

The Parish Church of St. Wilfrid, Mobberley



April 2023

50 pence

Tue. 18th	School Easter Service The Beacon Drop-In	9.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m.
Wed. 19th	Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon Movie Magic at The Beacon Compline	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 1.30 p.m. 7.00 p.m.
Thu 20th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Fri. 21st	Youth Club	7.00 p.m.
Sat. 22nd	Messy Church	10.00 a.m.
<u>Sun. 23rd</u>	<u>The 3rd Sunday of Easter</u>	
	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Family Service	10.00 a.m.
	APCM	11.15 a.m.
	Choral Evensong	6.30 p.m.
Mon. 24th	PCC Standing Committee	7.30 p.m.
Tue. 25th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Wed. 26th	Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu 27th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Fri. 28th	Youth Club	7.00 p.m.
Sat. 29	Messy Church	10.00 a.m.
<u>Sun. 30th</u>	<u>The 4th Sunday Easter</u>	
	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Choral Matins	10.00 a.m.
	Sung Holy Communion	6.30 p.m.

The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

It was Robert Louis Stevenson who first stated, 'to travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive' but this reflects an earlier Taoist saying, 'the journey is the reward'. There is a lot to be said for both these sayings. Throughout Lent we have been encouraged to engage in a journey, sharing with Christ in his time in the wilderness and, ultimately, walking with him in the way of the cross. This journey should involve us in a thoughtful and nurturing process as, through prayer, self-discipline and study, we seek to grow ever more in the image of Christ.

That journey has long been recognised as beneficial and Christian around the world for millennia have joined in this pilgrimage, this walk with God. Yet, this is where I have to divert from both Stevenson and Taoism and my mind goes more to JRR Tolkien. In his book *The Lord of the Rings* Bilbo says to his nephew Frodo, "It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door. You step onto the road, and if you don't keep your feet, there's no knowing where you might be swept off to." The point is that it is the road that 'goes ever on and on' but the road is not the same as the journey. For a journey to be a journey it has to have a destination, this is the difference between being a traveller and being a 'hobo'.

On our journey through Lent we are heading towards the destination of Easter. Our journey is to prepare us for this climax when we encounter again our risen Lord, when we are directly confronted the reality of salvation and those words of Jesus from the cross to the penitent thief, "today you will be with me in paradise".

This is our glimpse of glory, such as that revealed to Peter, James and John on the mountain top when Jesus was transfigured before them. This is our journey's end. The road however goes ever on and on, and so we return, bringing with us, and strengthened by, that vision, to continue on our earthly pilgrimage, our daily walk with God.

May we, through walking the way of the cross, encounter our risen Lord, may we experience the light of Christ rising in your heart, and may we live his resurrection life, to be a sign of his presence in all the world.

Yours in Christ,
Ian.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday - Sunday 2nd April

Palm Procession &
Family Service at 10.00 a.m.
(Beginning in the Rectory garden)

Daily Office in Holy Week

Morning Prayer at The Beacon at 9.00 a.m.
Compline in Church 7.00 p.m. *(Mon. - Wed.)*

Maundy Thursday - Thursday 6th April

Holy Communion
& stripping of the altar at 7.30 p.m.
(followed by 1-hour vigil)

Good Friday - Friday 7th April

Proclamation of the Cross at 10.00 a.m.
'Surely this man was the Son of God'

EASTER DAY - Sunday 9th April

Said Communion at 8.30 a.m.
Sung Communion at 10.00 a.m.
followed by an Easter Egg Hunt



Alternate Services

The PCC has been discussing the development of different, perhaps less formal, forms of worship and so, from the 3rd May there will be an alternative type of service taking place on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Beacon. These services will be reflective and informal. There are no hymns and no standing up and sitting down.

We will be holding three different styles of service -

- A Celtic-style Evening Service



Based around the worship developed by the Iona community off the west coast of Scotland. Celtic-style worship embraces the world around us and encourages to see the divine in the everyday.

- A Service of Compline



Compline isn't just for Lent. This quiet, reflective, service was a daily office, said each evening to 'complete' the day, from where it gets its name. Compline, or Night Prayer, has found a new home in many different Christian traditions today.

- A Healing Service



This service is a little different from the other two but we still gather to reflect upon the wholeness that is only to be found in God. At this service those who wish can receive the laying on of hands.

Alternate Services

1st Wednesday of the month
The Beacon at 7.00 p.m.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on **Sunday 23rd April at 11.15 a.m.** This is the principle meeting of our local church and incorporates two distinct meetings.

The first meeting is the Annual Vestry Meeting which is open to everybody on the church Electoral Roll and all parishioners. The main business of this meeting is the election of the Churchwardens. Carole Critchley has come to the end of her 6 years and will there be standing down. I would like to thank her for all that she has done over the last 6 years.

The second meeting is the Annual General Meeting at which the annual report is presented and we elect people to the PCC and to the Deanery Synod.

There are nomination forms for all these roles on the temporary noticeboard near the north door in church. We have two members of PCC standing down who for various reasons do not wish to serve another 3 years. We thank them for their service but, as we have been carrying vacancies on the PCC for a number of years now, it means we will be around 6 people short. It would be great to get a full compliment so please do consider standing.

We shall also be electing three members to Deanery Synod. This is likely to be an interesting year or two as the reactions to the Bishops' statement on Living in Love and Faith and also our own Diocesan Vision process are worked through.



Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 23rd April
11.15 a.m.

The Friends of St. Wilfrid's Open Gardens

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 25th 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 12th April 'The Odd Life of Timothy Green'

The 2012 fantasy comedy-drama about a couples whose desire for a child causes a miracle to occur, and not just for them.



Wednesday 26th April 'Top Gun : Maverick'

High octane thrills and spills as Tom Cruise returns as ace pilot Peter 'Maverick' Mitchell training a group of pilots for a dangerous mission.

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.

From St. Wilfrid's Registers –



Baptisms in March

12th George William Eden Pownall Park, Wilmslow



Weddings in March

4th Martin & Kayleigh Grace Summerfield Road, Mobberley



Weddings in March

15th	Gillian 'Jill' Acton	Smith Lane, Mobberley	Church
16th	Nicholas Scott Hough	Kings Street, Knutsford	Church
27th	Hector David Evans	Hall Bank North, Mobberley	Church
28th	Anthony Arthur Penn	Newton Hall Lane, Mobberley	Church
29th	Irene Hazelhurst	Barclay Hall, Mobberley	Macc. Crem

Year's Mind in April

Edward Leech	Kenneth Walker	Wayne Southern
Catherine Mais	Peter Speakman	Nancy Acton
Ann Brindley	Anthony Dolan	Rosalind Haller
Kenneth Holt	Marjorie Bayley	Anthony Broad
Toby Fryer	William Daniel	Joseph Fox
Anne Caveney	Agnes Green	Eliza Clarke
Brian Axten	Harry Turner	Ian Sellars
Dorothy Hulme	Averilda Street	James Bowler
George Way	Bessie Morris	William Mason
Dorothy Hadfield	Laura Hender	Margaret McKeand
Yvonne Frayling	Sandy Storey	Leo Coops
Kenneth Oldham	Betty Unwin	Marjorie Bell
Derek Parmenter	Eric Chicot	Robert Ward
Beatrice Mason	Frank Butler	Geoffrey Deakin
George Waite	Alan Gentles	Frances Walker
Kathleen Pennington	Edith Harpham	Alan Martin
Khanikhah Guy	Albert Virgo	Louisa Finch
Frances Smith	Charlotte Morley	Ralph Croxall

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 those whose anniversary is more than 10-years ago.