

# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID, MOBBERLEY



JULY & AUGUST 2021

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## *Church Diary for July 2021*

Thu. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Virtual Doorway	7.30 p.m.
Sat. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Church open for Private Prayer	12.00 p.m.
<b><u>Sun. 4<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</u></b>	
	Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.
	Mobberley Open Gardens	2.00 p.m.
Tue. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Victory Hall TDC	7.00 p.m.
Thu. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Virtual Doorway	7.30 p.m.
Sat. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Church open for Private Prayer	12.00 p.m.
<b><u>Sun. 11<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</u></b>	
	Said Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.
Mon. 12 <sup>th</sup>	PCC Meeting	7.30 p.m.
Tue. 13 <sup>th</sup>	School Governors	5.00 p.m.
Thu. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Wedding Rehearsal	6.00 p.m.
	Virtual Doorway	7.30 p.m.
Sat. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wedding	1.00 p.m.
<b><u>Sun. 18<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</u></b>	
	Holy Communion	10.00 p.m.
Thu. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Virtual Doorway	7.30 p.m.
Sat. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Church open for Private Prayer	12.00 p.m.
<b><u>Sun. 25<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>The Feast of St. James</u></b>	
	Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.
Thu. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Virtual Doorway	7.30 p.m.
Sat. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Church open for Private Prayer	12.00 p.m.

## *Church Diary for August 2021*

<b><u>Sun. 1<sup>st</sup></u></b>	<b><u>The 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</u></b>	
	Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.
Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Church open for Private Prayer	12.00 p.m.
<b><u>Sun. 8<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>The 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</u></b>	
	Said Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.
Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Church open for Private Prayer	12.00 p.m.

<b>Sun. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</u></b>	
	Holy Communion	10.00 p.m.
Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Church open for Private Prayer	12.00 p.m.
<b>Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b><u>The 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</u></b>	
	Holy Communion	10.00 p.m.
Tue. 24 <sup>th</sup>	PCC Standing Committee	7.30 p.m.
Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Wedding	1.00 p.m.
<b>Sun. 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>The 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</u></b>	
	Holy Communion	10.00 p.m.

## September Start-Up

There is a Woody Allen quote, based on an old Yiddish proverb, which goes, "If you want to make God laugh tell him your plans" (you can lump it in with 'The best laid plans of mice and men...' and the more militaristic 'No plan survives first contact with the enemy'). Never has this been truer for us than with our planned return to normality in September.

No sooner had we made the decision we discovered that the Wilmslow Half Marathon, cancelled back in the spring, has been rescheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup> of September, our second Sunday back and what should be our Pet Service at 10.00 a.m.



We are however undaunted, and so on the **12<sup>th</sup> September** we shall still have 8.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. services but will move the 10 a.m. **Pet Service** and hold it at **3 p.m.** in the afternoon.

I do hope you will be able to come and join us for this service which has become firmly established as one of our favourite All-Age services each year.

*Little Harold was practicing the violin in the living room while his father was trying to read in the study. The family dog was also in the study, and as the screeching sounds of little Harold's violin reached his ears, he began to howl loudly.*

*The father listened to the dog and the violin as long as he could. Then he jumped up, slammed his paper to the floor and yelled above the noise, "For Heaven's sake Harold, can you play something the dog doesn't know?!"*

# The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

Waiting. It is a word we are all very familiar with, particularly over the last year and a half. It is a word we are all familiar with, but is it one we properly understand? The way we tend to use the word these days is to use it passively, as in biding our time like when waiting for a bus. The word wait however comes originally from Old German *wait*, which is related to the word *awake*, via the French word *waitier* which meant 'to be watchful', a sense still retained in the phrase 'to lie in wait'.

Waiting is therefore a proactive word; it defines a period of observing and preparedness. Over the last 18 months the PCC has been waiting, looking and preparing for, the end of lockdown. We have invested in new technology in the church building, a process that is still ongoing, allowing us to present material in a much clearer and more flexible way, as well as allowing us to live stream services.

We have also, in this time, bought the property on Town Lane which we are in the process of refurbishing to use as a Parish room for services, Bible studies, Messy Church and meetings, as well as serving refreshments at coffee mornings, parish lunches etc. All of this has been undertaken recognising the positives in waiting and not the negatives.

But there is another word that we can understand in two different ways, and that word is disturbed. The two meanings of the word are well summed up in an old saying about the mission of the Church - the Church is here to comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable. There has been a great deal of disturbance over the last year and a half, and it is easy to list the deluge of problems we have had to face and deal with, but it is also true that this disturbance has created lots of opportunities. It takes a deliberate act of will in times of great disturbance to lay the problems aside and instead focus on the opportunities that are being created.

That is where we are at now in our church. We need to, not forget, but set aside the problems, the disappointments, the sadness and instead look at the opportunities that lie before us, especially in the light of the steps we have taken since March last year. We move forward remembering the words in Lamentation 3:22, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Yours in Christ,  
**Ian.**

# **The Friends of St Wilfrid's Church : Sunday 4th July. 2 - 5pm**



Just a brief reminder to encourage you to support The Friends of St Wilfrid's and celebrate being able to enjoy our Open Gardens, which was cancelled last year. These are always interesting and we are most grateful to the generosity of those who allow us to visit their gardens. You will enjoy variety and beauty, the results of inspiration, creativity and hard work.

Please also help us by telling or bringing your friends and coming along on SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JULY. Tickets will be available at the top of Mill Lane by the sundial from 1.30pm. Please PAY by CASH as we will not have card facilities.

Fingers crossed we will be blessed with good weather!

## **The Clergy Covenant**



**Clergy Care &  
Wellbeing**

The Covenant for Clergy Care and Wellbeing was made an Act of Synod at the February 2020 Group of Sessions of the General Synod. The Covenant is the expressed view of the mind of the Church of England on issues relating to clergy care and wellbeing. This is the second major piece of work to come down to the Parishes from General Synod (see the next page also) and it seeks to engage congregation more deeply in the conversation around this issue. General Synod has produced a range of resources to encourage reflection and discussion. For congregations Synod has approved a paper entitled, 'A Document For Reflection and Action For Local Congregations' the preface of which includes the following words -

We are inviting local congregations to give some thought to the care and wellbeing of the clergy who serve you... It is up to you what action you take as a result of these conversations. We encourage you to undertake this as part of a conversation with your local clergy, while respecting the boundaries that they may wish to put on the exercise. Don't be afraid to show your support and concern, but do so sensitively. We hope you have a useful conversation about how best to care for those who serve your congregation and neighbourhood.

With the Standing Committee's approval we have pencilled in the PCC meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> September to discuss these matters.



# Living in Love & Faith

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.

We hope that people in worshipping communities across the country will get involved and use the resources to learn together. That is why there is a range of resources in a variety of formats. The hope is for people in Church of England churches across the country to use the LLF resources to study and pray together. The resources are designed to encourage and enable engagement and learning in a variety of settings. This church-wide learning together, listening to one another, and listening to God is part of discerning a way forward for the Church of England in relation to matters of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. The purpose of the resources is to enable the Church of England churches across the country to participate in a process of learning and praying together as part of discerning a way forward in relation to matters of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage.

We shall be running the 5-week LLF course through our regular Doorway Group that meets each Thursday at 7.30 p.m. It is our hope and expectation that we shall be able to meet in person at our room on Town Lane and the course will run from the 16th September – 14th October inclusively



*"love one another with mutual affection;  
outdo one another in showing honour."*

Romans 12:10

## Standing Order Form

To the Manager:..... (*name of your bank*)

Bank address:.....

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Sort Code:..... Account No:.....

Please pay to Mobberley Parochial Church Council  
NatWest Bank, 19 School Road, Sale. M33 7ZA  
Sort Code: 01-07-71      Account No. 36921513

Reference: ..... (*your name*)

The sum of :..... (*amount in words*)

£..... (*amount in figures*)

Each month/quarter/year until further notice (*delete as appropriate*)

Commencing on the .....day of ..... 20.....

This replaces any previous standing order payable to Mobberley Parochial Church Council

Signed: ..... Date: .....

When completed please return to your bank. Thank you

If you pay Income Tax and wish Mobberley PCC to recover gift aid on your donations please advise Jean Underhill 01565 873890

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## Tax Efficient Giving

The two simplest and most efficient ways of giving to the Church are to give regularly via a Standing Order and, if you pay any kind of tax on your income or savings, to make a Gift Aid declaration.

A Standing Order is easy to set up, you can use the form above. Simply fill it in and hand it in to your local bank. This is a Standing Order so you determine how much you give, and you alone can alter it.

Making a Gift Aid declaration means we can claim back from the Government 25p for every £1 you give at no cost to you, as you can imagine that adds up to a large amount. Please speak to Jean for more details.

# St. Wilfrid Church Directory

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we are also on **Facebook** as Mobberley Vicar

## Church Services

Every Sunday	8.30 a.m.	Said Holy Communion (BCP)
1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday	10 a.m.	Sung Holy Communion (CW)
2nd Sunday	10 a.m.	All-Age Worship (CW)
4th Sunday	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