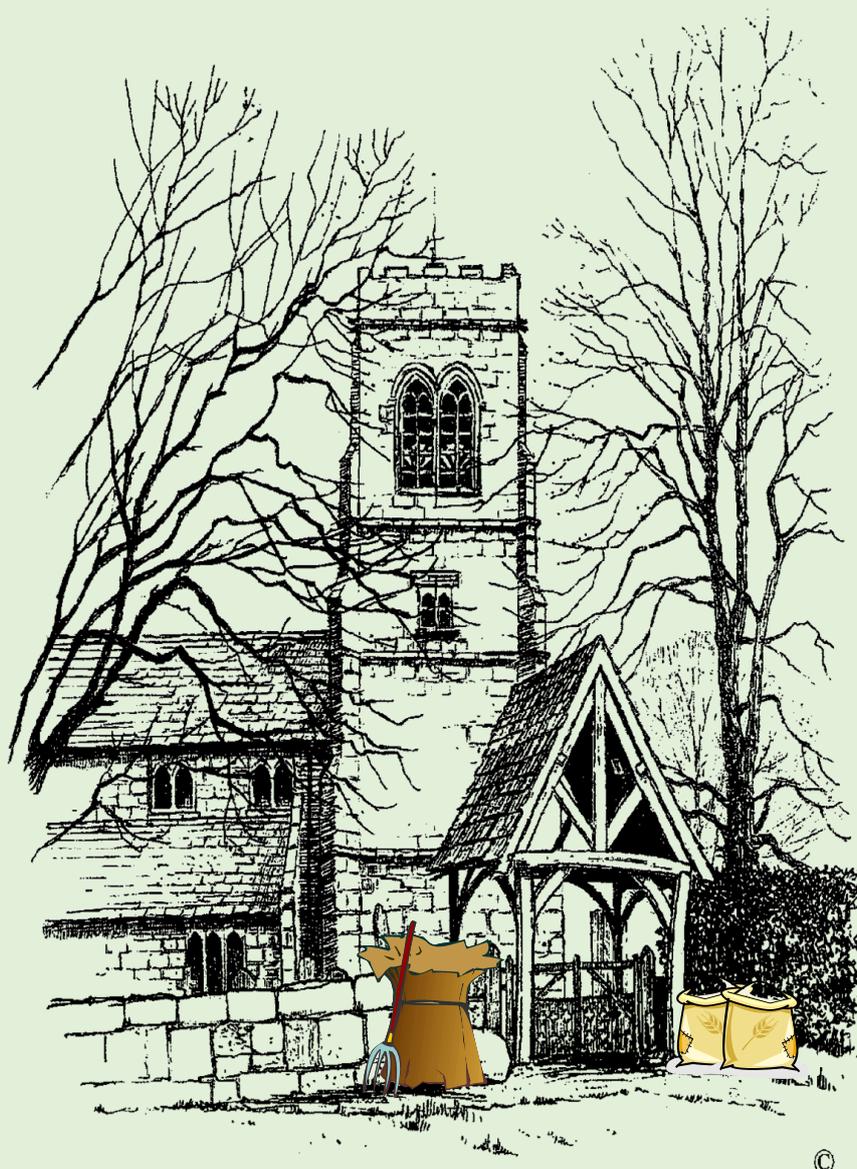


# The Parish Church of St. Wilfrid, Mobberley

*Making Christ Known*



October 2023

# Church Diary for October 2023

<b><u>Sun. 1st</u></b>	<b><u>Harvest Festival</u></b>	
	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Sung Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.
	Songs of Praise	6.30 p.m.
Mon. 2nd	Parents & Tots at The Beacon	10.00 a.m.
Tue. 3rd	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Wed. 4th	Communion at the Beacon	10.00 a.m.
	Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.30 a.m.
	Wedding (Maksim Belenko & Ayla Karasu)	1.00 p.m.
	Alternative Service (Healing)	7.00 p.m.
Thu. 5th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
	Doorway	7.30 p.m.
Fri. 6th	Youth Club at the Beacon	7.00 p.m.
Sat. 10th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
<b><u>Sun. 8th</u></b>	<b><u>Patronal Festival</u></b>	
	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	All-Age Family Service	10.00 a.m.
	Choral Evensong	6.30 p.m.
Mon. 9th	Parents & Tots at The Beacon	10.00 a.m.
Tue. 10th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Wed. 11th	Communion at the Beacon	10.00 a.m.
	Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.30 a.m.
Thu. 12th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
	Doorway	7.30 p.m.
Fri. 13th	Youth Club at the Beacon	7.00 p.m.
Sat. 14th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
<b><u>Sun. 15th</u></b>	<b><u>The 19th Sunday after Trinity</u></b>	
	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Sung Holy Communion	10.30 a.m.
	Choral Evensong	6.30 p.m.
Mon. 16th	PCC Standing Cttee	7.30 p.m.

Tue. 17th	The Beacon Drop-In School Governors	10.00 a.m. 5.00 p.m.
Wed. 18th	Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu 19th	The Beacon Drop-In Doorway	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Fri. 20th	Youth Club at the Beacon	7.00 p.m.
Sat. 21st	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
<b><u>Sun. 22nd</u></b>	<b><u>The 20th Sunday after Trinity</u></b>	
	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Family Service	10.00 a.m.
	Choral Evensong	6.30 p.m.
Mon. 23rd	Parents & Tots at The Beacon	10.00 a.m.
Tue. 24th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Wed. 25th	Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu. 26th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Fri. 27th	Youth Club at the Beacon	7.00 p.m.
Sat. 28th	Messy Church The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.
<b><u>Sun. 29th</u></b>	<b><u>Bible Sunday</u></b>	
	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Choral Matins	10.00 a.m.
	Sung Holy Communion	6.30 p.m.
Mon. 30th	Parents & Tots at The Beacon The Mobberley Trust	10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.
Tue. 31st	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.

# The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

This month, as we celebrate Harvest and give thanks to God for 'all good gifts around us' we cannot but be aware that elsewhere in the world people are not so fortunate. Every year, every day, we know that there are people who go hungry, who lack clean water or access to medical care or education. We pray for these people regularly, but then there are those others, those whose normal lives are thrown into chaos. This can be the result of war and conflict, such as in the Ukraine which has now been at war for over a year and a half, but it can also be the result of natural disasters such as the flood in Libya (which I know is stretching the 'natural' a bit) which have claimed at least 11000 lives and destroyed entire communities. That came hard on the heels of the earthquakes in Morocco which left over 3000 people dead.

In light of this death and destruction it might seem a bit odd, or even callous, to be celebrating our plenty. Yet there are many examples of this. What sense can we make of the Christmas Day ceasefire during the first world war, to be singing carols of peace and joy, 'Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning'? We know from her own diaries that Anne Frank celebrated her 14th and 15th birthdays whilst in hiding. She received gifts from her 'family in hiding' and a poem written by her father.

These moments of light are reminders of what can be, of how things should be, of a better future. If we fail to grasp these little glimpses of hope, glimpses even of glory, that we are bowing and giving in to the darkness and despair. As we Christians we know that Jesus stepped into our darkness and that, in those powerful words from the start of John's gospel, 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it'.

So as not to be overcome is perhaps the best reason why we should continue to celebrate, continue to give thanks, continue to glory in the goodness of God. A friend of mine many years ago had a daughter who was involved in a serious car crash and was left paralysed from the waist down and unable to talk. They were both committed Christians and always sought to give praise and glory to God. In what became their catchphrase whenever issues or problems arose their response was the same, 'Alleluia anyway'. This isn't a glib response, it came from a place of darkness and pain, but it was a refusal to give in to the dark and celebrate the light of Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Ian.



# Harvest at St. Wilfrid's

There are lots of ways in which, by giving just a little time and effort, you can help make this our best Harvest celebration ever.

## Harvest Decorations



There are three times in the year when the church is fully decorated and one of those times is harvest. Alongside the corn decorations we, of course, have the beautiful, autumnal coloured, flower arrangements. If you can assist in producing any kind of harvest display, floral or otherwise, then please put your name on the list in church, for more information or advice please speak to Sarah Baron. The church will be decorated for harvest on Friday 29th September from 9.30 a.m.

## Harvest Supper

Our annual Harvest Supper will take place at the Cricket Club on Friday 29th September at 7.30 p.m. This is a great and very friendly occasion and is followed by a quiz. Tickets cost £10 for adults and £5 for children, we will enjoy a traditional hot-pot supper and there will be a bar. Tickets on sale now.

## Harvest Refreshments

The church will be open for visitors on Saturday 30th September between 10.00 and 4.00 and on Sunday 1st October between 1.00 and 4.00. During these times refreshments will be served. If you are able to help by baking and donating cakes or biscuits and in serving refreshments please contact Jean 873890.



## **Harvest Flowers**



It has been our custom to send a gift of Harvest flowers to people around the parish. If there is anybody you know who might appreciate a bunch of flowers please put their name and address down on the list in church, or contact the Rector. Please remember also to bring a bunch of flowers with you to any of our Harvest services.

## **Harvest Services**



Our 10 a.m. service is a traditional Harvest Communion service where we “raise the song of Harvest Home” and give thanks to God for the skills and labour of those who produce the food we eat and of course give thanks and praise to Him for the bounty we enjoy. Our 6.30 p.m. service has established itself over the years as a firm favourite, a mix of readings both sacred and secular alongside a selection of rousing Harvest and Creation hymns. Come along to any of our Harvest services and why not invite a neighbour or friend, they won't be disappointed.

# **HARVEST FESTIVAL EVENTS**

## **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September & Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

The Church will be open  
Saturday 10.00a.m. to 4.00p.m.  
Sunday 1.00p.m. to 4.00p.m.

### **Special events on Saturday**

Gift Day 10.00a.m. to 4.00p.m.  
Musical Entertainment by  
Mobberley School Choir @ 2.15p.m.

### **Special events on Sunday**

Organ Recital by David Carlston Williams @ 2.30p.m.

### **Harvest Festival Services**

8.30a.m. Said Holy Communion  
10.00a.m. Harvest Thanksgiving  
6.30p.m. Harvest Songs of Praise

**All are welcome**

Refreshments are available throughout the weekend



# Our New Rural Dean

I have had the great honour and privilege to serve as Rural Dean of Knutsford for the last seven years. A Rural Dean acts on behalf of the Bishop, working closely alongside the Archdeacon, in raising matters of interest or concern within the Deanery and supporting the other clergy. The normal term of office is 5 years so my time is well and truly up and I am pleased to report that the Rev. Paul Deakin from St. Cross, Knutsford has accepted the Bishop's invitation to serve as the next Rural Dean.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Carole Critchley, David Bleakley and John Grainger who have supported me in my role by serving in various Deanery positions.

## All Souls Day

On the 5th November we shall be holding our All Souls' Day Service at 6.30 p.m. and there will be a list in church throughout October for you to add the names of any people you would like remembered.

Over the years we have noticed a strange, inverse, correlation in that the number of names on the list seems to be going up but the numbers doing the 'remembering' is going down. We moved this service from the usual midweek slot (on the 2nd November) to the Sunday to encourage people to come but numbers remain low.

I know that not everyone can come along to church for various reasons but I would ask that, if you are going to put names down on the list, then you do try and come and join us for what is always a thoughtful and rather beautiful service. All the names on the list will continue to be remembered regardless.

Ian.



# A Good Day Out

Several members of St. Wilfrid's Church are also members of the WI. We meet on the third Thursday of every month. It is very informal and we enjoy the talks and the company of the ladies who reside in the Mobberley area.

We meet at the Methodist Church in Faulkners Lane but once a year we have a day out. The venue for the day this year was to the Table Tea Rooms for a light lunch then on to the Cuckoo Clock museum on Toft Road. Well, I'm always up for a nice lunch and I'd heard nothing but good things about the Tabley Tea Rooms so in for a penny, in for a pound.

What a lovely position those lovely tea rooms are in, right out in the country where you can sit out in the gardens with a view over the fields watching the cows and sheep grazing. When the sun is shining, as it was on the day, it really is lovely. But we were lucky enough to have tables set and waiting for us so that we could all sit together. There was a variety of delicious sounding lunch dishes and cakes on the menu. While our orders were being taken pots of real leaf tea were served in china pots and poured into china cups.



There was just time to pause and look around at this lovely old room and take in the historical features of this ancient place that is adjacent to the Tabley Chapel. The Tabley Chapel has a lot of history to it, one of the main things being that in the 1920's it was lifted and shifted from an island in the lake to the position it enjoys now. Many of our WI members remembered being taken there to celebration services for different events in Knutsford when they were children

After our thank yous and goodbyes to the people at the Tea Rooms it was back to piling in the cars and on to the Cuckoo Clock museum. We met the two brothers that run the museum, Roman and Maz Piekarski. Roman took us on the tour and explained a lot of the workings and craft that went into the care of the clocks.

Several machines are used to make new parts for the mechanical workings of the clocks, but also the intricate wooden fretwork and birds and animals that is part of the heritage of these clocks.

The museum has over 400 cuckoo clocks of varying sizes and no two of them are identical. They have come from all over the world and have been repaired and restored on the premises so that every clock works. Although they have come from all over they all started life in the Black Forest of Germany.



After hearing Roman telling us a lot of very interesting things about the clocks we were then given a great finale. Taking up almost one entire wall was a superb German fairground organ. Maz was brought in to wind it up and start it off. The mechanical conductor waved his baton and the music started. It brought back a lot of memories of visits to fairs and circuses for many of us.

We said goodbye to Roman and Maz and all agreed we had had a good day out.

**Pam Smith**

## **HYACINTHS FOR CHRISTMAS**



*I am going to do the usual stall at the Church Fair in November but am also offering to fill your own pot to order in the number and bulb colour of your choice. This will be at £1.50 per bulb. This price I am holding as it was last year so book early to avoid disappointment!!*

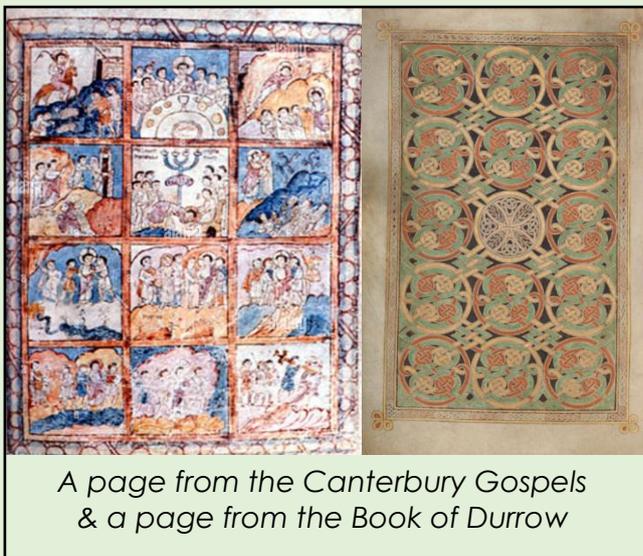
*I have ordered Blue Delft, Pink Fondant, White Pearl and Jan Bos so if you would like me to do this personalised service for you, please give me your pot and order choice in early September. I will then either deliver it to you or you can collect it when the bulbs are readying nearer Christmas.*

*Philippa*

# Sparking Wilfrid's Joy

Over the last month I have had the pleasure of showing a few groups of people around the church building and those visitors never fail to mention how beautiful the building is which has set me thinking about the value of beauty. As we have been hearing on recent Sunday evenings the early church didn't have it's own buildings to worship in. They began worshipping in the local synagogues and then in people's private homes. The first purpose-built church ever discovered dates from around 300AD, 260 years or so after Jesus' death and resurrection.

Yet church buildings have become an important, vital, part of the Church. They played a big role in the life of our patron Saint Wilfrid. Despite living 1400 years he was incredibly well travelled, and those travels brought him into contact with many new and exciting things, including churches.



*A page from the Canterbury Gospels  
& a page from the Book of Durrow*

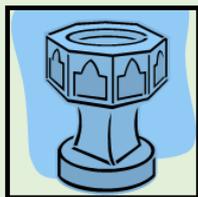
events in the life of Jesus rather than the geometric, intertwined carpet pages of the Celtic church.

Being a native of Northumberland his experience of churches was of simple, rectangular, wattle and daub structures with thatched roofs. Before he left to country to go to room he went to Canterbury where he found long, high, buildings of brick and stone. He also saw sights like the Canterbury gospels, no less beautiful than those he was familiar with in Lindisfarne, similar to the Book of Durrow, but different and exotic, depicting

If that was different, imagine what he saw when he went to Rome itself and the myriad churches and chapels, the architecture, the sculpture and the artwork. From these things Wilfrid drew inspiration and when he returned to England he embarked on a programme of church building, not in wattle and daub but in stone. These churches would be lasting monuments to the glory of God that would astound the local people, delight their sense and inspire them to draw closer to their creator.

We can worship God anywhere, just as we can pray anywhere, but we should always be thankful that we can worship in a place that should still astound us, delight our sense and draw us closer to God.

# From St. Wilfrid's Registers –



## **Baptisms in September**

23rd    Olivia Grace Montgomery                  Moston Street, Dukenfield



## **Weddings in September**

9th            Christopher Haggett & Natalie Wall                  Moorland Road, Stockport  
16th          William Briggs & Emily Gaskin                          Fawe Park Road, London

## **Year's Mind in October**

Constance Eaton  
Alice Worthington  
Gladys Norbury  
Tony Merrick  
Fred Yearsley  
Joseph Morris  
Emma Whitehead  
Jessie Grassby  
Molly Edwards  
Frank Whittaker  
Edith Flatley  
Kenneth Eaton  
Stanley Finney  
Phyllis Manning  
Harry Glen

Joseph Merrick  
Jack Merrick  
Minnie Hewitt  
Lesley Hall  
Mary Morley  
Harry Proudlove  
Nellie Dean  
Brian Shirley  
Alan Wrench  
Michael Frank  
Leonard Groves  
Margaret Seddon  
David Geddes  
James Davies  
Alan Roberts

Margaret Suniewski  
Ada Povell  
Frank Norbury  
Gladys Ikin  
John Martin  
George Edwards  
Vida Nevell  
Ross Cooper  
Oliver Taylor  
Winifred Bleakley  
Alan Stockdale  
Edwin Davenport  
Eric Edwards

*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.*