

St.Mary's, Alderley



Parish Magazine

May 2024

From the Rectory

Reflections through a window.

As most of you reading this will know there's something very special about St Mary's. I discovered this very early on. on one ordinary, but bright sunny day.

I was sitting in the Rector's stall about to say my prayers when I put the book down and looked up at the light being cast from the stained glass behind me onto the wall in front. Through a rainbow of light, a daily occurrence but not noticed before by me at least, something new was to be seen. I abandoned my prayer book and said quite a different prayer to the one written down

What I like about old buildings, especially churches, is the unexpectedness (if that is a word) of what is to be discovered if one takes the time to be still and look. There are memorials I've not yet read and each time I look up I see something different in an angel's face or a fragment of wood. It strikes me that *being* the church is also like that. When I arrived here less than a year ago, I didn't quite know what to expect. I had a rough plan of how I thought the first few months would go, but apart from that, I was open to seeing what the light let in. I have been amazed, pleasantly surprised and am loving getting to know you all. Like our church building, each person comes with different facets, parts to their character you only see when looking in the right way at the right time. We've had moments of great joy and fun, church celebrations across the seasons and new and fresh things beginning such as Minecraft Church and family services. I've also seen new things in how we worship through the words of the Book of Common Prayer and ancient texts which have served the church well for hundreds of years.

As we approach Easter (I am writing this in Holy Week) I am thinking about the way we celebrate, the words we will use, the liturgy we will experience. I am open to seeing new things not just in the texts, but in the feelings and emotions as we approach this most holy of days; when we recognise our salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Parish life is unexpected. Even in places such as St Mary's where it can feel as if nothing has changed, nothing is different, EVERYTHING is evolving and changing when seen in the right light. I pray that these coming days change me; change the way I look and see, change the way I appreciate what is around me and how I respond to being the minister in this place.

Church News

By now Lent is over and Easter week is here. Lent started with a Service of Ashes at St Mary's when we were "ashed", which was a new experience!

Mothering Sunday was celebrated with gifts of fresh plants and Candles to be lit for those who provide, and have provided, care and love to each of us; thank you to the Flower Team for their hard work. Bishop Sam took the service on Maundy Thursday including the washing of feet. Good Friday the Procession of Witness and services in the village and , at St Mary's, watching and waiting until Easter morning celebrations. Easter Day had started early at Sunrise on the Edge led by the Methodist Church.

Our very first Minecraft Church took place on March 13th; well done Nathan and headmaster Richard (Nether Alderley School) for master-minding it. Thanks also to Angela F for producing an excellent after school snack for the children - polished off in no time!

Finalisation of legal matters means that the Parish Hall refurbishment work will be starting very soon. The ownership of the Hall will be registered solely to Nether Alderley Parish Council. To resolve the historical ownership issues and be able to register the building with the Land Registry, the church has lifted its claim of ownership of the Old School House in return for a Covenant listing the rights of the church to continue to use the Parish Hall free of rent. Since Jon, who did a tremendous amount of work on this matter, left Phil K. and Nathan have both put in many hours to get this agreement "over the line".

I know we will all understand the inconvenience of having the building work undertaken, must be tolerated to achieve a Parish Hall that is both up-dated and accessible, without losing its traditional loveliness. The Parish Councillors have pursued their vision of the hall which we all hope will invigorate its use by the local community. Just in case you were wondering...yes, we can have the use of on-site toilets provided and kept clean by the firm of Builders; thanks to Don for negotiating this.

Nathan is fast approaching his first full year in Alderley; we are all glad of his presence and work amongst us... Daniel and the boys are an extra blessing.

Its not too late to contribute to Easter Flowers or the fund that provides all our festival flowers.

Coffee as usual Second Tuesday 10.30am at De Trafford Arms

Church Registers

18th March Funeral Ann Adamson
25th March Funeral Michael Anthony John Lee
21st April Baptism Laurence Tattam
26th April Interment Rodney Denton Howgate

NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB

April draw winners

1st prize David Mogg
2nd prize Helen Jabr
3rd prize Joyce Davis

Flower Rota

5th & 19th May - Joyce Davis
19th & 26th May - Marie Stonehewer

Are you a runner and would you like to run for charity?

THE OASIS CENTRE

has now connected with organised runs such as the

MANCHESTER HALF MARATHON and others.

Interested? Details at "hello@oasisgorton.org"

The Easter Flowers in church were kindly donated in memory of:-

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MAY SUNDAY SERVICES

5th Eucharist

12th Eucharist

19th All-Age Family Service

26th Eucharist

2nd **June** Eucharist

all services at 9.45 am

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Mrs Jenny Youatt

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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)

email: michael.penlington574@btinternet.com

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

Mr Peter Robinson

email: peterfiona@hotmail.co.uk

Prayer Book Society Representative

Mrs Anne Dodd

Parish Hall Bookings

David Fairbotham

07951 888896

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