

The Parish Church of St. Wilfrid, Mobberley



October 2022

Church Diary for October 2022

Sat. 1st	Men's Breakfast Gift Day Harvest Concert	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
<u>Sun. 2nd</u>	<u>Harvest Thanksgiving</u> Said Holy Communion Sung Holy Communion Songs of Praise	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.
Mon. 3rd	School Harvest Service Harvest Flower Distribution	9.10 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Tue. 4th	The Beacon Drop-In School Governors	10.00 a.m. 5.00 p.m.
Wed. 5th	Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu. 6th	The Beacon Drop-In Doorway	10.00 a.m. 7.45 p.m.
Sat. 8th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
<u>Sun. 9th</u>	<u>Patronal Festival</u> Said Holy Communion All-Age Service Baptism Choral Evensong	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 12.00 p.m. 6.30 p.m.
Tue. 11th	Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Wed. 12 th	Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu. 13th	The Beacon Drop-In Wedding Rehearsal	10.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m.
Sat. 15th	The Beacon Drop-In Wedding	10.00 a.m. 2.00 p.m.
<u>Sun. 16th</u>	<u>The 18th Sunday after Trinity</u> Said Holy Communion Sung Holy Communion Choral Evensong	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.
Mon. 17 th	PCC Standing Committee	7.30 p.m.

Tue. 18th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Wed. 19th	Communion at the Beacon	10.00 a.m.
	Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.30 a.m.
Thu. 20th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Sat. 22nd	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
	Church Open	12.00 noon
<u>Sun. 23rd</u>	<u>The 19th Sunday after Trinity</u>	
	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Morning Prayer	10.00 a.m.
	Choral Evensong	6.30 p.m.
Tue. 25th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Wed. 26th	Communion at the Beacon	10.00 a.m.
	Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.30 a.m.
Thu 27th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
	Doorway	7.45 p.m.
Sat. 29th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
<u>Sun. 30th</u>	<u>All Saints' and All Souls' Day</u>	
	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Sung Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.
	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	6.30 p.m.

All Souls' Day List



The list for the names of those you would like remembered at our All Souls' service on the 30th October will be up in church from Harvest Sunday. The names of those who have had their funerals at, or through, St. Wilfrid's will be automatically added.

Please write names clearly and please, also, put just one name in each box. Thank you.

The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

September turned out to be a momentous month as we laid to rest our beloved Queen of 70 years. It is a length of reign that is all but unimaginable, 80% of the UK population have never known another monarch and have therefore never sung anything other than 'God save the Queen', a line very few alive today may ever sing again. The Queen's death came very suddenly and I would like to thank a number of people in our church community for their swift action, particularly our Flag Captain Mike Boalch and Ray Britland and all the bellringers for making sense of the, at times confusing, guidelines and protocols.

We must not forget that just two days before her death she appointed our new Prime Minister, Liz Truss. There can be few cases of a new, peacetime, Prime Minister facing such an enormous and difficult 'in-tray' with the ongoing Covid pandemic, war raging in Europe, the fuel and cost of living crisis and the death of the Queen all to be dealt with, on top of all the usual affairs of state. Regardless of political affiliation we must remember that our new Prime Minister is still a human being and I would commend her and all her cabinet to your prayers. Never has the, supposed, Chinese curse, 'May you live in interesting times' been more appropriate.

Over the last couple of weeks one of the words that has frequently been used to describe Queen Elizabeth is 'steadfast' and that she certainly was, steadfast, resolute, faithful, and I can't help thinking that this was because of her faith in God. The Queen was never shy of speaking of God and of Jesus, in her 2014 Christmas message she said, ""For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none." I don't think it is an accident that people found and appreciated in her the very things that she found and appreciated in Christ for that is, in so many ways, the model of the Christian life. So often we are told to imitate Christ so that, in the words of Jesus in Matthew 5:16, "let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." We give thanks for the faithful example of the Queen and pray that she may rest in peace and rise in glory.

Yours in Christ,
Ian.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd October 2021



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.
The Church Organist David Williams @ 3.00p.m.
The Laurence Singers @ 7.30p.m.

Harvest Festival Sunday 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

The Laurence Singers

Harvest Concert

St. Wilfrid's Mobberley
Saturday 1st October

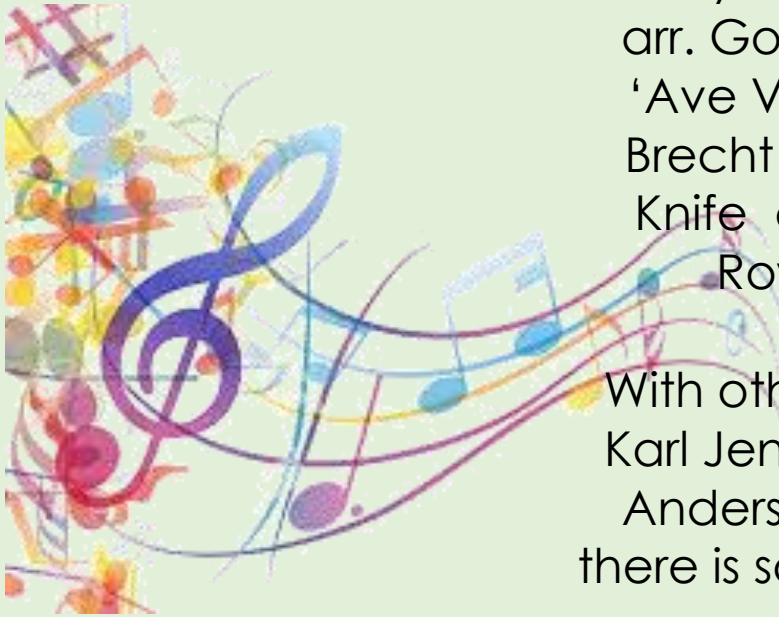
Come and join us for an excellent evening's entertainment with the brilliant Laurence Singers.

With varied works from 'Dashing Away with the Smoothing Iron' arr. Goff Richards to Mozart's 'Ave Verum', stopping off at Brecht and Weill's 'Mack the Knife' and Rutter's 'The Keel Row' along the way.

With other works by the likes of Karl Jenkins, Saint-Saens, Leroy Anderson and Rachmaninov there is something for everybody to enjoy.

Harvest Concert
St. Wilfrid's Mobberley
Saturday 1st October
7.30 p.m.

Tickets £10 inc. light refreshments





Our Messy Church meets on the 29th October at 10.00 a.m. at the Beacon. In this momentous year we shall be looking forward to Remembrance Sunday and think about what it means to remember but also to give thanks to those who gave so much for us.

Messy Church is a form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality. It's primarily for people who don't already belong to another form of church and meets the last Saturday of each month at The Beacon. It typically includes a welcome, a long creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy; a short celebration time involving a story, prayers, songs and similar, and most importantly, it's fun.

Church Fair

Saturday 19th November
9.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Please come and support our annual **St. Wilfrid's Church Fair** which will be held on **Saturday 19th 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 19th November.

PCC Away Day

The PCC held it's Away Day on the 10th September at which we discussed a wide range of topics from what is the purpose of the Church through our service patterns, outreach and even our current Covid restrictions.

The first part of our meeting was about drawing up a Mission Statement against which we could then measure the various things we do. This wasn't easy to do in the context of one session and we were anxious to avoid ending up with 'a horse designed by committee' but we did come to a number of core values that we could apply when we came on to the next part of the meeting.

The second session was to look at the various things we do now and try and place them into one of three categories - worship, mission and ministry. We recognised these all overlapped in places and it was possible to place things in more than one category. What became very clear is that the majority of what we do falls into worship and that ministry and more particularly mission is limited.

In our final session we looked what we could do to help redress the balance, testing our ideas against the (rough) mission statement. We came up with lots of ideas that we will be working through over the coming months and you will be hearing about them.

• Change to Covid Restrictions

In our final session we spent some time addressing our Covid Restrictions. It was proposed that from the **2nd October we shall do away with the current one-way system and return to receiving Communion from the altar rail.** We won't yet be returning to receiving from the common cup and our current system of intinction will be retained, this will also reduce the time you will be in close contact with others. This proposal was passed at the PCC meeting on the 20th September. We continue to ask people to keep a sensible distance and avoid crowding each other.

Farewell to Rev. Caroline

It was back in 2012 that I was preparing for my sabbatical I first came across Caroline. The dear departed Rev. Terry Etheridge was positioned to be the regular clergy stand-in until he dropped the terrible news that he had been diagnosed with terminal cancer and, indeed, he died within 3-4 months of that diagnosis. I was scrambling to find clergy to stand in and it was then I first came across the Rev. Caroline Holmes.



From the very outset Caroline was a brick, immediately agreeing to take on virtually all the 8.30 services and that was the start of a great working relationship. Caroline has been my go-to person for the last decade every time I have been away meaning she has worked closely with, first, Michelle and more recently John. She has always gone above and beyond to help, she always really loved coming to Mobberley and Mobberley loved her in return.

Over the years her health, and more particularly her mobility, has been in decline she was finding it an ever greater struggle to manage steps and to stay stood for long periods and, following the pandemic, she took the decision to relocate to Ripon to be nearer her daughter.

This is sad news for us as I have lost a really wonderful support and Mobberley church has lost a lovely priest. We took the opportunity to say goodbye to Caroline properly at a special farewell on the 18th September. She was presented with a beautiful Peace Lily and a voucher to spend on anything she might need for her new home (or herself, of course). She was also presented with a beautiful cake, baked by Jo-Ann, which was shared after the service. Thank you Caroline for all you have given Mobberley Church and we wish you peace and joy in your retirement.

Parish Lunch



Our second, and last Parish Lunch of the year takes place on the 1st November, All Saints' Day, at 12.30 p.m. at The Beacon. This is a great opportunity to get together with friends, have a delicious meal and some lively conversation.

Numbers are limited so please get in quickly and speak to Jean. The meal costs £6.

Away Day 2

You will have already seen elsewhere in this magazine that we held what was considered a very successful Away Day in September. The one problem was that everybody agreed that a day wasn't long enough and so the PCC will be holding a second special meeting to address some of the issues that came up and implement some of the ideas.

We won't be going quite so far as Frodsham this time, and we will be meeting for a little less time, but by the end of it we should have put together a detailed plan addressing our worship, mission and ministry.

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday 2022 will, I think, be particularly poignant this year and will be observed on Sunday the 13th November. We shall be holding our usual 10.00 a.m. service followed by the Act of Remembrance at 11.00 a.m.



Active and ex-Service personnel are invited to parade and are to meet in the school car park at 9.30 a.m.