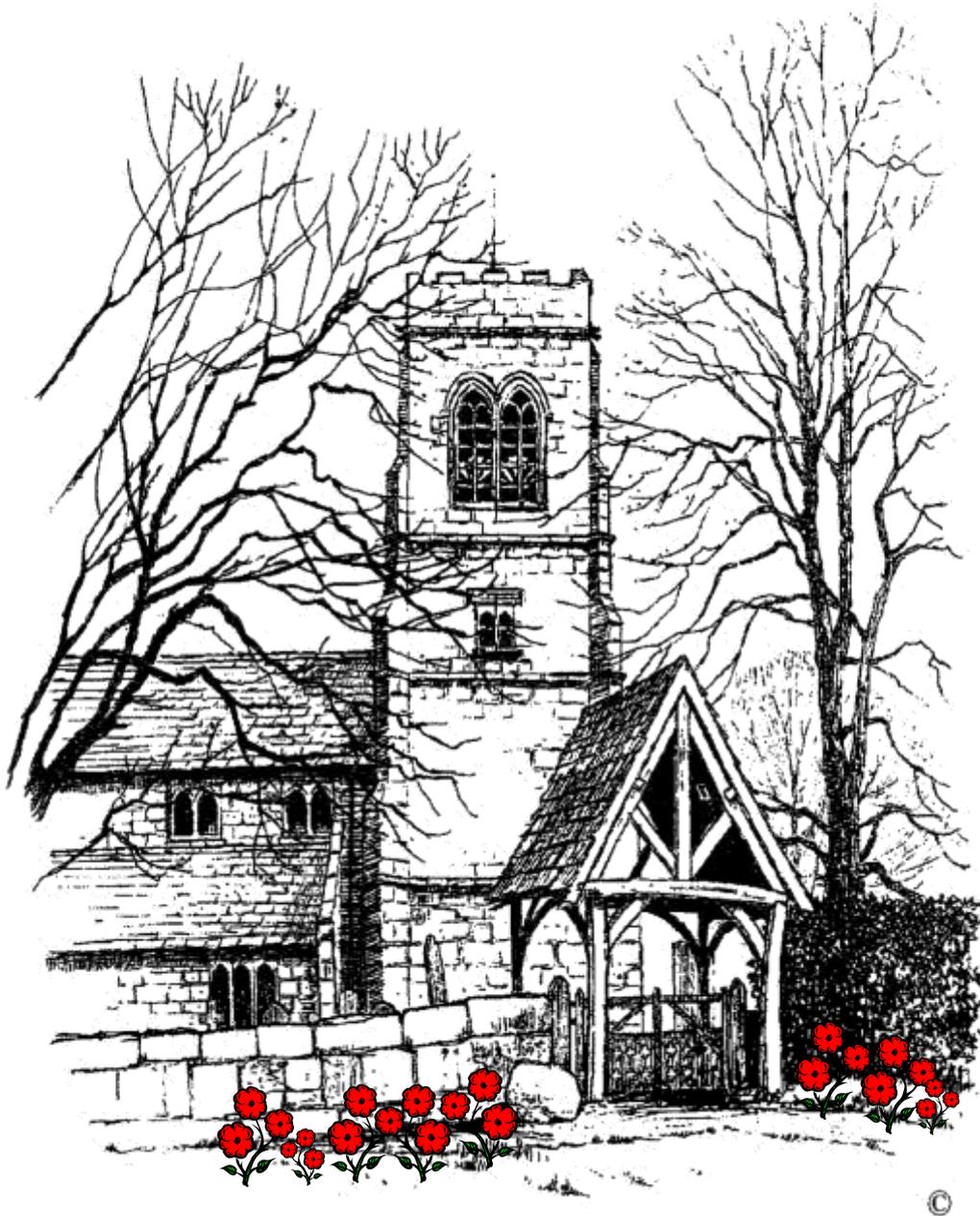


The Parish Church of St. Wilfrid, Mobberley



November 2021

50 pence

Church Diary for November 2021

Wed. 3 rd	Said Holy Communion Coffee Morning	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu. 4 th	Doorway	7.30 p.m.
Sat. 6 th	Church Open	12.00 p.m.
Sun. 7th	The 3rd Sunday before Advent	
	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Sung Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.
	Choral Evensong	6.30 p.m.
Tue. 9 th	Victory Hall TDC	7.00 p.m.
Wed. 10 th	Said Holy Communion Coffee Morning	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu. 11 th	Doorway	7.30 p.m.
Sat. 13 th	Church Open	12.00 p.m.
Sun. 14th	Remembrance Sunday	
	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	All-Age Remembrance Service	10.00 a.m.
	Act of Remembrance	11.00 a.m.
	Choral Evensong	6.30 p.m.
Mon. 15 th	Mobberley Trust	8.00 p.m.
Tue. 16 th	PCC Meeting	7.45 p.m.
Wed. 17 th	Said Holy Communion Coffee Morning	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu. 18 th	Doorway Deanery Synod (Tabley)	7.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m.
Sat. 20 th	Church Fair	9.30 a.m.
Sun. 21st	Christ the King	
	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Sung Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.
	Friends of St. Wilfrid AGM	11.15 a.m.
	Choral Evensong	6.30 p.m.
Wed. 24 th	Said Holy Communion Coffee Morning	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Sat. 27 th	Messy Church Church Open	10.00 a.m. 12.00 p.m.
Sun. 28th	The 1st Sunday of Advent	
	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Advent Carol Service	10.00 a.m.
	Sung Holy Communion	6.30 p.m.

The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

November is a time of remembering, of commemoration. It traditionally begins with the celebration of All Saints' and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, moves through Remembrance Sunday and concludes with the Feast of Christ the King. In a way all of these events are about nationhood as we reflect on what it means to be a citizen of Heaven, what it means to stand in defence our nation and to recognise the Lordship of Christ over all things.

We remember and reflect on these things not that we might become maudlin but so that we might be inspired as we approach what is for the Church our New Year. Through all the discouragement, pain and isolation of the last 20 months it is good for us to remember that we are, in fact, citizens of Heaven and heirs of eternal life. It puts into perspective our nationalism and makes us re-evaluate the things that are worth fighting and dying for; and it gives us hope that even in the darkest of times we walk in the light of Christ.

Our reflection is therefore not about the past but about the future, about growing the kingdom of God in our hearts and lives, of standing fast and defending those things that are wholesome and good and true, and bringing hope to those who are in darkness and despair. We look back to look forward.

Here at St. Wilfrid's we have been looking forward, looking forward to how we can best serve the members of our community here in Mobberley and that is why, well over a year ago and in the midst of the pandemic, we took the step to buy The Beacon. We have also been looking forward to the day of it's opening when we can begin to use this precious resource. The opening was delayed but thanks to the hard work of our builder Lee Yates, of the two Johns, and of a team of helpers it is now open for use.

We won't be renting it out and as much as possible it will be a drop-in for anybody and everybody to call in and enjoy a brew with friends. We also have lots of exciting ideas for how we will use it going forward, seeking to serve all sections of our village community. We already have a band of volunteers willing to staff The Beacon and provide refreshments, but we always need more help so if you have a spare morning or afternoon please speak to John G.

Yours in Christ,
Ian

Bishop Mark



*Yours truly, and John G,
welcoming Bishop Mark*

It was a great pleasure to be able to welcome the Bishop of Chester, the Right Reverend Mark Tanner, to Mobberley to officially open and dedicate our new church centre, The Beacon, on Wednesday the 13th of October. Although he has been in post for 16 months this is the first opportunity he has had to get out and about around the Diocese.

Bishop Mark, along with Bishop Sam the new Bishop of Stockport, spent two days in the Deanery on the 12th and 13th October. They got to meet all the clergy face to face for the first time, between them visit all the parishes and they

were joined for a good part of the time by Bishop Julie, the new Bishop of Birkenhead.

A lot of effort has gone in to remodelling the room to suite our needs and I would like to thank Phil Armstrong who helped design the refit and Lee Yates and his team who undertook the building work. It was great that both gentlemen were able to join us for the opening.

All the decorating was done by John Hennerley and what a terrific job he has made of it, it looks terrific. The Beacon did also need getting ready both for the opening and for our regular use so many thanks to Jo-Ann Hennerley, Ann Grainger, Carole Critchley and Linda Rushton for all their help.

The main thanks 'though must go to John Grainger who has pushed the project through from conception to realisation. This hasn't been an easy year for John who has faced many setbacks, not least a hip operation just a couple of weeks before the opening, but he has kept going with it and we now have this wonderful resource, and wonderful opportunity, to minister in new and exciting ways to the people of Mobberley.

So thank you to everybody who has been involved so far, but the real story starts now.



*John H chats with Bishop
Julie of Birkenhead*

All Saints' & All Souls' Day



On the 31st October we shall marking two special occasions in the life of the church, All Saints' and All Souls'. It is our Christian hope that, for those who have died in the faith of Christ, in death life is changed, not taken away. So, we can celebrate all those who have gone before us with joy and expectation knowing that death is not the end and that we are united by the unbreakable thread of God's love.

We mark All Saints' on the morning with our celebration eucharist as we recall those, who through their lives, enriched the life of the whole Church. In the evening we commemorate the faithful departed, remembering those whose quieter ministry and witness spoke to us personally, reflecting the light and life of God and encouraging us to walk in the way of Christ.

There is a list on the noticeboard for the names of those you would like to recall at our All Souls' service. If you are still hesitant about coming to church please drop me an email and I will add their names to the list. This service will be streamed via Zoom and an invitation will be sent with weekly mailing.



All Saints' and All Souls' Day Sunday 31st October

Sung Eucharist for All Saints, 10.00 a.m.
Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, 6.30 p.m.

THE FRIENDS OF ST WILFRID'S CHURCH Annual General Meeting

Do come to the Friends' AGM on Sunday 21st November 11.30 a.m.

All members are invited to show their enthusiasm by attending. Due to recent Covid restrictions we have not held an AGM for nearly 2 years. The ancient church building needs constant appreciation of master building of bygone times. It is a tribute to them and their skills that the building stands and gives us a magnificent place in which to meet, celebrate, give thanks.

We look forward to seeing you then!

Remembrance Sunday



Our Remembrance Sunday commemoration last year was, of course, somewhat muted but this year we will be back to something more normal looking.

We shall be holding our usual **All-Age Service in church at 10.00 a.m.** as you will be aware there are no longer any restrictions on numbers in church however, we do still ask people, wherever possible, to respect other people's space and avoid crowding. I am delighted that there will be a singing group from **Mobberley Primary School** who will be performing a tribute during the service.

All **servicing and ex-military personnel** are invited to parade and will meet in the school car park for 9.45 a.m.

Following the service in church we will again gather at the War Memorial for the **Act of Remembrance at 11.00 a.m.** The road will be closed for the short period of the Act of Remembrance.

I strongly suggest that those who are vulnerable or anxious for any reason should attend the Act of Remembrance only which, of course, takes place outside.



Messy Church

Our Messy Church relaunches with a party at the end of October and we are all greatly looking forward to seeing the children again. We haven't met for 20 months and so we hope the kids remember us, and that we recognise them after so much time.



We are also excited to be meeting in our new building and can't wait to get going however there is a slight concern in that we really could do with some more helpers. When we first launched we have two teams working alternate months but as time has gone on, and family numbers grew, these merged into the one team and whilst we are OK if everyone is on hand it only takes a couple of people to be unavailable to cause us problems.

Can you offer 1½ hours once a month? It is great fun, the arts & crafts are usually simple and all the resources are provided. If you can help, or want to know more, please speak to John Hennerley.

St. Wilfrid's Church Fair

The Rajar, Town Lane

Mobberley



Saturday 20th November 2021
Between 9.30am and 1.00pm

An Opportunity to buy your Christmas Presents

Stalls include: homemade cakes, indoor bulbs, bric-a-brac, fashion jewellery, fancy goods, bath and body products, handmade candles, tombola, and fashion clothing.

Admission - £1 raffle ticket

Refreshments available at The Beacon
including homemade cake & pork bap.

If you are able to bake for the cake stall, or provide a raffle prize please advise Jean Underhill, if you are able to provide gifts for the tombola please advise Ian Blay, and if you have any bric-a-brac you wish to donate please advise John Hennerley. Thank you.

Advent Sunday

As I am sure you all know by now, Advent Sunday is the first day of the Church year. Many people today still make New Year resolutions, reflecting back on what has gone before and using that to shape the future, and that is what we will be doing at our Advent Carol Service.

The Bible is the story of God's revelation of himself to humankind, what the Germans refer to as heilsgeschichte or 'salvation history', starting with the Creation and the Fall of Adam, the call of Abraham and the Exodus from Egypt through the time of the prophets and of John the Baptist, the Annunciation to Mary and the birth of Jesus but culminating in his promised return



Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain...
God appears on earth to reign.

And for that return we need to be prepared because nobody knows the day or the hour but Jesus warned us of the need to be ready.

Advent Carol Service

'The Jesse Tree'

Sunday 28th November

10.00 a.m.

Church Fair

Please come and support our annual **Church Fair** which will be held on **Saturday 20th November at the Rajar Building, Town Lane, between 9.30a.m. and 1.00p.m.**

The Fair provides an ideal opportunity to buy your Christmas presents. Stalls include: homemade cakes and biscuits, fashion jewellery, fancy goods, bath and body products, cards, bric-a-brac, indoor bulbs, fashion clothing, handmade candles; there will also be a tombola.

Admission will be a £1 raffle ticket with the opportunity to win many fabulous prizes

Refreshments, which will be served at The Beacon, will include homemade cake and pork baps. We look forward to seeing you on the 20th November.

PCC Report

At the September meeting the PCC –

- ❖ Discussed our plans for the visit by Bishop Mark on the morning of the 13th October. Bishop Mark will be invited to open and dedicate The Beacon before visiting the church and Mobberley Primary School.
- ❖ Received the review by the Faith & Worship Group regarding the relaxation of Covid measure. The changes seem to have been well received with nobody expressing undue concern. The Faith & Worship Group will continue to review the situation.
- ❖ We informed that due to a delay in the opening of The Beacon our Messy Church reopening has been put back to the end of October. It was stressed that we do require some more Messy Church helpers and an appeal would be made.
- ❖ Heard that the events Group had met and various events were now in the pipeline including the Harvest Supper, the Church Fair, various Concerts, a spring Easter Egg hunt, a summer Strawberry Tea and a Foot gold competition.
- ❖ Received the Finance Report. Like most churches we are currently in a difficult financial situation and have had to adjust our reserves so as to produce more income to the PCC whilst still protecting the invested capital. The Finance Committee were asked to discuss the possibility, and cost, of contactless giving.
- ❖ Received an update on the Quinquennial work recommended for the church building. All the immediate and medium-term work has been completed and we are now picking off the last of the long-term recommendations including repairs to some flashing and a little repointing.
- ❖ Discussed a quote we have received to instal permanent Audio-Visual equipment in church. The PCC requested more information and more quotes before agreeing to the work.
- ❖ Discussed our Safeguarding protocols. The website now has all the information required, which is also available on the noticeboard in church. Our Safeguarding good Practice guidelines have been updated, largely reflecting the growth in social media, and these will be circulated to our Messy Church helpers and all who work with children.
- ❖ Received an update on the progress of The Beacon. Work had been delayed largely due to the national shortage of building supplies which has led to some creative workarounds. John Hennerley thanked our builder Lee Yates and his team for all their hard work which had gone above and beyond the call of duty. The Beacon is expected to be finished (or mostly finished) by the time of the opening in October.
- ❖ The Rector left the meeting whilst PCC discussed the national Clergy Covenant measure.

From St. Wilfrid's Registers for October



Baptisms

10th Henry Alexander Davies Edenfield Road, Mobberley
 17th Rosie Mary Asur-Robinson Adlington Close, Timperley

Year's Mind in November

Clement Goulden	Douglas Cash	Betty Mountney
Leonard Armit	Betty Higginson	Hedwig Gough
Frances Warhurst	May Davidson	Edward Potts
Elsie Dale	Jean Fairclough	Evelyn Moston
Alfred Hatton	Ruth Curtis Lily Ormston	Gladys Conroy
Frank Cooper	Doris Howarth	Evelyn Forth
John Higgins	Winifred Nelson	George Hulme
Geoffrey Haigh	Mavis Gardiner	Jessica Helliwell
John Owens	John Grassby	Josephine Roberts Allen
William Bowler	Edith Stoneley	Hulme
Harold Barker	Derek Wragge	Mabel Askham
Elizabeth Sutton	Derek Parry	Pamela John
William Twibell	Thomas Bradbury	Elizabeth Wheeldon
Hilda Brown	Douglas Cash	Elizabeth Drake
John Shaw	Betty Higginson	James Myatt
Edna Redfearn	May Davidson	Thomas Wilshaw
Bessie Acton	Jean Fairclough	Gail Nixon
Edna Bracegirdle	Ruth Curtis	Robert Tarbell
Derek Parry	Arthur Bates	Alice Walker
Thomas Bradbury	Katy Doyle	Tony O'Connor

For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed

Rota for November 2021

Date	8.30 a.m.		10.00 / Main Service		6.30 p.m.		FLOWERS / COFFEE
	READER	SIDESMEN	READERS	SIDESMEN	READERS	SIDESMEN	
November							
Sunday 7 th 3 rd before Advent	B Knight	B Knight	A Grainger Mort Family	J Hennerley D Neville	J Underhill J Taylor	C Critchley	K Bleakley/ B Montrose P Smith
Sunday 14 th Remembrance Sunday	J Grainger	J Underhill	P Smith S Blay	D Neville J Hennerley A Harwood		J Shepherd	J Underhill/ C Critchley L Rushton
Sunday 21 st Christ the King	A Grainger	L Bridgford	L Rushton J Grainger	P&T Mort	C Critchley B Montrose	C Critchley	J Underhill/ C Boalch L Rhodes
Sunday 28 th 1 st Sunday of Advent		S Barker		M&C Boalch		L E-Goddard	Advent/ S Blay B Montrose

Brass Cleaning:

St. Wilfrid Church Directory

Visit us at www.mobberleychurch.co.uk
we are also on **Facebook**, search for 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 Beacon