



September 26th News and Worship

Welcome

After last week's packed edition, this week's news and worship has gone on a diet! So, don't forget to send in *news and information* on Church and community events and activities, so no one misses out.

Vicar's Thoughts

One of the things we've discovered over the last couple of weeks is that operating the new streaming deck and sound system is a bit like learning to drive - some bits are straight forward and others have to be learnt before they become second nature. The installation engineers wisely said "use it for several weeks to see where the mistakes and operating issues arise and then we'll come back and do additional training." Whenever there are kangaroo jumps or unexpected stops it's evidence of that learning taking place.

I wonder if that's true also for the Christian life? There are some bits of being Christian that are straightforward: they align with our character, interests, personality and values. There are other bits of the Christian life, often where they are contrary to our natural nature and desires, where it's only through Prayer and application that they will become second nature. If Jesus was to offer you some additional training... where might it be helpful?

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness and self control. As learner drivers have to put 'L' plates on the car I wonder if, as Christians, we should have little badges that remind everyone that we are learners on the Christian Journey and still have kangaroo jumps, sudden stops or occasional stalls. As we recognise the truth that we are all 'learner Christians' we may discover how high, deep and wide is the amazing grace of God to us and to others.

Church Family News Pram Service

Pram Service is due to begin again on 14th October at 10.15am in Church.

There will be singing and interactive story telling, shakers and lots of fun to be had as we learn together about God's story and his love in Jesus. The pandemic has meant that our little-est worshippers are now either grown up enough to be in school or cannot remember being in church for their own special service. If you have small children, know someone with pre-school little ones, or have been in Pram Service over its many years - please spread the word.



For more information contact Beverley.Angier@btinternet.com or call the Parish Office.

Welcome the Pilgrims

Welcome the Pilgrims: a group of Christian walkers passionate about saving the planet are giving up their time and energy to walk from London to Glasgow in time for the COP26 summit in November. Next week they are passing through Macclesfield and Prestbury, and on Tuesday evening, 28th September, at St Michael's Church in Macclesfield there is a chance to meet them from 8pm in an informal session. On Wednesday 29th there will be prayers at St Michael's at 9am before they set off to walk to Cheadle, and their walk passes through Prestbury. More information is here: https://caminotocop.com/ Their route for Wednesday 29th can be found here: https://www.plotaroute.com/route/1580764

Please do think about either coming to meet them on Tuesday evening, or joining them for a stretch of the walk on Wednesday, and please include them in your prayers. It is a wonderful endeavour.

Kate

Red Prayer Bowl and prayer for others

Over the last 18 months the red prayer bowl has been kept at the Vicarage and the names of those for whom prayer has been requested have been placed inside, and prayed for by the Ministry Team on a Sunday evening at 8pm. This has been treasured by many and there have been numerous answers to prayer.



At the beginning of September the bowl was brought into Church by members of the Ministry Team and placed on the altar in the Tytherington Chapel, entrusting all those who had asked for prayer into God's care.

If you would like prayer, or know someone who would, the Norman Chapel in now open on a Sunday from around 10am until 4pm for private prayer. Prayers may be said in the beautiful, quiet space and/or written onto cards there. These prayers are gathered each Sunday, taken into Church and prayed for during the 4.30pm Service.



Please feel free to come, be still and pray as you wish or light a candle after worship in Church - God always listens.

Sunflowers

Thank you to everyone who has sent in more pictures of the sunflowers they planted at Wild Church. Please keep sending them in and we will include them in the week before Harvest's newsletter.

This Week's Worship

Sunday 8.30am Holy Communion, St Peter's

Sunday 10.00am Holy Communion, CoRe

Sunday 10.30am Baptism, St Peter's

Sunday 4.30pm Choral Evensong, St Peter's

Sunday 7.00pm Sanctuary Agape, St Peter's Rooms

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion, St Peter's

This Week's Diary

The Church Office is open from Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12noon

Tuesdays

9.00am Morning Prayer Zoom Code 503 346 024, Password 793684

Wednesday

10.30am Holy Communion, St Peter's

Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer, Zoom Code 859 930 994

10.30am **Holy Dusters**, St Peter's

3.00pm Voice children's choir St Peter's Rooms

Fridays

7.30pm **Choir practice**

Looking Ahead

Young Church October 3rd **Harvest Festival** October 10th

Worship Resources

Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity Worship Services for Sunday 26th September

| | Service Leader | Preacher | Lesson Readers | Intercessor |
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| Holy Communion 8.30am St Peter's | Patrick | Patrick | Chris | Patrick |
| Holy Communion 10.00am CoRe | Avril | Avril | Andrea | Fiona |
| Baptism 10.30am St Peter's | Steve | Patrick | Guy Julie F | Patrick |
| Sung Evensong 4.30pm St Peter's | Simon | Avril | Sheila Jean H | Avril |
| Sanctuary Agape 7.00pm St Peter's Rooms | | Patrick | | |

Sunday 26th September Bible Readings

For use with *Worship at Home* booklet and reflection.

James 5:13-end Mark 9: 38-end Psalm 124

Collects for The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

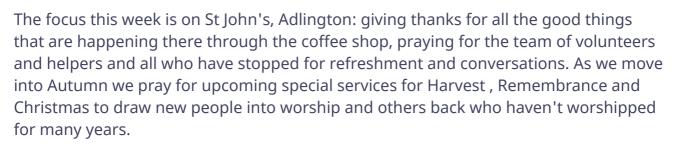
Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Prayers Prayer focus this week



Those who have asked for prayer

Ian Northcott
Sheila Griffiths
Margaret Brown
Tony Mackenzie
Alan Hayward
Graham Lewis
Diane Pappadopalous

Those who have died

Frank Griffiths Sarah Harding



