

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH *AND* PARISH MAGAZINE ***OCTOBER 2021***



**Tuesday, 5th COFFEE & CHAT**, 10.30 a.m. at The Swan

**Tuesday, 12th, W.I.** 7.30 p.m., Village Hall.  
Speaker Neil Smith: Beyond the Iron Curtain.  
Competition is a Russian Doll.

**Monday, 1st NOVEMBER:** Return of the Quiz Night  
at the Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.

**Sunday, 21st NOVEMBER:** Craft Fair, Village Hall. An opportunity to  
buy those special Christmas Gifts.



## **A Time For Prayer and Reflection**

Our service of Zoom Evening Prayer is on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm. This is a lovely, short service and a peaceful way to end a busy day. If you would like to join - all are welcome - the details are on our Facebook page. Alternatively you can ask Ali Hunter Johnston and she will send you the link.

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## OCTOBER SERVICES

### St Michael's Marbury

3rd 9.00 am MP

10th 11.00 am HC & Licensing Service

17th 11.00 am SW      Isaiah 53: 4-end  
Mark 10: 35-45

Readers:

Peter Hunter Johnston

Carolyn Paton-Smith  
Anthony Lewis

24th 6.30 pm      Choral Evensong led by Revd. Karen with Vox Vocavit  
Ecclesiastes 11 & 12      Diana Thomas  
2 Timothy 2: 1-7      Jean Gregg

31st 11.00 am      United Benefice Service at St. Mary's Whitewell

7th Nov: 9.00 am. MP      Hebrews 9: 24-end  
Mark 1: 14-20

Steve Wood  
Peter Thomas

### St Chad's Tushingham

3rd 6.30 pm Compline

10th 9.00 am HC

17th 9.00 am SW

24th 11.00 am SW

31st United Benefice Service at St. Mary's Whitewell

7th Nov: 6.30 p.m. EP

### St Mary's Whitewell

3rd 11.00 am HC/Harvest

10th 11.00 am SW

17th 11.00 am SW

24th 11.00 am SW

31st United Benefice Service at St. Mary's Whitewell

7th Nov: 11.00 a.m. HC

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Marriages:

11th September - Cathy Davies and Marinus Augustine

25th September - Jenny Quinn and Robert Williams

## **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

We will be having a quiet contemplative thanksgiving service on 7<sup>th</sup> November at Tushingham Church at 6.30pm. During the service there will be the opportunity to remember loved ones who have died. We will read their names and there will be the lighting of a candle.

Over the next few weeks there will be a list at the back of Marbury church – please write on it the names of anyone you would like to have remembered.

*Revd. Karen*

## **LICENSED LAY MINISTER**

A Licensed Lay Minister (or Reader) is a lay leader who has been identified, trained, and licensed by the Bishop in order to: teach the faith; enable mission; and lead in church and society. Licensed Lay Ministers are enablers and encouragers of other lay Christians helping them to make use of their gifts in the service of God.

It is with great joy that I announce Alison Hunter-Johnston will be licensed as a Lay Minister or Reader at Chester Cathedral on 9<sup>th</sup> October by Bishop Mark Tanner. The service begins at 2.30pm and all are invited.

On the following day, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October, we will have a celebratory service at Marbury church at 11am where we will admit and receive our new Lay Minister. All are invited to that service to welcome Ali into her new role.

Ali has worked hard to achieve this and will continue further studies beyond her licensing. If you want to know more about this way of serving God then do ask me or Ali.

*Revd. Karen*

## HARVEST-TIME

At the churches in the Benefice, we have recently been celebrating Harvest and giving thanks to God. Of course, harvest comes at this time of year as Summer changes to Autumn. I love Autumn. I love the misty mornings, the changing colours, the song of the robin, blackberries and apples.

I mention blackberries and apples because, for me, Autumn is that time of year when I go foraging. Crab apples to make crab apple jelly and blackberries. Mmmm. Blackberries for pies, jams, crumbles or just eaten as they are straight from the bush – delicious. Even our dog understands that when there are blackberries to be picked the walk becomes slower, more leisurely as we wander from bush to bush, our fingers becoming stained with the juice and prickled with those tiny fine thorns that are difficult to spot.

Yes, prickles – blackberry picking is not necessarily easy. The bramble bush not only gives delicious fruit but also has thorns and prickles to challenge us as we pick! Not only the prickles, but why are the best, juiciest blackberries the ones furthest away – at the top of the bush, across the ditch?

And there lies the connection with one of the readings we have heard in church recently, from Matthew's gospel chapter 6, verses 25-33. At the end we hear 'Seek first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness' whilst earlier in the reading we were being commanded by Jesus not to worry.

The fruit - the kingdom of God; the prickly stem – the worry, the struggle to keep that kingdom in our minds amidst our daily lives. And how we worry: about small things, about big things. We know, intellectually at least, that worry cannot 'add a single hour to our span of life' and yet we do it anyway.

Jesus though, also invites us to seek first for the kingdom, to not lose sight of the main thing, of the fruit which makes us glad; and so, at this Harvest Thanksgiving, when we give thanks that all is safely gathered, we're also reminded of how seeking the kingdom of God, and the thanksgiving that flows from the Harvest, are bound together.

Living thankful lives, not just for the food we enjoy but for everything, does help lessen the hold that worry sometimes has on us and also in some small way anticipates the coming kingdom.

So what might a thankful life look like? Again, think of the blackberry. We are fortunate to live where we don't need to look far to find blackberries. Likewise, we don't have to look far to find simple things to be thankful for. We can be thankful for light, warmth, a roof over our heads, the means to make a cup of tea, friends in our community, our families.

Over the next weeks do look out for ways to connect with others in the community and ways to celebrate thankfulness. We will be having a combined benefice, quiet, contemplative service on 7<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm at Tushingham church. This is a special opportunity when we can give thanks for those we love but see no longer. Do come if you are able or do let me know the names of any loved ones who have died who you would like to have remembered at that service.

Let me end with one of my favourite prayers known as the harvest prayer:

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

With every blessing

*Revd. Karen*



## COFFEE AND CHAT

We are meeting at The Swan in Marbury  
on Tuesday 5th October at 10.15am to 11.45am.  
All are welcome to come and have a coffee and see friends and  
neighbours. It is a great way to get to know everyone in the  
lovely environment of the Swan.  
We look forward to seeing you.



## HARVEST

Both our Harvest Service and Ploughman's Lunch were enjoyed  
and well attended by many.

We would like to thank all the ladies who decorated the Church  
beautifully with Harvest flowers, also for the Storytime  
Children's Corner.

Our grateful thanks also go to Freda and Michael Ratcliffe for  
the use of their marquee in which to hold our Ploughman's  
Lunch, which enabled the community to meet, after many  
months, in a beautiful setting, while raising funds towards St.  
Michael's running costs.

To all those who donated and helped in any way, producing and  
preparing the food for our lunch, many thanks.

We have also received many donations for the Whitchurch  
Food Bank which will be distributed to those people and families  
who are in need; we know they will be very grateful to everyone  
for their contributions.

## VILLAGE HALL

Dates to put in your diary:

**QUIZ NIGHT** is returning!!!

**Monday, 1st November**

7.30 p.m. Teams of 4; all welcome!

**21st November:** A local **CRAFTS FAIR** at the Village Hall.

A great opportunity to obtain unique Christmas Gifts!

There'll also be refreshments and a raffle.

## PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting on 13th September residents' responses to Cheshire East's survey about bus services were heard; the Clerk will write to emphasise the need for this to be reinstated. Also a letter will be sent to the Highways Committee members registering support for the proposed reduction in rural speed limits.

There was agreement that "no comment" be made in response to planning applications 21/4637/N (Old Dower House, Marbury) and 21/4179N, Brook Cottage, Gauntons Bank.

There have been complaints about obstructions (stones, posts etc.) on the grass verges outside properties. The Parish Council would like to remind people this action is dangerous and also illegal. The complaint details have been referred to Cheshire East Highways.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday, 2nd November, 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend. If you wish to speak at the meeting please contact the Chair, Rob Perry, beforehand.

## **RURAL SPEED LIMITS**

In response to residents' complaints about road safety/fast driving in the village and surrounding areas, the Parish Council has contacted Borough Councillor Suzie Akers-Smith who is leading a campaign to provide a Borough-wide 20 mph limit in rural villages, also a 40 mph default limit on rural roads.

The Highways and Transport Committee will be debating this at their meeting in November. If you would like to see a legal speed limit reduction for Marbury it is suggested that you lobby the Committee members and register your concerns. Apparently not all Councillors presently support this proposal so it is worthwhile writing to ALL members of the Committee pointing out that they should do the right thing—that they have it in their gift to provide safer living in our village.

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## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Results of the recent Survey and the Design Guide are now available to view on the PC Website: [\*\*www.marburyanddistrict.org.uk\*\*](http://www.marburyanddistrict.org.uk)

A Wildlife Report from Cheshire Wildlife Trust is expected soon. Meanwhile, a draft plan is being developed and it is hoped that a launch event will be held in the Village Hall when the draft is ready.



### **ROAD CLOSURE**

Cheshire East will be closing Wrenbury Road into Marbury for repair work, from 25th October -26th November (5 weeks).

The closure will be effective 24 hours a day. The proposed diversion route is lengthy, via Ravensmoor and Swanley.

As this would have a severe detrimental effect on local businesses the Parish Council is working with them to try to get Cheshire East to mitigate the effects.

### **WE HAVE A CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE.**

If you have Facebook please give us a 'like'. Simply search for 'Marbury Church' or 'St Michael's Church, Marbury' to find us.

To join the **MARBURY WHATSAPP** group, contact **Jill Shakeshaft: 07702 303590**. It's a great way of keeping in touch and up-to-date with what's happening locally.



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Parish Council web-site: [www.marburyanddistrict.org.uk](http://www.marburyanddistrict.org.uk)  
Village Hall Bookings: 01948 664900 (Penny Allington)  
Village Hall web-site: [www.marburyvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.marburyvillagehall.co.uk)

### *Doctors:*

Churchmere Practice: 01948 320044 (Bridgewater)  
Wrenbury Surgery: 01270 780210  
Out of hours: Dial 111 — NHS  
Travel information: [traveline.info](http://traveline.info)  
Mobile library: 0300 123 5018 3rd Thursday, p.m.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau: 0800 630 0762  
Police, non-emergency: 101  
Police, emergency: 999  
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@BunburyWrenpol on Twitter | Like Bunbury and Wrenbury Police  
Nantwich Police Web Site: [www.cheshire.police.uk](http://www.cheshire.police.uk)

Cheshire East Information: 0300 123 5500  
To report litter: 0300 123 5011  
Environmental Health: 0300 123 5015  
Dog Warden: 0300 123 5021  
Social Care and Health: 0300 123 5010  
Potholes: 0300 123 5020  
[www.cheshireeasthighways.org](http://www.cheshireeasthighways.org)

**Defibrillators** are located at: phone boxes @ Wrenbury Road, Marbury & Gauntons Bank, Norbury; Wrenbury Stores; Ravensmoor x roads; Cholmondeley Arms; WHITCHURCH: The Black Bear; Civic Centre; The Bull Ring; Sainsbury's; Tesco; Swimming Baths;

If you have information which would be helpful to others please e-mail them to: ***[makinatmarbury@aol.com](mailto:makinatmarbury@aol.com)***

### **More useful phone numbers and contacts:**

Cheshire East Fire & Rescue Service: 01606 868700  
Crimestoppers (you can call anonymously): 0800 555 111  
Cheshire East Council: 0300 123 5500  
Childline: 0800 1111  
Red Cross: 0844 871 1111  
Samaritans: 116 123  
Alzheimer's Society: 0300 222 1122  
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