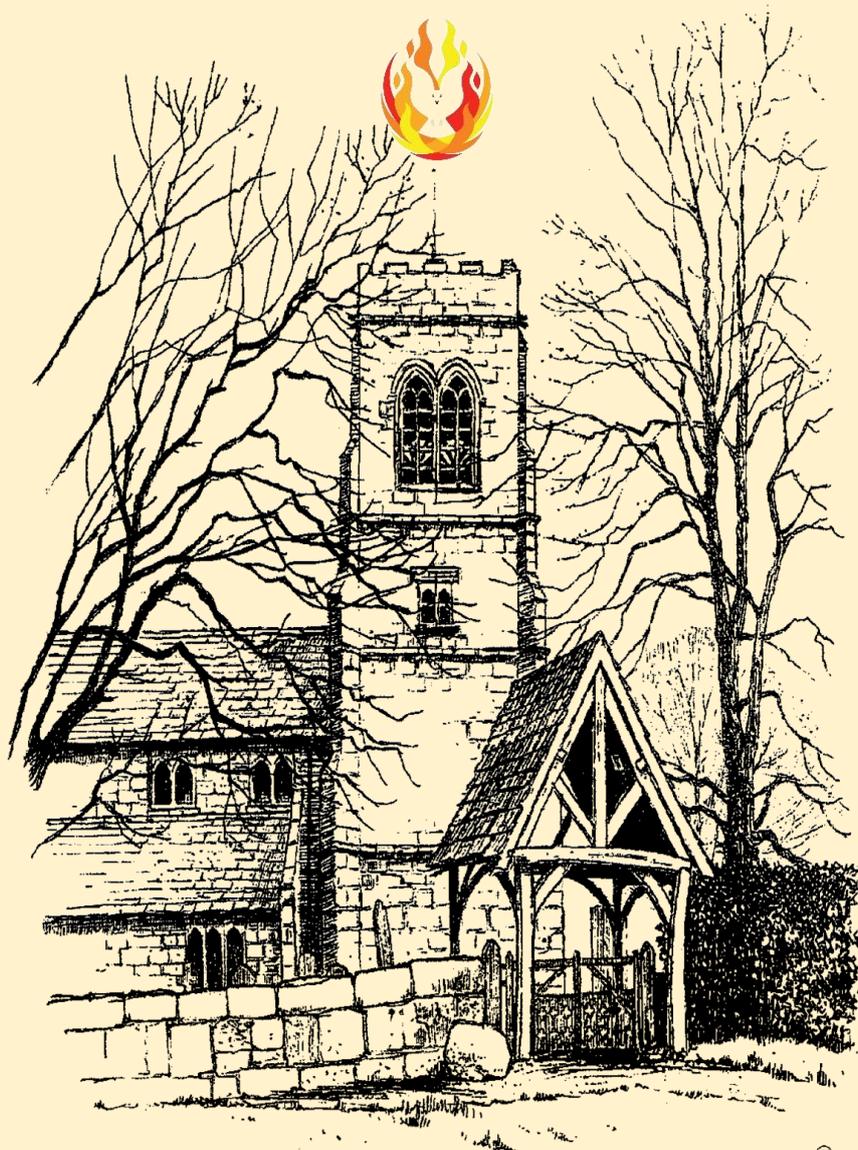


# The Parish Church of St. Wilfrid, Mobberley

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May 2023  
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# Church Diary for May 2023

Mon. 1st	Parents & Tots at The Beacon	10.00 a.m.
Tue. 2nd	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Wed. 3rd	Communion at the Beacon	10.00 a.m.
	Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.30 a.m.
	Celtic Evening Prayer at The Beacon	7.00 p.m.
Thu 4th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Fri. 5th	Youth Club	7.00 p.m.
Sat. 6th	<b>The Coronation of King Charles III</b> Screening of the Coronation	10.00 a.m.
<b>Sun. 7th</b>	<b>The 5th Sunday of Easter</b>	
	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Sung Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.
	Songs of Praise	6.30 p.m.
Mon. 8th	Parents & Tots at The Beacon	10.00 a.m.
Tue. 9th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Wed. 10th	Communion at the Beacon	10.00 a.m.
	Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.30 a.m.
	Wednesday Matinee	1.30 p.m.
Thu. 11th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Fri. 12th	Youth Club at the Beacon	7.00 p.m.
Sat. 13th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
<b>Sun. 14th</b>	<b>The 6th Sunday of Easter</b>	
	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Thanksgiving for Baptism Service	10.00 a.m.
	Choral Evensong	6.30 p.m.
Mon. 15th	Parents & Tots at The Beacon	10.00 a.m.
Tue. 16th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
	Victory Hall TDC AGM	7.00 p.m.

Wed. 17th	Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu. 18th	<b>ASCENSION DAY</b> The Beacon Drop-In Sung Holy Communion	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Fri. 19th	Youth Club at the Beacon	7.00 p.m.
Sat. 20th	The Beacon Drop-In Organ Recital 'Music from the Movies'	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
<b><u>Sun. 21st</u></b>	<b><u>The 7th Sunday Easter</u></b> Said Holy Communion Sung Holy Communion Choral Evensong	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.
Mon. 22nd	Parents & Tots at The Beacon PCC Meeting	10.00 a.m. 7.45 p.m.
Tue. 23rd	The Beacon Drop-In School Governors	10.00 a.m. 5.00 p.m.
Wed. 24th	Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon Movie Magic at The Beacon	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 1.30 p.m.
Thu 25th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Fri. 26th	Youth Club	7.00 p.m.
Sat. 27th	Messy Church	10.00 a.m.
<b><u>Sun. 28th</u></b>	<b><u>THE DAY OF PENTECOST</u></b> Said Holy Communion Sung Holy Communion Sung Holy Communion	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.
Mon. 29th	Parents & Tots at The Beacon	10.00 a.m.
Tue. 30th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Wed. 31st	Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.

# The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

Secular pressures are always pushing forward, looking towards the next thing along the line, with the primary purpose of making us buy the next thing. So Christmas runs into Advent, Easter Eggs go on sale a couple of weeks after Christmas, Ash Wednesday get squeezed into nothingness between pancake batter and Mother's (sic) Day cards.

The pressure to sell, sell, sell means very little time is ever given to take a step back and to live in the moment. This is not simple a religious problem but a societal one, no wonder we have seen a massive rise in programmes selling 'Wellness' and 'Mindfulness'. The terms have changed over the years but the concept isn't new, this was the driving force behind the sitcom *The Good Life* back in the 1970's. Escaping the rat race, escaping the commercial and consumer pressures of modern life.

To that end I want to take this opportunity to remind you all that this is still Easter! This is still the season of chocolate eggs, daffodils, bunny rabbits (if that's your thing) and most importantly, the season to focus on the glorious resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Why would we want to move on, to rush away from this?

One of the great Good Friday hymns is 'My Song is Love Unknown' which to me always sounds very fresh and modern, despite being written by Samuel Crossman in 1664. The last verse of that hymn addresses the very thoughts that I have today, they are words I am sure you will all be very familiar with, "Here might I stay and sing; no story so divine, never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!"

I think this verse, consciously or otherwise, reflects the description of heavenly worship in the Book of Revelation 'the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.' I hope in this month of May we can ignore the treadmill ever forcing us on and, for a time, stop and reflect on the great love and mercy of God as revealed in Jesus Christ and offer to him, on a daily basis, our worship, praise, thanksgiving and service.

Yours in Christ,  
**Ian.**

# The Coronation of King Charles III



The King's Coronation will take place on **Saturday 6th May** over what is an extended Bank Holiday weekend. The BBC has suspended its usual broadcast restrictions for the Coronation and so we will be **screening the Coronation live at The Beacon from 10.00 a.m.** Anybody and everybody is welcome to join us for this special occasion, something we can all

celebrate together. There will be refreshments available throughout the day and, as ever, admission is free although contributions are always welcome.

On the evening of **Sunday 7th May** we shall be holding a service of Songs of Praise as we welcome and celebrate our new King. With hymns that have marked special and momentous occasions in our country's history this will be a service of praise and thanksgiving to round off our Coronation celebrations.



**Screening of the Coronation  
Saturday 6th May**

The Beacon from 10.00 a.m.

**Coronation Songs of Praise  
Sunday 7th May**

In Church at 6.30 p.m.

# Special Services in May

## Celtic Evening Prayer



This is the first of our Alternative Services to be held at The Beacon on the first Wednesday of the month. This is a service of thoughtful prayer and reflection after the manner of the worship of the Iona Community in Scotland. The Celtic church readily adopted the rugged, independent wild goose as the symbol of their unique form of Christian expression. Our service of Celtic Evening Prayer is on **Wednesday 3rd May, 7.00 p.m. at The Beacon**

## Thanksgiving for Baptism



Each year we invite back those who have been baptised here at St. Wilfrid's and particularly those baptised during the previous year. This is a joyful service where we recall our baptismal vows and the new life we have in Christ. Our service of Thanksgiving for Baptism is on **Sunday 14th May, 10.00 a.m. in Church**

## Ascension Day

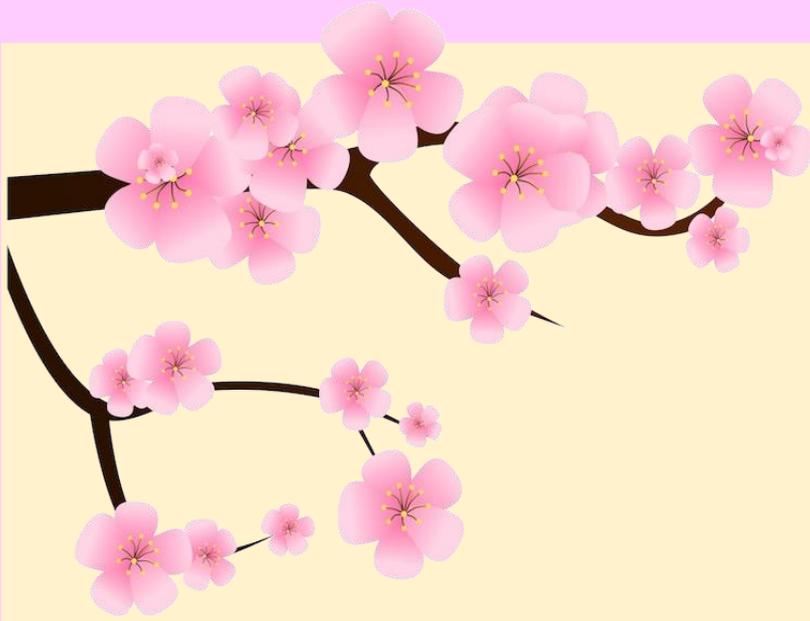


As we draw towards the close of our Easter celebrations we remember how Jesus ascended to his Father thereby enabling the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. This enabled them to fulfil his command to make disciples of all nations. Our Ascension Day service is **Thursday 18th May, 7.30 p.m. in Church**

## The Feast of Pentecost



Easter comes to a close with the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, turning a group of timid, frightened men into a force that would turn the whole world upside down. The Feast of Pentecost is on **Sunday the 28th May.**



**EVENING ORGAN RECITAL  
WITH RESIDENT ORGANIST  
DAVID CARLSTON WILLIAMS  
PLAYING MUSIC FROM THE MOVIES  
AT ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH,  
MOBBERLEY. WA167RS**

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**SATURDAY 20TH MAY 2023**

**7.30P.M. TO 10.00P.M.**

INCLUDING A GLASS OF WINE OR SOFT DRINK

Admission £10 adults children under 16 free

Pay on the door

for more information contact Jean Underhill 01565 873890

## Wednesday Matinees



**Wednesday 10th May**  
**'1917'**

This 2019 Sam Mendes film follows Schofield and Blake, two British soldiers on the Western Front, in their mission to deliver an important message to call off a doomed offensive attack against the Hindenburg Line which would also involve Blake's brother.



**Wednesday 24th March**  
**'The Adventures of Tintin'**

Join Tintin, Snowy, and Captain Haddock in their search for the treasure of the *Unicorn*, a ship once captained by Haddock's ancestor Sir Francis Haddock, whilst facing dangerous pursuit by the descendant of Sir Haddock's nemesis, Red Rackham .

*The films are completely free to watch, although of course donations are always welcome, and the doors open at 1.15 p.m. and the films start at 2.00 p.m.*

## ST. WILFRID'S OPEN GARDEN DAY

We have several interesting and lovely gardens to visit in Mobberley on the afternoon of **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June.**

Do put the date in your diary and encourage your friends to support the efforts made by our hosts and the committee of The Friends of St Wilfrid's church. It is a happy and sociable event!

# Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Thank you to everybody who attended our APCM on the 23rd April. Unfortunately, we were able to elect just the one Churchwarden, John Hennerley, who will continue for another year. A big thank you to John for being willing to stand and also thank you to Carol Critchley who has completed her six years of office and has now stood down.

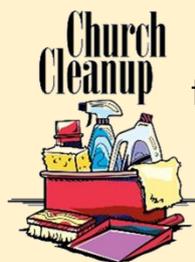
We had four people stand for the PCC, three returning members, Ann Grainger, Linda Rushton and Tim Mort and one new member Heather Walker. Thank you for agreeing to stand and welcome to Heather in her first term.

Three people were elected to Deanery Synod, these were Jean Underhill and John Grainger who were both returning members, and Carole Critchley who has done a sterling job as Deanery Synod secretary for 6 years.



I am immensely grateful for these volunteers but it does leave us short of 1 Churchwarden and 4 PCC members. This limits the experience and wisdom that we can bring to bear and it increases the workload on those who are members. If you would like to help in either of these capacities please speak to the Rector.

## Church Cleaning & Maintenance



We weren't able to hold our annual church Spring Clean this year however it has not been forgotten and we have set aside the date of **Saturday 1st July**. On this day we shall be cleaning, dusting, and polishing the interior whilst also weeding, oiling, getting and drain clearing the exterior. If there is anything you think has needed doing this is the day to do it so get your rubber gloves and come and join us.

# From St. Wilfrid's Registers –



## **Baptisms in April**

2nd Oscar Arthur Bunyan

Crofton Avenue, Timperley



## **Funerals in April**

6th James Francis Cartner	Edenfield Rd, Mobberley	Church
17th Brenda Cragg	Brook Street, Northwich	Church
21st Joan Hulme	The Willows, Great Warford	Alt. Crem
24th Joseph Norbury Blackburn	Davenham Hall, Northwich	The Birches

## **Year's Mind in May**

Florence Wilkinson	Thomas Higginson	Minnie Barber
Maria Winstanley	Ella Simpson	Robert Walton
Ian Green	Eddy Taylor	Selina Morris
Sidney Wharton	Leigh Ogden	James Butler
Phyllis Walker	George Gittings	Joan Harrison
Cissy Shaw	Rodney Claber	Isabele Harvey
Marjorie Reynolds	Mary Hughes	William McCarter
Edith Clegg	William James	Fred Hughes
Janet Merrick	Harry Parkinson	Eleanor Hall
Gary Anderson	Joan Caveney	Dorothy Wilding
Jessie Hatton	Joan Roberts	Amy Leach
Charles Baumbach	Oswald Price	Cyril Parry
Clifford Norton	Gladys O'Connor	Nellie Johnstone
Percy Wilkes	Ada Tickle	George Neville
Arthur Fallows	Bunny Rolfe	Lena Parker
Clifford Winstanley	Emily Lloyd	Jean Lawrence
John Groves	Audrey Fletcher	Ricki Davies
James Caveney	James Bell	

*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.*