

The Parish Church of St. Wilfrid, Mobberley

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June 2023

Church Diary for June 2023

Thu 1st	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Fri. 2nd	Youth Club	7.00 p.m.
Sat. 3rd	Men's Breakfast	9.00 a.m.
Sun. 4th	TRINITY SUNDAY	
	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Sung Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.
	Choral Evensong	6.30 p.m.
Mon. 5th	Parents & Tots at The Beacon	10.00 a.m.
	Mobberley Trust Meeting	7.00 p.m.
Tue. 6th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Wed. 7th	Communion at the Beacon	10.00 a.m.
	Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.30 a.m.
	Alternative Service (Compline)	7.00 p.m.
Thu. 8th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
	Wedding Rehearsal	7.30 p.m.
Fri. 9th	Youth Club at the Beacon	7.00 p.m.
Sat. 10th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
	Wedding	2.30 p.m.
	Wedding Rehearsal	4.00 p.m.
Sun. 11th	Barnabas the Apostle	
	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	All-Age Family Service	10.00 a.m.
	Wedding	2.00 p.m.
	Choral Evensong	6.30 p.m.
Mon. 12th	Parents & Tots at The Beacon	10.00 a.m.
	Wedding Preparation Meeting	7.30 p.m.
Tue. 13th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Wed. 14th	Communion at the Beacon	10.00 a.m.
	Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.30 a.m.
	Wednesday Matinee	1.30 p.m.
Thu. 15th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Fri. 16th	Youth Club at the Beacon	7.00 p.m.
Sat. 17th	Mobberley Rose Queen Festival	1.00 p.m.

Sun. 18th The 2nd Sunday after Trinity

	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Rose Queen Service	10.30 a.m.
	Choral Evensong	6.30 p.m.
Mon. 19th	Parents & Tots at The Beacon	10.00 a.m.
	PCC Standing Committee	7.30 p.m.
Tue. 20th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Wed. 21st	Communion at the Beacon	10.00 a.m.
	Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.30 a.m.
Thu 22nd	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Fri. 23rd	Youth Club	7.00 p.m.
Sat. 24th	Messy Church	10.00 a.m.

Sun. 28th The 3rd Sunday after Trinity

	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Family Service	10.00 a.m.
	Mobberley Open Gardens	12.00 noon
	Sung Holy Communion	6.30 p.m.
Mon. 26th	Parents & Tots at The Beacon	10.00 a.m.
	Archdeacon's Visitation	7.30 p.m.
Tue. 27th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Wed. 28th	Communion at the Beacon	10.00 a.m.
	Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.30 a.m.
	Wednesday Matinee	1.30 p.m.
Thu. 29th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Fri. 30th	Youth Club	7.00 p.m.

The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

June is always, to me at least, a time when we can slow down and draw breath a little. The Church's year is massively lopsided with most everything happening in the period between November to May, All Saints, All Souls, Remembrance Sunday, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and All Saints. From the start of June we have... err... the Mobberley Rose Queen Festival!?!

In a strange way this kind of mirrors the agricultural year, winter and spring being a time of preparation, of feeding and tending but whereas in the farming year this then leads into a flurry of activity with harvesting we continue with a degree of peace and quiet. Peace and quiet however are not the same as idleness.

Peace, true peace, is not simply the absence of a thing, whether that thing be work or war, but rather peace is about the presence of something, and that something is harmony. True peace is about things working together, creating something afresh. Think of a large orchestra, there are violinists elbows see-sawing, kettle-drummers tub-thumping away, trombonist huffing and puffing and everyone else in between. They are anything but peaceful, but they are working together in harmony, they are at peace with one another within and through all their frantic activity.

In the same way, quiet is not simply the a lack of noise. Quiet is about acceptance and contentedness, quiet is the peace that lies within ourselves. Rather than between others. Going back to orchestras, quietness is what was to be found in the band that continued to play as the Titanic sank, it was what lay in the heart of Captain Oates when he told his team he was nipping out and might be some time.

Following on from the busyness of the last 6-7 months we now have the chance of a bit of peace and quiet. A bit of time to seek and develop peace and harmony between our family, friends and neighbours, growing God's kingdom of justice and peace. It is also the time to seek out God in our own lives and our own hearts. To listen for his voice, to discern his will and to do it, finding within obedience the reality of Jesus' promise in Matthew 11, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Yours in Christ,
Ian.

Alternative Services

Our second alternative service takes place at The Beacon on Wednesday 7th June at 7.00 p.m. This service may not seem that alternative as it is a service of Compline, however it has been slightly adapted to fit into the more reflective style that we are wanting to achieve with these services.

Compline is a service, called an 'Office' which along with others such as matins, vespers, evensong, set the pattern of worship within religious communities. Compline was the last Office of the day and the name comes from the Latin for

'completion', a theme picked up in the Compline hymn, "Before the ending of the day, creator of the world, we pray, that with thy wonted favour thou wouldst be our guard and keeper now". By its nature therefore it is a service that gives us space to think on the day past, to reflect on what has been done and to prepare ourselves for the day ahead.



We shall be keeping some of the music that you might be familiar with if you attend the services during Lent but this is an opportunity to sit, listen and think.



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 from 10.00 a.m.** 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.

Mobberley Rose Queen

We hope and pray for a great day when our new Rose Queen, Beth Ralston, is crowned on the 17th June. Congratulations also to her Ladies-in-Waiting, Pippa Rowlinson and Rosalie Tarne.



We hope all three young ladies can join us as guests of honour at our Open-Air Service on the Rose Queen field on Sunday 18th June starting at 10.30 a.m. the theme of which this year is 'Here Come The Summer'.



This will be the first Rose Queen service for our Methodist Minister Nick Thomson. I think most people at St. Wilfrid's haven't yet had the chance to meet him so please do take this opportunity.

Summer Cream Tea

Following the success of last year's event we shall be repeating our Cream Tea on the Rectory lawn on **Saturday 8th July**. With scones (to rhyme with phones), luscious cream and tangy jam with a cup of tea or a glass of bubbly you can enjoy a lovely afternoon with family and friends.



There will be candy floss, popcorn and games organised for the kids so it can be a real family affair. Do come and join us

St. Wilfrid's Cream Tea

Saturday 8th July

3.00 - 5.00 p.m.

£6 hot drink or £8 with glass of fizz

Covid & Communion

Practices within the Church of England are governed by Canon Law and also what are known as its 'historic formularies' which are the Book of Common Prayer and the Thirty Nine Articles of Religion. In all of these documents it is clear in the Church of England the normal way to receive the wine at Holy Communion is via a common cup or where there are large numbers present a number of common cups.

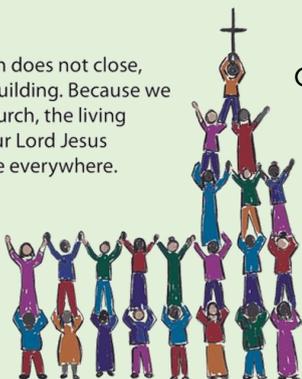
There have been exceptions to this and in 1969 the C of E issued guidelines which permitted 'intinction' for reasons of health, this involves dipping the bread in the wine so both bread and wine are received together. This is what we have been doing at St. Wilfrid's for the last couple of years despite the fact that a year or so ago the Church of England covid guidelines permitted a return to sharing a common cup. We took the decision to delay because the previous winter had seen an upsurge in cases due to the omicron variant of the Covid-19 strain.



Over the last few years there has been increased research into both Covid-19 and the risks of sharing the common cup. and that research has essentially come to the same conclusion, a conclusion that is summed up in the conclusion of a report undertaken by Cambridge University which states,

It must therefore be admitted that the common communion cup may serve as a means of transmitting infection. Reasons are given, however, for believing that the risk of transmission is very small, and probably much smaller than that of contracting infection by other methods in any gathering of people.

The church does not close,
only the building. Because we
are the church, the living
body of our Lord Jesus
and we are everywhere.



At the same time incidences of Covid in our area is tiny. We share a statistical area with Plumley and High Legh and in the 7 days leading to the 6th May no figures were available, which meant there were less than 3 cases per 100,000 people.

Meanwhile, the World Health Organisation has recognised that Covid-19 is now an

established and ongoing health issue and no longer constitutes a public health emergency. In other words Covid is here to stay. This may be reflected in UK death rates which in March 2023 showed Covid to be responsible for 32 deaths per 100,000 people which is a long way behind flu and pneumonia at around 45 deaths per 100,000.

In summary therefore, Covid is present in the population and always will be. At the same time, Covid rates in our area are very low (too low to register) and research indicates that you are as likely to catch Covid at a Family Service as you are at a Communion service.

In light of this at the meeting of the PCC on the 22nd May 2023 it was agreed that we should return to the use of a common cup at communion services. Please note this won't happen immediately as we need to recruit and train/retrain our communion assistants.

In the meantime here are the answers to some FAQs -

Shouldn't we wait a bit longer?

What would we be waiting for? Covid isn't ever going to go away, the number of Covid cases registered locally cannot get any lower, current scientific research uniformly suggests that it is safe to return to using the common cup and we have waited a year already.

Couldn't we use both a common cup and intinction?

Yes and no. Whilst in theory we could there is no reasonable way that we can think of which would be easy for the congregation to grasp, easy for the President to administer and which would be hygienic for all.

I still feel unsure, is it alright to just receive the bread?

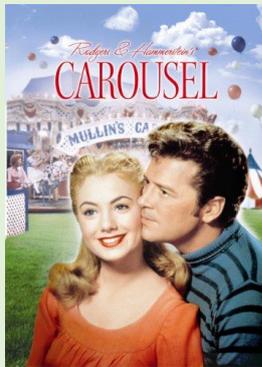
Christian theology holds that the body of Christ is indivisible, in receiving either the bread or the wine, we are in full communion with Christ. There is no problem in receiving just the bread, as we did for a year between 2020 and 2021, this is also the permanent practice of the Roman Catholic church.

Wednesday Matinees



Wednesday 14th June 'The Help'

Searching for the subject of her first book Skeeter Phelan witnesses the racism two black maids face in 1960's Mississippi and decides to write a book from their point of view. Only Aibileen (Viola Davis), the housekeeper of Skeeter's best friend, will talk at first. But as the pair continue the collaboration more women decide to come forward and, as it turns out, they have quite a lot to say.



Wednesday 28th June 'Carousel'

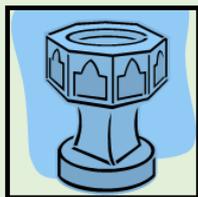
This 1956 drama fantasy offers a slice of pure Americana, telling the story of Billy Bigelow (Gordon MacRae), a carousel barker, who falls in love with the beautiful Julie Jordan (Shirley Jones). The path of true love, however, doesn't run straight leading to tragedy but also a glimmer of hope after the fashion of 'A Wonderful Life'. A great film and great music from the legendary Rodgers and Hammerstein. 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 25th 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!

From St. Wilfrid's Registers –



Baptisms in May

7th Cora Annetta Shakeshaft Chillingham Close, Chelford
 21st Ada Emily Farrell Sandfield Lane, Hartford



Funerals in May

22nd John Norbury Lugsdale Road, Widnes Church

Year's Mind in June

Marie Howard	Walter Jones	Dennis Caveney
Sheila Cater	Sam Gibbons	Violet Ollis
Ada Chapman	Gladys Taylor	Edith Eley
Lily Garton	Joan Daniel	Louis Sproson
Elizabeth Wright	Bill Arnison	Rita Alexandre-
Jane Giles	John Holden	Stephenson
Ivy Dean	Ella Whitelegge	Annie Ashton
Robert Ollis	Joan Beckett	Edith Heardman
Amy Platt	Barry Caveney	Mary Parker-Grange
Jean Stott	Maria Thomas	John Goulding
Leonard Broadbent	Alice Fox	Patricia Lamb
Edward Morley	John Roberts	William Hood
Harold Wheeldon	Harry Acton	Edith Wills
Annie Dewsbury	Dorothy Mountford	James Bracegirdle
Ernest Long	Mabel Storey	Brian Wilding
Rodney Bloor	Eric Milner	Grace Teare

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.