

MARBURY ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

AND

PARISH MAGAZINE

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2025



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OCTOBER SERVICES

St. Michael's Marbury

5th	9.00 a.m.	HC	Steve Wood Peter Thomas	2 Timothy 1: 1-14 Luke 17: 5-10
		Readers & Sidespersons:		
12th	11.00 a.m.	MP	Penny Allington Jean Gregg	2 Timothy 2: 8-15 Luke 17: 11-19
		Readers & Sidespersons:		
19th	11.00 a.m.	MP	Harry Shaw Kathy Johnson	2 Timothy 3: 14-4: 5 Luke: 18: 1-8
		Readers & Sidespersons:		
26th	4.30 p.m.	EP	Trisha Harvey Anthony Lewis	2 Timothy 4: 6-8 & 16-18 Luke 18: 9-14

St. Chad's Tushingham

5th	6.30 p.m.	EP
12th	9.00 a.m.	HC
19th	9.00 a.m.	HC
26th	11.00 a.m.	MP

St. Mary's Whitewell

5th	11.00 a.m.	Harvest
12th	11.00 a.m.	SW
19th	11.00 a.m.	SW
26th	11.00 a.m.	HC

St. Wenefrede's Bickley

5th	6.30 p.m.	EP
12th	11.00 a.m.	Harvest
19th	11.00 a.m.	HC
26th	9.00 a.m.	HC

St. Nicholas's Chapel

26th	4.30 p.m.	EP
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HC – Holy Communion EP – Evening Prayer
BCP – book of Common Prayer MP – morning prayer
SW - Service of The Word

Reflective Prayer is held every Tuesday Morning at St Michael's at 9.30am. Tea/Coffee and Space to Rest in God.

Funerals :

John Thomas William Lloyd Funeral 12th August 2025
Date of Death 5th April 2025
Marian Cotton Funeral 24th September 2025
Date of Death 27th August 2025

NOVEMBER SERVICES

St. Michael's Marbury

2nd	9.00 a.m. HC		
	Readers & Sidespersons:	Steve Wood Beryl Fletcher	Daniel 7: 1-3 & 15-18 Luke 6: 20-31
9th	10.45 a.m. Remembrance Sunday		
	Readers & Sidespersons:	Carolyn Paton-Smith Penny Allington	Micah 4: 1-5 1 Corinthians 15: 50-58
16th	11.00 a.m. SW		
	Readers & Sidespersons:	Sue Evans Harry Paton-Smith	2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 Luke 21: 5-19
23rd	4.30 p.m. EP		
	Readers & Sidespersons:	Diana Thomas Trisha Harvey	Colossians 1: 11-20 Luke 23: 33-43
30th	11.00 a.m. HC UNITED BENEFICE @ ST. MICHAEL'S		
	Readers &	Jean Gregg Julie Shaw Harry Shaw	Isaiah 2: 1-5 Romans 13: 11-14 Matthew 24: 36-44

7th DECEMBER: 9.00 a.m. HC

St. Chad's Tushingham

2nd	4.30 p.m. All Souls, joint Service at St. Wenefrede's
9th	10.45 a.m. Remembrance Sunday
16th	9.00 a.m. HC
23rd	11.00 a.m. MP
30th	UNITED BENEFICE @ ST. MICHAEL'S HC

St. Mary's Whitewell

2nd	11.00 a.m. MP
9th	10.45 a.m. Remembrance Sunday
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23rd	11.00 a.m. HC
30th	UNITED BENEFICE @ ST. MICHAEL'S HC

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You can't out-give God!

'Few topics make church leaders more uncomfortable than money.' This is a quote from Stewardship, an organisation set up to partner Christians and churches to help support them with giving. (Stewardship Est. 1906)

I had no idea, when I came into ministry, that a significant part of my service to the church would be rooted in finance. Asking for money seems to be the absolute antithesis of a church —after all don't we preach about charity, love and self-giving?

Sadly, the truth is that EVERY church is called to maintain their building, pay bills like any other householder, raise a parish share (which is partly how the Minister's wage is paid), and then and often only then, carry out the true work and service of the church by serving others in need.

If I presented this to Lord Sugar as a business plan, I could imagine his response — 'It's crazy!'

But then I serve a God who is just that – crazy, and often people view Him and His Church as completely foolish.

Little do they know that God's mysterious ways of working include being so generous that His generosity produces generosity with astonishing results. Don't ask me how it works, I only know it does.

Gary Grant, Co-Founder of The Entertainer toy chain, shared on a recent podcast how the principle of generous and Godly giving changed his life.

His wife, who had been a Christian for only a short time asked him when they were going to start tithing (giving financially) to the church, his reply was, 'we're not, we've earned too much!' But within months his perspective shifted, 'What I've learned over the last 30 years of being a Christian is that you just can't out-give God. It's impossible. It's the most amazing experience...the more you give away with God, the more you inspire, the more you seem to get. It's a business structure that doesn't make any sense at all.'

Perhaps another one for Lord Sugar?

My own journey of faith reflects a similar story — when you give with gratitude and give with generosity, God's abundance is somehow reflected back to you in all sorts of wonderful ways. I guess it's His Grace!

Exercising a spirit of generosity opens us up to God's provision and unending, limitless, abundance.

Do you give? Do you support a charity or church with regular giving and is it given out of a grateful heart or a guilty one?

Here's what Stewardship says: "Start with discipline, set aside a regular amount, however small. Give in many forms. Money is just one way; generosity can include time, encouragement, hospitality or skills. Give cheerfully. Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 9:7, 'Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.' Trust God's provision because as Proverbs 11:25 says, 'A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.'"

Jesus spoke about money more than any other topic, why? Fundraising - no, I think it was more the simple truth that money is one of the greatest rivals to God in the human heart. Jesus said, 'You cannot serve God and money'.

Perhaps supporting a charity, like your local church, isn't necessarily about the church's need but about the growth of the one that's giving.

Revd. Veronica. X

All Saints Service: St Michael's Marbury, 2nd November, at 9.am .

All Souls Service: St Wenefrede's Bickley, 2nd November, at 4.30p.m

A quiet reflective service to remember loved ones and friends.

Do add your loved one's name to the roll in church for inclusion in the service as we remember those we have loved and lost.



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE, 9th November
at St. Michael's, 10.45 a.m.

Join us as we Remember and pray for Peace.

Advent Sunday is a Reason to Celebrate - Light up the Season with us at our United Benefice Service at 11am, here at St Michael's, on Sunday, 30th November.

Baptism

Hugo Williams on September 14th

Imogen Hockenhull on September 21st

Craft & Gift Fair

Marbury Village Hall

Saturday 25th October

From 10 am till 2 pm



Seasonal Gifts



Jewellery

Pictures

Honey

Cuddly Toys

China

Cards



Books

Refreshments

Bacon
Baps



Did you know, a big proportion of barn owls don't make it past their first year? Most are killed by road traffic but the next biggest reason is drowning - in farm water troughs! A way to help them is to place a branch or similar across the length of the middle of the trough; if they fall in they can grab the branch with their feet. Barn owls don't have waterproof feathers so they quickly become waterlogged. We are very fortunate to have a good population of the beautiful creatures around Marbury. ?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6teXV1rFMC4>

MOBILE LIBRARY every 3 weeks at
Holtridge, Pear Tree Farm; 2.30-2.50
Norbury, Gauntons Bank; 3.00-3.20
Marbury Village Hall; 3.45-4.00

Thursday, 16th October, 6th & 27th November.



Marbury Village Hall's

ZO'S NIGHT

The only place for a Friday Night boogie

FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER
Platforms on for 7:30pm

Disco provided by
**SUPPA
STARZ
DISCO**



Fancy dress optional



MARBURY KNIT AND NATTER
group meet every other
Wednesday at the Village Hall,
2pm till 4pm.

£10 Menu of Shepherds Pie followed by Trifle
PER *veggie option available upon request*
TICKET **BYO ALCOHOL**
Contact Tracy on 07525976790 to book your tickets
Payment via BACS 20-77-85 acc 80359807 ref: DISCO

***PILATES: Mondays, 12.30—1.30 p.m.
at The Village Hall:***



Saturday, 25th October;
Craft Fair, 10-3



Saturday, 13th December;
Christmas Party



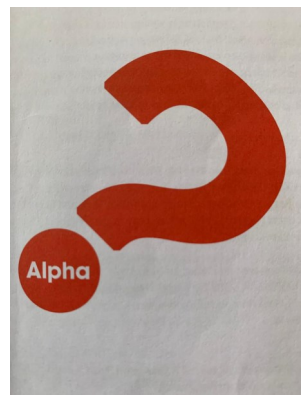
**THE VILLAGE HALL IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR
PRIVATE HIRE.** Please contact Penny Allington,
07749 808308 for dates and hire terms.

Advance Notice:

Is there more to Life than this?

The Alpha Course is running this year in Autumn. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions to discuss life and the Christian Faith in an informal, fun and friendly environment.

Interested? Contact Revd. Veronica.



Marbury Calendar 2027

By popular demand we'll be producing a 2027 Calendar of Marbury, in all its seasons, so this is a message to all keen photographers in our Parish to take Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer photos during the coming months.

Details of where and when to send your photos will be announced in the June/July 2026 Parish magazine.

Happy snapping !



A big thank you to all the Knit & Natter ladies who have kindly donated lovely blankets to our church here at St. Michael's; it is so thoughtful of you all. They will be really appreciated as the weather gets colder—especially for our Tuesday morning services.

Village **E**mergency **T**elephone **S**ystem (**VETS**) -
for defibrillator or other community emergency:
First ring **999** then Marbury: 01948 302103
Norbury: 01948 302707



Information provided by Able Community Care, Norfolk.

Q – an elderly relative lives several hundred miles away from me and we rely mainly on phone calls to keep in touch but, apart from me, she has little contact with anyone else. Someone mentioned that the Silver Line is a support service for older people in her situation; what do they do?

A – The Silver Line Helpline run by Age UK is a free, confidential telephone service for older people. The following comes from their website:

We offer friendship, conversation, and support to older people aged 55 and over. Whatever the day or time, you can pick up the phone and speak to one of our friendly Silver Line team members.

Whether you'd like to exchange a quick "Good Morning" with someone, fancy a chat about how your day has gone, or need a trusted listening ear to share your thoughts and feelings with, we're here to talk.

Calls are free on **0800 470 80 90**

Q – Will Age UK help an older person with debts?

A - Yes, Age UK can help older individuals struggling with debts. They offer a free Advice Line and have specialist advisors at local Age UK branches who can provide support and guidance. The free Advice Line telephone number is **0800 678 1602, Open 8am-7pm, 365 days a year**, and you can get help with debt and other financial issues.

Q – **I feel I have a hearing problem but cannot afford to purchase hearing aids. Can I get them for free from the NHS?**

A – The first step to take is to visit your GP who can refer you to a hospital or a local audiology service for a hearing test and assessment. In some NHS areas, if you are over 55, you can directly refer to the audiology service.

If you are assessed as needing hearing aids, then the NHS will provide. If you have NHS hearing aids, you can get free replacement batteries from any hospital audiology or ENT department.

There are often waiting lists for the audiology service. You may also purchase hearing aids privately if you are able or wish to.

Q - **I have a life insurance policy, when I die, will the proceeds of the policy be tax free?**

A - The payout from a life insurance policy is typically tax-free and not subject to income or capital gains tax. However, if the payout is part of your estate, it might be subject to inheritance tax unless it's set up in a trust. (MoneySavingExpert.Com)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: WHAT'S ON

OCTOBER:

- Saturday, 4th** **BLACKBERRY FAIR**, Whitchurch 10-5
- Tuesday 7th** **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.
Everyone welcome.
- Tuesday 14th** **W.I. MEETING, 7.30 p.m.**, Village Hall
Louise Condon: Botanical Ceramics
Competition: A small floral china object
- Thursday 16th** **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Holtridge, Gauntons Bank
and Marbury Village Hall
- Friday, 17th** **70's NIGHT**, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
- Saturday 25th** **CRAFT FAIR**, Village Hall, 10—3.

NOVEMBER:

- Tuesday 4th** **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.
Everyone welcome.
- Thursday 6th** **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Holtridge, Gauntons Bank
and Marbury Village Hall
- Tuesday 11th** **W.I. ANNUAL MEETING, 1.00 p.m.**, Village Hall
Kevin Reynolds: Have yourself a Wild Christmas
- Thursday 20th** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.

COFFEE AND CHAT
at The Swan in Marbury
On Tuesday 7th October,
Tuesday, 4th November
from 10.15am to 11.45am.



All our community are welcome to come for coffee and cake and to meet friends and neighbours - a great way to get to know everyone in the lovely environment of the Swan.
We look forward to seeing you.

PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on 18th September: summary of business -

Councillors discussed ongoing matters including Planning, the Neighbourhood Plan, and provisional suggestions for spending of the CIL funding.

Residents are welcome to attend meetings; however, if you wish to speak at the meeting, please contact the Chair or the Clerk beforehand. Public speaking time is limited and only Councillors may take part in discussions/decisions. Agenda and Minutes can be viewed on the Parish Council website: **www.marburyanddistrict.org.uk**

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 20th November, at 7.30 p.m.

Anyone with concerns about unsafe parking is asked to refer incidents to Park Safe: <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/police-forces/cheshire-constabulary/areas/cheshire/campaigns/op-park-safe> - (Google Park Safe).

CITIZENS' ADVICE SHROPSHIRE

Every **WEDNESDAY**, 10.00 a.m.—1.00 p.m.

Whitchurch Town Hall & Community Hub

(Old Police Station, Station Road).

Telephone advice is available: 0808 278 7894

Information available from: www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Items for the next magazine, December & January, should be submitted to Janet Makin, makinatmarbury@aol.com, by 15th November.

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Potholes	0300 123 5020 www.cheshireeasthighways.org FIX MY STREET: APP
Bus services:	Go-Too: 0300 123 5103 http://www.go-too.co.uk Flexilink: 0300 123 5110
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111(you can call anonymously)
Childline	0800 1111
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