

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID, MOBBERLEY



MAY 2022

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Church Diary for May 2022

Sun. 1st	The 3rd Sunday of Easter	
	Said Holy Communion (BCP)	8.30 a.m.
	Sung Holy Communion (CW)	10.00 a.m.
	Wedding (Austin Halewood & Emma Blackwell)	1.00 p.m.
	Choral Evensong (BCP)	6.30 p.m.
Mon. 2 nd	Homework Club	3.00 p.m.
Tue. 3 rd	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
	School Governors	5.00 p.m.
Wed. 4 th	Communion at the Beacon	10.00 a.m.
	Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.30 a.m.
Thu. 5 th	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
	Homework Club	3.00 p.m.
	Wedding Rehearsal	7.30 p.m.
	Doorway	7.45 p.m.
Sat. 7 th	Men's Breakfast	9.00 a.m.
	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
	Wedding (Matthew Marfani & Kathryn Turnbull)	1.00 p.m.
Sun. 8th	The 4th Sunday of Easter	
	Said Holy Communion (BCP)	8.30 a.m.
	All-Age Service	10.00 a.m.
	APCM	11.15 a.m.
	Choral Evensong (BCP)	6.30 p.m.
Mon. 9 th	Burial of Ashes (Irene Moss)	12.30 p.m.
	Homework Club	3.00 p.m.
Tue. 10 th	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
	Wedding Preparation Meeting	7.30 p.m.
Wed. 11 th	Communion at the Beacon	10.00 a.m.
	Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.30 a.m.
Thu. 12 th	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
	Homework Club	3.00 p.m.
	Doorway	7.45 p.m.
Sat. 14 th	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
	Church Open	12.00 noon
	Wedding Rehearsal	12.00 noon
Sun. 15th	The 5th Sunday of Easter	
	Said Holy Communion (BCP)	8.30 a.m.
	Sung Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.
	Baptism (Phyllis Alexandra Statham)	12.00 p.m.
	Choral Evensong (BCP)	6.30 p.m.

Mon. 16 th	NO Homework Club TDC Annual General Meeting	7.00 p.m.
Tue.	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
Wed. 18 th	Extended Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu. 19 th	The Beacon Café Homework Club Doorway	10.00 a.m. 3.00 p.m. 7.45 p.m.
Sat. 21 st	The Beacon Café Church Open Wedding (Oliver Ward & Sara-Jayne Sadiq)	10.00 a.m. 12.00 noon 2.30 p.m.
<u>Sun. 22nd</u>	<u>The 6th Sunday of Easter</u> Said Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer Choral Evensong	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.
Mon. 23 rd	Homework Club PCC Meeting	3.00 p.m. 7.45 p.m.
Tue. 24 th	The Beacon Café Memorial Service	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Wed. 25 th	Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu 26 th	<u>Ascension Day</u> The Beacon Café Homework Club Sung Holy Communion	10.00 a.m. 3.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.
Sat. 28 th	Messy Church Church Open Concert by Ensemble 47	10.00 a.m. 12.00 noon 7.30 p.m.
<u>Sun. 29th</u>	<u>The 7th Sunday of Easter</u> Said Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Holy Communion Sung Holy Communion (BCP)	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.
Mon. 30 th	Homework Club	3.00 p.m.

The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

When I have been going into school these last couple of weeks I have been making the point to the children (and the Staff also) that Easter is not simply one day but is a whole season, one that last for 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. This isn't an arbitrary period but reflects the events of two thousand years ago during which Jesus met and continued to teach his disciples after his resurrection, a period that includes his ascension into heaven and the sending of the Holy Spirit.

We can only try and imagine what a time this was for those disciples. We get glimpses of them in the gospels as they run the gamut of emotions from fear, despair and confusion through to joy, hope and confidence. Those disciples, as they stood at a distance observing Jesus' crucifixion, had no idea that in just a few days time they would be rejoicing at Jesus' presence among them, and that a few weeks later they would begin their mission to turn the world upside-down.

It is the nature of darkness to overcome hope and to smother light. This is the pernicious nature of depression, not just that you feel in despair but that you cannot see, cannot imagine even, the possibility of that despair coming to an end. This is chillingly encapsulated in the words of Frodo Baggins in *The Lord of the Rings* when Sam asks him if he can remember the Shire and Frodo replies, 'No, Sam. I can't recall the taste of food, nor the sound of water, no memory of tree or grass or flower, no image of moon or star are left to me, I'm naked in the dark'.

But herein lies our true Easter hope for ourselves and for the whole world, a hope of which we read each and every Christmas, from the first chapter of John, '*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*' Not that it didn't try, it had Jesus beaten, whipped and murdered in a most shameful manner and yet the light of Christ continued to shine.

May it be our prayer this Eastertide that light of Christ will continue to shine in the darkest places of this world, that those who do evil and who shun the light might be brought into the light and have their evil exposed so that the justice of God might be seen in all the earth.

Yours in Christ,
Ian.

The Beacon in May

At The Beacon this month -

The Beacon Café

This is open each **Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday** (excluding the last Saturday of the month) from **10 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** You can drop in for a tea, coffee and light snack, everybody welcome.



Men's Breakfast

Our Men's Breakfast is on the **first Saturday** of the month, starting on May 7th, at 9.00am for bacon/sausage butties, a brew, and a natter. Go on, we'll see you there. You know you want to.

The Homework Club

One for the children and grandchildren, the Homework Club provides a quiet, warm and safe place for children to do their homework after school. The doors are open from 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Children will need to register and provide a parent or guardian's 'phone number. The Homework Club is open each **Monday and Thursday**.



Youth Group

There is a new Youth group starting at The Beacon on the **last Friday** of each month. Please speak to John Hennerley for more information



Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.

R Martin Luther

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The St Wilfrid's APCM will take place on **Sunday 8th May** following our



10.00 a.m. service. At this service we elect our Churchwardens, receive the church Annual Report, including the 2021/22 accounts, and elect people to fill the PCC membership, there are 6 posts that need filling. Four members of the PCC come to the end of their terms of office this year, Andrew Harwood, Tom Robinson, Ray

Britland, and Jo-Ann Hennerley, and I would like to thank them for their service over what has been an incredibly difficult three years.

Nomination forms for these posts are in church and we ask all members of the congregation to consider standing, it would be great if we had so many we had to hold an election as I have always believed that holding elections is a sign of a healthy church.

We also have one Deanery Synod post to fill following the resignation of David Bleakley. David and Kath have been shielding since the start of the pandemic and he now feels that this is the right time to ease back on his formal duties. Within his various roles David has served on the PCC continuously for the last 26 years and now feels the time is right to step back a little. On behalf of everyone at St. Wilfrid's I would like to thank David for the massive contribution he has made.

Each year we present an Annual Report which you can collect at the meeting which details all the things that have taken place over the previous 12 months.

Although no longer APCM business, we do need people to stand as Sidesmen and Sideswomen. Particularly after Covid the numbers of people able to do this has fallen which puts greater responsibility on those few who do. If you would like to stand as a Sidesman or Sideswomen, to greet people as they enter church and be a welcoming face to newcomers, please speak to either John H or Carole Critchley, your Churchwardens.

Ascension Day

This special day indicates that our celebration of Easter is drawing to a close. This is the day when Jesus returned to his heavenly Father after preparing his disciples for their earthly mission. In the words of R.S. Barrett

In public, in the daylight, on holy Olivet, the Lord finished with glory the career which He began in obscurity. He finished His earthly career, but not His human life. His ascension perpetuated His incarnation. He did not evacuate His human body, but carried it with Him to the right hand of God—with its nail prints and its thorn scars. Touched with a feeling of our infirmities, our great High-priest has passed into the heavens. There He ever liveth to make intercession for us. With His pierced hands He is able to save to the uttermost them that come unto God by Him.



We celebrate the Ascension of our Lord with a sung service of Holy Communion on **Thursday 26th May at 7.30 p.m.**



Our Messy Church meets on the **28th May** at 10.00 a.m. at The Beacon when we shall be looking forward to the Feast of the Holy Trinity on the 12th June.

As an abstract concept, the Holy Trinity is a difficult subject to explain to adults, never mind children, which is why the Church has developed a number of tangible, if limited, ways of describing it, from St. Patrick's shamrock to water existing as a solid, liquid and gas.

These illustrations only go so far as we seek to make the main point, that the Holy Trinity is about a community of love into which those who follow Jesus are called and joyfully received.

Memorial Service

Up until the chaos of the pandemic we held an annual Memorial Service at which we remembered, and lit a candle for, those who had their funeral at St. Wilfrid's in the previous year. Amongst those remembered are dear members of our own church community here at St. Wilfrid's and so year we will be remembering Gordon Smith, Paul Underhill, Jean McKenzie, George Eland and Ron Whild.



We always hold this service within our Easter celebrations as we recall them with love but also with a living hope in the promises of our Lord Jesus who taught, "And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day."

Our Memorial Service will take place on **Tuesday 24th May** at 7.30 p.m. in church.

Concert in Church



We are delighted to welcome to St. Wilfrid's for the first time, the small choral group 'Ensemble 47' for a concert. Their programme will be presenting a varied repertoire of glorious music by Buxtehude, Hayes, Duruflé, Gjeilo, Rusby and others.

Tickets cost £7.50 which includes the cost of refreshments and all the profits raised will go to support St. Wilfrid's Church so do come and join us for what promises to be a wonderful night of entertainment.

Ensemble 47
St. Wilfrid's Church, Mobberley
Saturday 28th May from 7.30 p.m.

Pre-Loved Sale



Please do COME and SUPPORT the **Friends of ST Wilfrid's** at The Beacon on Saturday 21st May from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. when you will have the opportunity to win a bottle on the TOMBOLA, buy a Pre-Loved item from our VINTAGE STALL or just enjoy COFFEE and CAKE (£3) in convivial surroundings.

We would be most grateful for donations of bottles or suitable items for the stall (not clothes or books please). These can either be dropped off at the Beacon on Friday 20th or given to Philippa (872305) or Penny (650207) who could also collect.

Thank you in anticipation of your support!

Platinum Jubilee

There are a number of events planned locally to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations over the first weekend of June. Our contribution to this will be a service of Songs of Praise in church on Sunday **5th June at 6.30 p.m.** Each hymn is taken from some of the most momentous services in her life time, from VE Day through her Wedding and Coronation services up to her Silver and Gold Jubilees.



We shall also have readings, both Biblical and otherwise, that reflect on her reign as our Queen over 70 years.

Do come and join us for this special Jubilee service.

From St. Wilfrid's Registers –



Baptisms in April

3rd Harper Hope Baxter Eden Close, Wilmslow
 24th Rosie Florence Wood Mansion Drive, Knutsford



Weddings in April

2nd Charles Ellis & Rebecca Denney Knolls Green, Mobberley



Funerals in April

14th Margaret Graham Wood Lane, Timperley Church
 25th Margaret Linda Copeland Springfield Road, Mobberley Church

Year's Mind in May

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