

St.Mary, Alderley Cheshire



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Rector Writes:

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I've been reading a little about the life of St Teresa of Avila who in the 16th century founded a reform of the Carmelite Order which became known as the Discalced Carmelites. Discalced means barefoot. The Archbishop of Canterbury has written a book about her and I have another biography on the shelves at the Rectory. Throughout the history of the Church God has raised up remarkable people to serve him and bring about change that will breathe new life into the Church.

St Paul took the Gospel to the gentiles and became known as the apostle to the gentiles. He was doing something radical that broke with what had gone before. Gentiles were able to convert to Christianity but they had to adopt the Jewish ways of the apostles and first followers of Jesus. St Paul emphasised the New Testament which Christ had instituted and which did not require the following of Old Testament laws. There was debate, discussion and division about this. St Paul had to deal with hostility and conflict. However, the gentile mission was successful and we are here today as a legacy of St Paul's trials and tribulations. God raised up a man to breathe new life into the Church and bring people into a relationship with him. The wonderful thing whether we are talking about St Teresa, St Clare or St Francis or any other change bringer and new thinker is that if it is of God it will succeed and if it is not it will ultimately fail. Gamaliel made this very observation about St Paul and the early Church in the book of Acts. In fact we even pray that 'God's will be done' each day in the words of the Lord's Prayer. Sometimes we cannot see what God's will is and even fight against it because God doesn't seem to be acting in a way we think He should be acting.

I love the fact that despite trials and tribulations or possibly even because of them amazing things have occurred in the life of the Church. The important thing is to have our eyes on God and the things of God. Spirituality which I take to mean the things of God – our prayer, our worship and engagement through study and reflection should be at the forefront of our Christian lives. The saints had their lives anchored in spirituality; they knew the first heart they had to convert was their own. From this first step they began to show forth lives of love, compassion, kindness, generosity, understanding, humility, patience etc. They had a radiance which attracted others. The question we should ask ourselves is how much have our own hearts been converted? Do we show forth the qualities mentioned above? Do we have the disposition to seek God's will? In the trials, tribulations, worries and changes that all of us face it would be good to think that our lives are anchored in spirituality. That God could shine through our frailty and our radiance could warm upon another's life.

James

DIARY FOR JULY 2012

Sun. 1st Fourth Sunday after Trinity
 8.00am Holy Communion at Birtles
 9.45am Holy Communion at Alderley
 11.15am Family Service at Birtles
 6.30pm **Joint Evensong at St.Philips**
 Thu. 5th 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley

Sun. 8th Fifth Sunday after Trinity
 8.00am Holy Communion at Alderley
 9.45am Mattins at Alderley
 11.15am Holy Communion at Birtles
 6.30pm Evensong at Alderley
 Thu. 12th 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley
 Thu.12th 7.30pm Friends of St. Mary's – Mr Paul Savage

Sun 15th Sixth 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
 Thu.19th 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley
 Sat. 21st 2.00pm Christening at Alderley

Sun. 22nd Seventh Sunday after Trinity
 8.00am Holy Communion at Alderley
 9.45am Mattins at Alderley (with Sunday School)
 11.15am Holy Communion at Birtles
 6.30pm Evensong at Alderley
 Thu.26th 10.00am Holy Communion at Alderley
 Fri. 27th 1.00pm Holy Matrimony at Alderley
 Sat.28th 11.00am Holy Matrimony at Alderley
 Sat.28th 2.00pm Holy Matrimony at Alderley

Sun. 29th Eighth Sunday after Trinity
 8.00am Holy Communion at Alderley
 9.45am Holy Communion at Alderley
 11.15am Holy Communion at Birtles
 6.30pm Evensong at Alderley

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Sun. 5th Ninth Sunday after Trinity
 8.00am Holy Communion at Birtles
 9.45am Holy Communion at Alderley
 11.15am Family Service at Birtles
 6.30pm **Joint Evensong at St.Mary's**
 Thu.9th 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.

COLLECTION TOTALS

Date	Gift Aid Envelopes	Non-Gift Aid Envelopes	Misc. Cash	Standing Orders	Total
May 6 th	591.55	3.50	76.92		671.97
May 13 th	216.80	5.00	22.70		244.50
May 20 th	398.00	37.00	45.80		480.80
May 27 th	381.60	32.00	15.72		429.32
TOTAL	1587.95	77.50	161.14	715.00	2541.59

Alderley Church Flower Fund

Rectory Tea Party in the Rectory gardens - Sunday 15th July 2012

Afternoon Tea served at your table - 3.30pm – 5.00pm.
 (sandwiches, homemade cakes, strawberries and cream)

Please bring a plant for the 'bring and buy' plant stall.

Tickets : £10 per person which includes Afternoon Tea and entry to a prize draw.
 Children free. Every ticket is numbered and entered into the draw.

1st Prize. Voucher for 2 persons (double or twin) for 2 nights B & B at the 5* Award winning 'Cleifiog' in Beaumaris - an historic townhouse on the seafront.

2nd Prize. Voucher for £25 Ivy Cottage Christmas Tree Farm and shop, Wilmslow.

3rd Prize. Voucher for £20 Steve Leyland Flowers, Grove Street, Wilmslow

Tickets: Fiona Robinson 01625 860679 and Michael Penlington 01625 530084

All proceeds to Alderley Church Flower Fund

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We held a Special Jubilee Tea Party on Wednesday May 30th at the home of Margaret Worthington. We had a lovely afternoon with all the trimmings, finishing with a glass of wine and a toast to the Queen.

I have today made the booking for our Summer Lunch outing. We plan to go to Blaze Farm. Wildboardclough on August 14th. We have been there before and thoroughly enjoyed it.
Do consider joining us.

As I have mentioned in the last two months magazines we would like to continue offering coffee after the 9.45 service but we still need help with this. Without your help we cannot serve it!
Please could you consider helping. Tuition on offer!

Janet Adamson Tel: 01625 583320

ST MARY'S WALKING GROUP

Saturday 4th August - 10.00am

Walk: The fields behind Rudyard Reservoir and back along the Reservoir trail.



Starting point: Parking off Beat Lane. Keep on the A523 Macclesfield to Leek road through Rushton Spencer and take a right on to Beat Lane, take the gravel track on the left after 200m. The track will take cars and ends just before the reservoir.

Map: OS Explorer 268

Grid Refence: Starting point SJ 939 611

Length: 8.5 miles

Further information: Bring packed lunch and drink

Contact: Chris Sweetman (01565 889 057)

St Mary's Walking Group

Midweek Break – 8th to 10th August 2012

Will Ablett has organised a midweek break for the walking group from Wednesday 8th August to Friday 10th August.

It is based in Keld at the head of Swaledale in the North Yorkshire Dales where there is glorious walking. The general itinerary is that we will leave St Mary's in the Nether Alderley School minibus at 10.00 am on the Wednesday to arrive in the area at lunchtime. After something to eat we will do a walk of approximately 5 easy miles. There will then be an evening meal at a local hostelry before retiring to our Bed & Breakfast accommodation at Keld Lodge. The following day would be a longer walk of approximately 10 miles before having a joint evening meal at Keld Lodge. On the Friday morning, having breakfasted, there would be a further walk of approximately 6 miles before returning to St Mary's in the late afternoon.

If you are interested in coming along, please contact Will Ablett on 01625 585180 for further details.

Pentecost Sunday



Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles ([20:16](#)) and St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians ([16:8](#)). It is the 50th day after [Easter](#) (if we count both Easter and Pentecost), and it supplants the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which took place 50 days after the Passover and which celebrated the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai.

It was celebrated at St Philips and St James by a combined churches together in Alderley service and was a real celebration of thanksgiving. I was asked to perform the Presentation of the Holy Spirit in "Water, Fire and Wind" and Carolyn Poole and myself who were the only St Marys members present came away in an uplifted mood having also learnt how to sign the hymn "Spirit of the living God"

Unfortunately it was not included in our magazine calendar.

Terry Fones

Nether Alderley Parish Council Chairman's Report 2011-12

2011 -2012 has been another busy year for Nether Alderley Parish Council. At the end of last year, two of our long-standing councillors decided to step down, and we have been delighted to welcome Jenny Shufflebottom, Cameron Dick, Amanda Worthington and Caroline McKeown to the Council. Each of our new members has considerable local knowledge and skills which will be of enormous benefit to the Council. We have also been delighted to have our new Cheshire East Councillor, George Walton, join us at Parish Council meetings to offer his words of wisdom and impart knowledge of how things work at County. Indeed we are delighted that he will soon be the Mayor of Cheshire East.

This year, the Parish website was launched. netheralderleyparish.com is now our preferred method for providing information to the community. The website was spearheaded by Cameron and our clerk, Penny, did a wonderful job filling the pages with a wealth of information and photographs of our Parish. Thanks must also go to Jenny Youatt, Barry Smith, Astra Zeneca and the National Trust for their contributions.

A highlight of this year was the two Parish Plan launch meetings. I think we were all taken aback by the warmth of feeling towards the village and how much people wanted to get involved, meet each other and share positive opinions and ideas. The development and implementation of the Plan is a continual process and shortly a further meeting will elect a Steering Group to carry this forward. I would like to thank Jenny and Amanda for their help in organising the events and in distributing the flyers and Nether Alderley Primary School for running a competition for our logo which was won by Chloe in class 4.

It is wonderful to see the National Trust investing in the restoration of the watermill. We are grateful to Caroline who represented the council at a recent meeting to see current progress and we will all be delighted when the covers are off and the mill is restored to its former glory. I would like to thank Catherine Farfan and Eleanor Underhill for attending our Parish plan meetings and for keeping us up to date on progress.

In order to ensure the Parish Council fulfils all the regulatory requirements, small groups of councillors have met throughout the year to review and update the Standing Orders, Risk Assessments, Assets register, Insurance cover, Employers and Public Liability, Internal and External Audit and the Budget and Precept request. These reviews are all very time consuming but need to be accurate, so my grateful thanks goes to those members of the council and clerk who have worked on these this year. I would especially like to thank Alan Clarke whose knowledge and skills have been invaluable.

Last year I highlighted the issues we have with the Parish Hall. Firstly, it is a cost to the community in maintaining and running it, but also structural surveys have identified some major repairs that need attention.

It is, without doubt our biggest financial commitment. We have been advised that the upper room (the old School room) has to remain closed due to concerns of weight and subsequent strain on the ceiling in the kitchen below. At the moment the JMC (a management committee for the Hall which includes members from both the Council and the Church) are considering the way forward and I hope that in the year ahead, we will have a plan and design for the Hall's future development. I would like to thank the JMC, and especially Peter Reynolds, for their work in driving this forward.

The Parish Council is responsible for the four bus shelters in Nether Alderley and for the burial ground. Safety regulations require an annual inspection of the bus shelters and of the headstones in the burial ground to ensure they are not loose. Currently, those that are found to be loose have a temporary support put in place until a more permanent solution is found. I am grateful to Norman Moore for completing this task and for his work in maintaining the burial ground. I thank Alan Clarke, Simon Lewis, Jenny Shufflebottom and Cameron Dick for attending to all the many issues connected with the running of the Burial Ground and for carrying out inspections.

The Parish Council are consulted in all planning applications submitted in our Parish. This year there have been fewer than normal, 48 in number. We believe this is one of the most important elements of our work as we strive to retain the greenbelt in our locality. In discussions, we rely on comments from neighbours and other interested parties and we are always grateful for information from you on planning applications. Sometimes decisions made by County are surprising and so it is vital that we are vigilant to ensure planning conditions they impose, are adhered to.

To the south of our village, we have major quarry workings. Last year I reported that a Liaison Committee was to be formed for The Mere Farm Quarry. This has indeed occurred and I am grateful to Jenny for being the Parish Council representative. I would also like to thank Christine Walker for her regular informal liaison meetings with Hansons in the past.

As for the bypass, we are still in consultation with Cheshire East regarding noise mitigation for the bypass which has proved to be noisier than many of us expected. We are also very mindful that planting that has taken place is maintained to achieve the visual mitigation that was intended. We were delighted to have the Cheshire Railings reinstated at Monk's Heath, but were astonished to learn of the bypass closure in order to upgrade the power lines.

Personally, I am very grateful to all the members of the Council for their good humour, support and time and I would particularly like to thank Penny Langham, our Clerk, for all the work she does for the Council and the wider community.

'The Story of George Formby at The Bengal Tiger Lily'

Gerry Mawdsley, the President of The George Formby Society, visited our Friends meeting on May 23rd staged at The Bengal Tiger Lily where we started the evening with 2 courses of their tasty Indian fayre. Gerry then opened up with a Ukelele solo to recount the life story of a famous Lancashire actor and comedian.

George Hoy Booth, as he was named at birth, was the son of James Booth who was a Music Hall entertainer, using the name George Formby, from the Lancashire seaside town. George Junior was blind at birth but his eyesight was restored during a violent bout of coughing. He was born at 3 Westminster St., Wigan, the eldest of 7 siblings who survived. His schooling was brief – aged 5 to 8 – at which age his parents put him on the back of a horse to become an apprentice jockey; he was sent to Ireland to train but was bullied and came home. He ran his first competitive race at the age of 10 when he weighed 4 stone. The family moved around the North West, reasonably well-off from George Formby Senior's entertainment income and son George finally married Beryl Ingham, a Clog Dancer, who was to shape the rest of his life as his Wife and Manager.

When George was 17, he started a 40 year actor/comedian career 3 months after the death of his father. He took on his name and proceeded very successfully to carve a career in film and on stage with his trade-mark Ukelele and catch phrase 'Turned out nice again'. Firmly controlled by Beryl (they lived in many houses all called 'Beryldene') he starred in a silent movie when 11 years old and 20 to 30 movies after that, at one stage being the country's most prominent film star early in his career. Appearances in many Royal Variety Performances followed and he became famous for his tuneful but cheeky songs, regarded as too rude by the BBC.

The end of his life was controversial; Beryl died in December 1960 and within 2 months he became engaged to marry Pat Howson, a good friend. However George died by March 1961 but his whole estate had been left to Pat, much to Beryl's family's disgust. Pat died 10 years later and litigation from Beryl's family was still ongoing. 100,000 mourners lined the route of his cortege, illustrating the fans' love of this musical Lancashire comedian.

Gerry told us the story with great affection producing many items of memorabilia. He played Mister Wu, Leaning on a Lamp Post and brought the house down with Arthur Newton when they played a duet 'Sitting on the top of Blackpool Tower'. Philip Webb thanked Gerry for his entertaining talk and demonstrated that playing the Ukelele is more difficult than it looks!!

Philip E Webb 25 May 2012

Next Meeting of Friends

Thursday July 12th in the Church with Paul Savage performing an Organ Recital full of familiar and memorable organ classics – including Dambusters March, Pomp & Circumstance and some of your favourite hymns. See Paul on Screen!!



1948 London Olympics

The 1948 Olympic Games were the first to be held after the Berlin games of 1936. During the Second World War, the two scheduled games were cancelled (Tokyo 1940, and London 1944). After the war, the Olympic Committee decided to offer the Olympics to London for a second time.

The 1948 games, or XIV Olympiad, was a relatively Spartan one for participants and spectators. The main athletics events were held in Wembley Stadium, where a temporary running track had been laid. No Olympic village was built: the foreign athletes were accommodated in old wartime barracks and schools, the London-based British athletes lived at home. Food was still subject to ration restrictions. Despite the frugal conditions, 4,099 contestants from 59 nations took part. The countries held responsible for the Second World War, Germany and Japan, were excluded from the games and the Soviet Union decided to abstain. The games began on 29 July 1948 with King George VI presiding over the opening ceremony in the presence of more than 80,000 spectators. Seven thousand doves were released, sending a message of culture and peace across the globe.

America came top of the medals table, winning 84 medals. Britain won 23, including three gold medals. The unquestionable star was a 30-year-old mother, Fanny Blankers-Koen, from the Netherlands. She remains the only woman to win four gold medals in athletics and break six Olympic records.

Despite the conditions, the 1948 games saw some technological innovations, including the photo finish and starting blocks for runners. The games also proved popular with Londoners. Many people welcomed the chance to focus on an event that restored a spirit of international harmony and human endeavour.

The King James Bible given to schools.....

Copies of the King James Bible have been given to every state school in England to mark the 400th anniversary of the translation. The funding has come from a variety of benefactors.

The AV version of the Bible has been widely recognised as a 'landmark' in the English language, and as a book which has had overwhelming influence on the English language and culture. Lord Bragg, the broadcaster, calls it: "the most influential book in western civilisation over the last 400 years", as it has transformed the language and is the source of some of our most common phrases. Lord Harris of Peckham, the Carpetright founder, and Lord Fink, the Conservative Party treasurer, are among eight donors who raised the £370,000 to pay for the project.

Film – ‘Chariots of Fire’

This month our country will be hosting the Olympic Games, and London will be welcoming participants from all over the world who come to give of their best in their particular sport. There are always memorable achievements at each Olympic Games, and many of us will remember special moments of triumph - perhaps Steve Redgrave in 2000, Daley Thompson in 1984, Mary Peters in 1972, the first Paralympics in 1960, and Jesse Owens in 1936. Further back in time, in 1924 in Paris there were two remarkable victories: Harold Abrahams in the 100 metres and Eric Liddell in the 400 metres.

The story of these two men is told in the 1981 film ‘Chariots of Fire.’ The title comes from Blake’s poem ‘Jerusalem’ where the poet says that he will not rest until he has built God’s kingdom in the midst of human lives. We hear the hymn of that great endeavour being sung at the end of the film, but it is the opening credits that captured the hearts when the film was first shown. We see the athletes in training for the 1924 Olympics. They are running in slow motion to the electronic synthesizer and piano of the music of Vangelis. The relentless beat sounds out, and then we hear a triumphant, exultant melody as we feel the exhilaration of the British team running against the wind at the edge of the sea.

In that year the Olympic Games officially adopted the motto ‘Citius, Altius, Fortius’ – Faster, Higher, Stronger. That desire to achieve and give of their best is seen in the drama of two lives, Harold Abrahams played by Ben Cross and Eric Liddell played by Ian Charleson. The first runs to overcome anti-Jewish prejudice, the second for the glory of God. Eric tells his sister that he will indeed leave his homeland to serve as a missionary, but first he must take part in the Games for ‘God has made me for China, but he has also made me fast. When I run, I feel his pleasure; to run is to honour him.’ We hear the hymn verse ‘Run the straight race through God’s good grace’ as Eric reads from Isaiah that those who wait on the Lord will run and not be weary.

There are snippets of Gilbert and Sullivan and other melodies in the film, but it is Vangelis’ powerful music that truly expresses the drama and discipline of the two athletes, training and running to their highest endeavour to be an example and inspiration to the world. As we watch the Olympics during these two months, we shall see sportswomen and men giving of their best. We shall even hear Vangelis’ music ringing out as the Olympic flame is carried through the land to London. St Paul knew something of the discipline and dedication of athletes training in Corinth. In his first letter to the church there, he likens the Christian to an athlete in the race of life as God calls each of us to that sacrifice and offering. In his day the victor in the games was rewarded with a crown of wild olive. In our day it is a gold or silver or bronze medal. For St Paul the prize is the trophy of immortal life, a wreath that never fades. As we are called to take part in that race, we may even hear Vangelis’ stirring music spurring us on to give of our best.

ROTA FOR JULY 2012 LADY SIDESMEN / SIDESMEN / LECTORS

DATE	TIME	SIDESMEN	LECTOR
1 st	9.45am	Mr S Welsh & Mrs J Robinson	Miss L Bootland
	6.30pm	JOINT Evensong with St Philips & St James @ St Philips & St James	
8 th	8.00am	Mr H A Wright	
	9.45am	Mr G Hilton & Mr G Woolley	Mrs J Lee
	6.30pm	Mrs A Robinson	Mrs F Robinson
15 th	8.00am	Mr R Akester	
	9.45am	Mr M Wilkinson & Mrs J Adamson	Miss S.J Dunhill
	6.30pm	Mrs J Bean	Mr P Bean
22 nd	8:00am	Mr H A Wright	
	9:45am	Mr M Stonehewer & Mrs R Dyas	Mrs W Liddle
	6:30pm	Mr A Cockitt	Mrs F Robinson
29 th	8.00am	Mr P Bean	
	9.45am	Mr W & Mrs F Ablett	Mrs V Muir
	6.30pm	Mrs J Maynard	Mr S Maynard
5 th Aug	9.45am	Mr J Stephenson & Mrs J Martin	Miss S Vardon
	6:30pm	Mrs D Barber JOINT Evensong with St Philips & St James @ St Mary’s Alderley	Mrs F Robinson

FROM THE REGISTERS

Weddings

Sat. 3rd June Louise Winter and David Brown
Sat 16th June Samantha McCollum and James Sopper
Sat 30th June Catherine McGahan and Ian Ward

Funerals

Fri 1st June Stuart Powell
Fri 8th June Ethel Heathcote
Fri 22nd June Wendy Cleary

FLOWER ROTA

July 1st Wedding
July 8th Joyce Davis / Linda Williams
July 15th Marie Stonehewer
July 22nd Lesley Taylor
July 29th Wedding

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

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