

# The Parish Church of St. Wilfrid, Mobberley



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# Church Diary for March 2022

Wed. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Morning Prayer at The Beacon Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon Sung Holy Communion with Ashing	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Thu. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Morning Prayer at The Beacon Living in Love and Faith (Zoom) Doorway to Living in Love & Faith	9.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m. 7.45 p.m.
Fri. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer at The Beacon	9.00 a.m.
Sat. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Church Open Memorial Service (Antrobus)	12.00 noon 2.00 p.m.
<b>Sun. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Said Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Holy Communion (CW) Choral Evensong (BCP)	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.
Mon. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer at The Beacon	9.00 a.m.
Tue. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer at The Beacon	9.00 a.m.
Wed. 9 <sup>th</sup>	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. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer at The Beacon Living in Love and Faith (Zoom) Doorway to Living in Love & Faith	9.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m. 7.45 p.m.
Fri. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer at The Beacon Wedding of Scott Stevenson & Sadie Cunliffe	9.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m.
Sat. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Church Open	12.00 noon
<b>Sun. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Said Holy Communion (BCP) All-Age Service Messy Church Preparation Meeting Choral Evensong (BCP)	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 11.15 a.m. 6.30 p.m.
Mon. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer at The Beacon	9.00 a.m.
Tue. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer at The Beacon Victory Hall TDC	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.
Wed. 16 <sup>th</sup>	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. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer at The Beacon Living in Love and Faith (Zoom) Doorway to Living in Love & Faith	9.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m. 7.45 p.m.
Fri. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer at The Beacon	9.00 a.m.
Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer at The Beacon Wedding of Robert Smith & Phoebe Sayell	9.00 a.m. 1.30 a.m.
<b>Sun. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</u></b>	
	Said Holy Communion (BCP)	8.30 a.m.
	Sung Holy Communion (CW)	10.00 a.m.
	Choral Evensong	6.30 p.m.
Mon. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Morning Prayer at The Beacon PCC Meeting	9.00 a.m. 7.45 p.m.
Tue. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Morning Prayer at The Beacon School Governors	9.00 a.m. 5.00 p.m.
Wed. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	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. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer at The Beacon Living in Love and Faith (Zoom) Doorway to Living in Love & Faith	9.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m. 7.45 p.m.
Fri. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer at The Beacon	9.00 a.m.
Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Messy Church Church Open	10.00 a.m. 12.00 noon
<b>Sun. 27<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b><u>The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday</u></b>	
	Said Holy Communion (BCP)	8.30 a.m.
	All-Age Mothering Sunday Service	10.00 a.m.
	Sung Holy Communion (BCP)	6.30 p.m.
Mon. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer at The Beacon Deanery Synod Meeting	9.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Tue. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer at The Beacon Parish Lunch	9.00 a.m. 12.00 p.m.
Wed. 30 <sup>th</sup>	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. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Morning Prayer at The Beacon Living in Love and Faith (Zoom) Doorway to Living in Love & Faith	9.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m. 7.45 p.m.

# The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

Lent is once more upon us and we hope and pray that, for the first time since 2019, we shall be able to follow our full and normal programme. You will find about what we are doing in the pages of this magazine however the thing I want to draw your attention to is the Living in Love and Faith Course (LLF) that we are encouraging all our church members to attend, and yes, that means you, who doesn't think it is the kind of thing for you and doesn't normally attend any courses.

LLF is the most important, and potentially far-reaching, discussion to take place within the Church of England for 30 years and deals with issues of human identity, sexuality and marriage. This discussion will shape the Church of England for many years to come and so it is important that you should participate, and your voice be heard.

The Church of England is keenly aware that issues of gender and sexuality are intrinsic to people's experience; their sense of identity; their lives and the loving relationships that shape and sustain them. We also know that the life and mission of our Church – and of the worldwide Anglican Communion – are affected by the deep, and sometimes painful, disagreements among us which have been debated and discussed on many occasions over the years.

These divisions have come into sharper focus because of society's changing perspectives and practices, especially in relation to lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual and intersex people. The Church wants to understand what it means to follow Christ in love and faith given the questions about human identity and the variety of patterns of relationship emerging in our society, including marriage, civil partnership, cohabitation, celibacy and friendship.

LLF sets out a framework upon which our discussions can take place based upon 6 pastoral principles that all participants are asked to bear in mind. These principles are acknowledge prejudice, speak into silence, address ignorance, cast our fear, admit hypocrisy and pay attention to power (as in look to where power resides). These principles underlie our discussion as we seek to explore together where God is leading us in our every changing and ever more complex world. You still have time to sign up to one of our courses which begin on Thursday 3 March and run for 5 weeks.

Yours in Christ,  
**Ian.**

# Lent at St. Wilfrid's

*For centuries Christians have found Lent to be a valuable time to declutter their lives and reattune their attention to focus on God. This is normally done through a commitment to prayer, to Bible study, to demonstrating self-control and to the giving of alms. In some ways it doesn't matter what you do so long as you do something. Please take the opportunities presented above to make this a Holy Lent.*



## **Ash Wednesday**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
7.30 p.m. in church

Sung Service of Holy Communion  
incorporating the rite of Ashing.

## **Morning Prayer**

Each weekday in Lent  
9.00 a.m. at The Beacon

A said service of Morning Prayer  
in church each weekday.



## **Lenten Compline**

Each Wednesday in Lent (from 9<sup>th</sup> March)  
7.00 p.m. in church

An unaccompanied sung service to  
reflect on the week past and week ahead.



## **Living in Love & Faith**

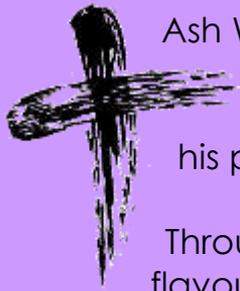
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
1.00 p.m. via Zoom  
7.45 p.m. in person (at the Beacon)

*Please confirm your attendance on the LLF Courses so we can provide you with the Course booklet.*

## **Useful Dates**

Mothering Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>  
Palm Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>  
Easter Day April 17<sup>th</sup>

# Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, the period of preparation before our celebration of Easter that reflects the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness in preparation for the start of his public ministry.

Throughout Lent there are particular days that have their own special 'flavour' and Ash Wednesday is one such day. In the bible ashes were often used a sign of penitence, a recognition of our mortality as reflected in the words used at the Ash Wednesday service, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return". This is, however, set against the saving grace of God in whom we find eternal life through Jesus Christ. Jesus overcame death and opened the kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

But to walk in the footsteps requires discipline, which is what Lent is all about, teaching ourselves discipline and self-control. Join us as we begin our Lenten journey, as we remind ourselves that we are indeed but dust but also that, in Christ, we are made little more than angels.

## **Ash Wednesday Communion & Ashing**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30 p.m.

## **Mothering Sunday**



It isn't often that Ash Wednesday and Mothering Sunday fall in the same month, but such is the case this year.

Despite bold claims to the contrary, it isn't totally clear how the tradition came about. The two earliest references to it are both from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and both occur in the Southwest of England suggesting it was a local Westcountry custom. It may have been associated with servants in country houses going home before Easter although the fact that it was so localised, and only seemed to have involved girls, put a question mark against that (it also begs the question, why wasn't there a similar day a few weeks before Christmas?).

It was however deemed to be a 'good thing' especially as families became more and more dispersed. The linking of the word 'mother' to their 'mother church' seems a later addition but it was certainly the Church that both popularised and sustained it throughout the centuries, bolstered in the 20<sup>th</sup> century by the importation of the American Mother's Day. Mothering Sunday continues as a day of thanksgiving amidst the sombreness of Lent as we celebrate the gift of love within our families.

## **All-Age Mothering Sunday Service**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.00 a.m.

# Living in Love & Faith

Starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March we shall be holding two Living in Love & Faith courses. Living in Love and Faith addresses some of the most important questions facing the Church and our society today, questions of sexuality, gender, relationships and marriage. Within the Church specifically it raises questions about our understanding of scripture, the Church's role within society, the shape of licensed ministry (both ordained and lay) and the welcome we extend to others.

**In other words, Living in Love and Faith is likely to be the most important discussion that will take place within the Church of England for the next 30 years and you really need to be involved.**

Living in Love and Faith is our opportunity to educate ourselves as to the issues, listen to what the Bible has to say, hear the first-hand testimonies of those who have experience in these matters, and last - but not least - discuss and pray over these questions with fellow Christians.

There are two courses you can choose between, a virtual course via Zoom and a face-to-face course. The Zoom course will also include people from around the Deanery and my advice, if at all possible, is to attend the face-to-face course. **We will provide you with a booklet so please let us know if you are attending the course.**

## Living in Love & Faith

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March (for 5 weeks)

Virtual Meeting via Zoom at 1.00 p.m. (contact IB)

Face-to Face 7.45 p.m. at The Beacon (contact JG)

# Parish Lunch

It has been a long time since we last got together but our Parish Lunches are finally restarting and the first one of 2022 will take place on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** at 12.30 p.m. at The Beacon. This is a great opportunity to meet up with old friends, have a chat over a lovely meal, and possibly walk away with a potted plant... I know... we spoil you!



As this is our first one at The Beacon we will be limiting numbers just in case there are any unforeseen problems so please get in quick and speak to Jean to book early.



# Deanery Changes

The Knutsford Deanery is gradually being denuded of clergy over the course of 2022. From the 31<sup>st</sup> of January Philip and Patricia Robinson and their Assistant Priest, Trish Cope, retired from the benefice of Rostherne with Little Bollington, Over Tabley and High Legh. After that Jon Hale announced his retirement from the benefice of Alderley and Birtles after 5½ years or so and then, putting a cherry on the top, Caroline Throup announced that she would be leaving Wilmslow after 3½ years to take up a new post in Basel for the Diocese of Europe.



We wish all these individuals well and offer them our prayers in this next phase of their lives and ministry but also we do not have an abundance of spare clergy in this Deanery, nor do we have an over-abundance of Readers, so finding cover will be tricky. I would ask you therefore to keep the Churchwardens, PCC and congregations of these churches in your thoughts and prayers also over the next few months.

## The Beacon

As you will be aware, the PCC took the decision to put off launching our new projects at The Beacon until the uncertainty over Covid restrictions had settled down. We are still looking to launch a number of projects from the start of May. but we do need your help.

### **The Beacon Café**

We need a rota of people to help in running the Beacon Café which will, initially at least, operate 3 times a week on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturday (excluding the last of the month) from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. This will involve serving drinks, making basic snacks, and keeping the Café generally neat and tidy. In addition, we would hope that you would chat with the customers and be a welcoming and friendly face. Please contact John Hennerley.

### **Homework Club**

This will operate Mondays and Thursdays from 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. and we are particularly looking for people with teaching experience who will be able to assist the children with their homework. This is not one-to-one tuition but just lending a helping hand when they get stuck. If you would like to help please contact Ian. Thank you

# The Two Ways

*The Didache (Teaching) is an ancient Christian catechism written in Common (Koine) Greek and dating from around the late 1<sup>st</sup> century to the mid-2<sup>nd</sup> century. It was written for Jewish converts and is one of the most important early insights into the life of the Church outside of the New Testament. What is remarkable is how many passages from the gospels, particularly Matthew's, were known so well that, not only did the (anonymous) writer know them but it his clear assumption that his audience knew them also. It has four sections, Ethics, Rituals, Church Order and a final Eschatological section, but, at the start of Lent, here is the very first section dealing with the first of the two commandments.*

There are two ways, one of life and one of death; but a great difference between the two ways.

The way of life, then, is this: First, you shall love God who made you; second, your neighbour as yourself; and all things whatsoever you would should not occur to you, do not also do to another. And of these sayings the teaching is this:

Bless those who curse you, and pray for your enemies, and fast for those who persecute you. For what reward is there, if you love those who love you? Do not also the Gentiles do the same? But love those who hate you, and you shall not have an enemy.



Abstain from fleshly and worldly lusts. If someone gives you a blow upon your right cheek, turn to him the other also, and you shall be perfect. If someone impresses you for one mile, go with him two. If someone takes away your cloak, give him also your coat. If someone takes from you what is yours, ask it not back, for indeed you are not able. Give to every one that asks you, and ask it not back; for the Father wills that to all should be given of our own blessings (free gifts). Happy is he that gives according to the commandment; for he is guiltless.

Woe to him that receives; for if one having need receives, he is guiltless; but he that receives not having need, shall pay the penalty, why he received and for what, and, coming into straits (confinement), he shall be examined concerning the things which he has done, and he shall not escape thence until he pay back the last farthing.

But also now concerning this, it has been said, Let your alms sweat in your hands, until you know to whom you should give.

# From St. Wilfrid's Registers –



## **Baptisms in January**

30<sup>th</sup> Maeve Lilac Morgan Wood Lane, Mobberley  
30<sup>th</sup> Roman Richard Smart Wood Lane, Mobberley

## **Baptisms in February**

13<sup>th</sup> George Alan Taylor Ack Lane West, Cheadle Hulme  
20<sup>th</sup> Mollie Rose King Manor Park North, Knutsford



## **Funerals in February**

## **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 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 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 Bradley Norbury Patricia Cooke Gilbert Wills Marjorie Waite Ivy Shenton Charles Chick Adelaide Clarke John Norbury Netta Armitt Ronald Walmsley Joan Walmsley Beatrice Simcock Clifford Reynolds Janette Holme
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*Those whose anniversary of death is within the last 10 years are remembered on the weekly newsheet and recalled in our Sunday services. Those listed above are people whose anniversary is more than 10-years ago.*