the Tower: *(Practice 7.30pm Tuesdays)*

Mr Peter Robinson *email: peterfiona@hotmail.co.uk*

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Mrs Anne Dodd

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