

The Parish Church of St. Wilfrid, Mobberley



March 2023

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Church Diary for March 2023

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Wed. 1st	Morning Prayer at The Beacon Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon Compline	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 7.00 p.m.
Thu. 2nd	Morning Prayer at The Beacon The Beacon Drop-In Doorway	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 7.45 p.m.
Fri. 3rd	Morning Prayer at The Beacon Youth Club	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.
Sat. 4th	Men's Breakfast The Beacon Drop-In	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.
Sun. 5th	The 2nd Sunday of Lent	
	Said Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Holy Communion Choral Evensong (BCP)	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 3.30 p.m.
Mon. 6 th	Morning Prayer at The Beacon	9.00 a.m.
Tue. 7th	Morning Prayer at The Beacon Parish Lunch	9.00 a.m. 12.30 a.m.
Wed. 8th	Morning Prayer at The Beacon Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon Movie Magic at The Beacon Compline	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 1.30 p.m. 7.00 p.m.
Thu. 9th	Morning Prayer at The Beacon The Beacon Drop-In Doorway	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 7.45 p.m.
Fri. 10th	Morning Prayer at The Beacon Youth Club	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.
Sat. 11th	The Beacon Drop-In Choir Practice	10.00 a.m. 12.00 p.m.
Sun. 12th	The 3rd Sunday of Lent	
	Said Holy Communion (BCP) All-Age Family Service Choral Evensong (BCP)	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 3.30 p.m.
Mon. 13 th	Morning Prayer at The Beacon	9.00 a.m.
Tue. 14th	Morning Prayer at The Beacon The Beacon Drop-In TDC	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.
Wed. 15th	Morning Prayer at The Beacon Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon Compline	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 7.00 p.m.

Thu. 16th	Morning Prayer at The Beacon The Beacon Drop-In Doorway	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 7.45 p.m.
Fri. 17th	Morning Prayer at The Beacon Youth Club	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.
Sat. 18th	The Beacon Drop-In Choir Practice	10.00 a.m. 12.00 p.m.

Sun. 19th The 4th Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday

	Said Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Holy Communion Choral Evensong	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 3.30 p.m.
Mon. 20th	Morning Prayer at The Beacon PCC	9.00 a.m. 7.45 p.m.
Tue. 21st	Morning Prayer at The Beacon The Beacon Drop-In	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.
Wed. 22nd	Morning Prayer at The Beacon Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon Movie Magic at The Beacon Compline	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 1.30 p.m. 7.00 p.m.
Thu 23rd	Morning Prayer at The Beacon The Beacon Drop-In	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.
Fri. 24th	Morning Prayer at The Beacon Youth Club	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.
Sat. 25th	Messy Church	10.00 a.m.

Sun. 26th The 5th Sunday of Lent / Passiontide Begins

	Said Holy Communion (BCP) No Service - Wilmslow Half Marathon Sung Holy Communion (BCP)	8.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.
Mon. 27th	Morning Prayer at The Beacon Deanery Synod	9.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Tue. 28th	Morning Prayer at The Beacon School Service The Beacon Drop-In School Governors	9.00 a.m. 9.30 p.m. 10.00 a.m. 5.00 p.m.
Wed. 29th	Morning Prayer at The Beacon Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon Compline	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 7.00 p.m.
Thu 30th	Morning Prayer at The Beacon The Beacon Drop-In	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.
Fri. 31st	Morning Prayer at The Beacon Youth Club	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.

The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

As I write this piece countries around the world are marking the 1st anniversary of the Russian invasion of the Ukraine. What has stood out for me in the reviews of the last year has been how often people, knowledgeable and intelligent people, got things so wrong. In the weeks before the invasion commentators and politicians, including the Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, were lining up to say there was no way Russia would invade. When the Russian did invade there was a wide-spread belief that it would all be over in a matter of weeks, if not days. The Russians had, according to some accounts, even prepared a victory parade through Kiev. These predictions remind me of the oil well fires in Kuwait which experts predicted would take 2-3 years to extinguish when it was all done in 10 months.

As we continue our slow pilgrimage through Lent these events remind me of the words of Psalm 146, "Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help" which has a similar flavour to the words of Jesus to Nicodemus in John 3, "If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?"

There seems to be no end of slightly smug, arrogant, people who, not simply thoughtlessly but brainlessly, critique and dismiss matter of God and of faith. They create their own version of Christian faith, of the Church, of Christian practice, solely for the purpose of pointing out how silly it is and then knocking it down. A good example in this last week has been the press reports following on from General Synod saying the Church of England was to stop referring to God as 'he'. This is presented on one side as being achingly 'woke' and on the other as being an example of the archaic nature of the Church that we would use that pronoun in the first place. In fact, there was no such discussion at Synod and these questions have been around within the Church for millennia and were referenced by St. Paul himself in Galatians 3, "there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

In this time of Lent I am making a determined effort to avoid standing on the shifting sands of public opinion and looking instead to God "my rock and my salvation" (Psalm 62) the one in whom I can fully trust and believe in all things both earthly and heavenly.

Yours in Christ,
Ian.

Mothering Sunday

I have put a lot of time and effort into discovering the history behind Mothering Sunday but it isn't easy. It is a custom that has changed over time, that has waxed and waned in popularity, and that has attracted many a half-truth and myth. We don't even know for certain why it is kept when it is, on the 4th Sunday of Lent.



Whatever its history our modern day Mothering Sunday is a day of refreshment, of celebration and of thanksgiving. We give thanks for the love and care of our Mums, reflecting so tenderly the great love of God for all his children. Do join us and bring your mums, or your kids (whatever their age) with you.

Mothering Sunday Service
Sunday 19th March
10 a.m.

Cashless Donations

It is now possible to make cashless donations to St. Wilfrid's by scanning this QR code. You can choose how much you want to give, choose whether it is a one off or regular donation and even Gift Aid what you give.

Simply hold your smartphone camera over the grid, tap on the link that appears and follow the onscreen instructions



OPEN GARDEN DAY

Are you proud of your garden? Would you be prepared to open your garden to the parishioners of Mobberley and help raise funds for the Friends of St. Wilfrid's on **Sunday 24th June**.

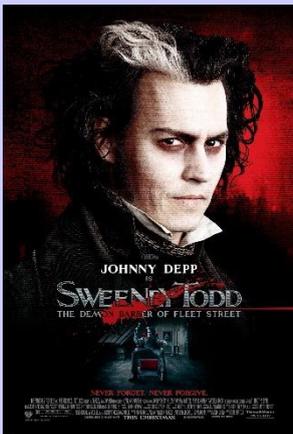


Whether your garden is small or large and you are interested in gardening, then don't be shy, please contact us. We would love to hear from you.



If you have opened your garden in the past and feel you would like to join us again, then we would love to hear from you too.

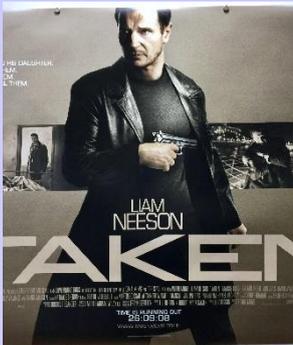
Please contact us using the website link.



Wednesday Matinees

Wednesday 8th March
'Sweeney Todd'

The 2007 musical starring Johnny Depp and Helen Bonham Carter as the Demon Barber and his pie-loving partner in crime.

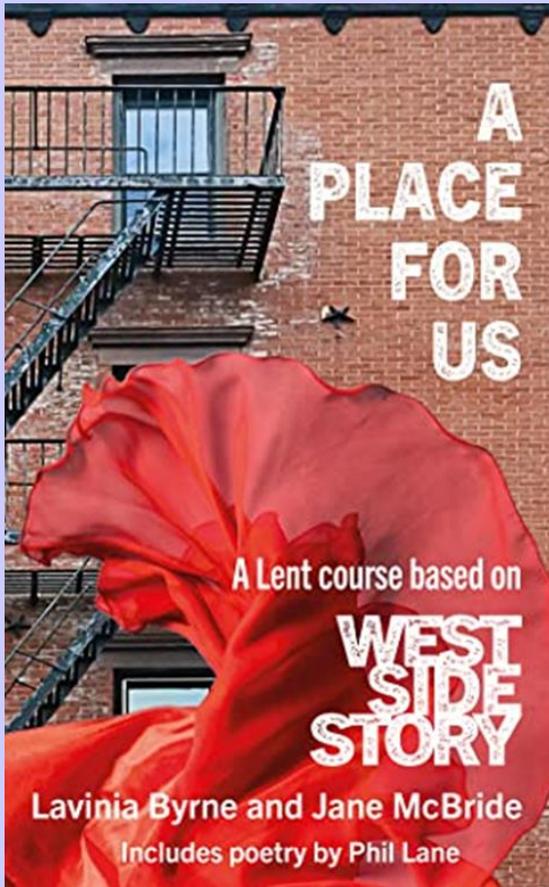


Wednesday 22nd March
'Taken'

A 2008 thriller starring Liam Neeson as a man with a "very particular set of skills" that prove useful when his daughter is kidnapped.

The films are completely free to watch, although of course donations are always welcome, and the doors open at 1.30 p.m. and the films start at 2.00 p.m.

**A powerful new Lent course for Bible study groups and individuals,
based on the Oscar-nominated 2021 film
West Side Story**



Themes of immigration, segregation, love found and lost, betrayal, repentance, and tragedy leading to new resolve

A Place for Us is an original Lent course based on the recent film production of West Side Story directed by Steven Spielberg and featuring the songs of Stephen Sondheim and Leonard Bernstein.

Through study and discussion of key scenes from the movie, related to Lent passages from scripture, Lavinia Byrne and Jane McBride help us to reflect on fear, love, betrayal, death, and reconciliation.

The course is based on five weekly sessions exploring the following themes:

- Belonging
- Otherness and Difference
- The Gift of Love
- The Promise of a Place for Us
- The Tragedy of Betrayal

**COME AND JOIN THIS DOORWAY LENT COURSE
AT 7.30pm ON THURSDAY MARCH 2ND
AT THE "BEACON"**

Parish Lunch



Our first Parish Lunch of the year is on **Tuesday 7th March** at The Beacon. The doors open at 12.00 noon and we ask everyone to be seated for 12.30 p.m.

This is a chance to get together with friends old and new, to ~~chew the fat~~, whoops, I meant have a chat and enjoy fellowship together and a convivial and friendly atmosphere.

We are just about managing to keep the cost down to £6 which I think everyone will agree is great value for money. If you wish to join us please speak to Jean Underhill.

Kneelers

The PCC recently received a request regarding the kneelers, or hassocks, which has been stitched by congregation members in the past. There was once a very enthusiastic group of ladies who produced them although that began to wane some years ago.

The hand made hassocks cover many rich and varied themes and it was suggested that these could be displayed more, rather than simply being pushed under the pews as is currently the case. Those of you who come on a Sunday will have seen that, for the last few weeks, some of the hassocks have been placed at the altar rail. I think it is fair to say that this hasn't been a complete success as the mix of colours is aesthetically challenging and it can make it difficult to kneel, particularly if you get caught between two of them.



We won't be continuing with this experiment however we would like, if possible, to display them more. We are not attracted to the idea of screwing lots of screws or hooks into the pews, for both aesthetic and health and safety reasons, but if you have any ideas please speak to Ian or the Churchwardens. Thank you.

General Synod: Living in Love & Faith

A Note from Bishop Mark

General Synod met recently and, among other things, discussed LLF. You will probably have seen some headlines about Synod: sadly many of these do not seem accurately to reflect the tone or the content of what took place.

I note that fear and misinformation can be dangerous, and I do need to address it with some specific examples from Synod. There are various things that simply did not happen at Synod, whatever social media might be saying.

- ***We did not vote to change the doctrine of marriage***

In fact, there was an explicit amendment proposed and welcomed which made this even clearer than it was in the House of Bishops' original papers.

- ***We did not discuss gender neutral terms for God***

There was a question asked which touched on this and a very brief reply was given by the Chair of the Liturgical Commission but this was not discussed at all by Synod

- ***The bishops did not control the debate or the voting on LLF***

Every vote was 'by houses' at the request either of a member of the House of Laity or the House of Clergy. In each vote the bishops voted individually, and in every case with either one or both of the other two houses (in other words, the bishops' votes were in line with Synod). Bishops spoke for and against the motion and most amendments.

Please take time to make sure you are hearing what has actually been discussed and decided and not simply reacting to second or third-hand information. In truth, there was a respectful, honest, and raw debate where views were expressed honestly and often painfully.

This is an edited excerpt from a Pastoral Letter send by Bishop Mark to the clergy of the Chester Diocese.

From St. Wilfrid's Registers –



Funerals in February

22nd Geoffrey Arthur Morefield Bollinwood Chase, Wilmslow Church

Year's Mind in March

Walter Sawyer Joan Holt Reginald Butler John Hulme Thomas Nevell Derek Preston Phyllis Bradbury William Mountney William Wilson Olive Whittick Joan Hobson Amy Brocklehurst Phyllis Gibbons Joseph Norbury George Daniels Peter Linstow Doris Norbury Arthur Simcock	Clifford Cash John Carver Peter Gaddum Roy Leigh Mary Long Pamela Butler Irene Holehouse Tom Davies Hilda Acton Edith Taylor Alice Byard Eric Wardle Tony Chattell George Williams Kathleen Bridges Alison Moulton Horace Gilbert George Williams	Elizabeth Sawyer Steven Pike Jenny Lightfoot Bradley Norbury Patricia Cooke Gilbert Wills Marjorie Waite Ivy Shenton Charles Chick Adelaide Clarke John Norbury Netta Armit Ronald Walmsley Joan Walmsley Beatrice Simcock Tommy Blake Clifford Reynolds Janette Holme
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Those whose anniversary of death is within the last 10 years are remembered on the weekly newssheet and recalled in our Sunday services. Those listed above are those whose anniversary is more than 10-years ago.

Rota for March 2023							
Date	8.30 a.m.		10.00 / Main Service		6.30 p.m.		
March	READER	SIDESMAN	READER	SIDESMAN	READER	SIDESMAN	FLOWERS/ COFFEE
Sunday 5th The 2nd Sun. of Lent	J Underhill	S Barker	A Grainger D Williams	P Mort	C Critchley J Taylor	C Critchley	Lent/ P Smith C Critchley
Sunday 12th The 3rd Sun. of Lent	B Knight	L Bridgford	J Grainger C Critchley	M Boalch	E Rhodes A Grainger	T Mort	Lent/ C Boalch H Walker
Sunday 19th The 4th Sun. of Lent	J Grainger	J Grainger	J Underhill E Rhodes	J Hennerley	J Hennerley J Grainger	F Winderam	Lent/ L Rhodes Y Runciman
Thursday 26th The 5th Sun. of Lent	A Grainger	J Underhill	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	J Grainger	C Critchley	Lent/ NO SERVICE

Church Services

Every Sunday	8.30 a.m.	Said Holy Communion (BCP)
1st & 3 rd Sundays	10 a.m.	Sung Holy Communion (CW)
2nd & 4 th Sundays	10 a.m.	Family Service (CW)
5th Sundays	10 a.m.	Choral Matins (BCP)
1st, 2nd, 3rd, (4th)	6.30 p.m.	Choral Evensong (BCP)
Last Sunday	6.30 p.m.	Sung Holy Communion (BCP)
Every Wednesday	10 a.m.	Said Communion at the Rajar