

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



**Fridays, 9.30 a.m. YOGA** Classes at the Village Hall  
Contact Sally Toosey [sallytoosey@yahoo.com](mailto:sallytoosey@yahoo.com)

**Monday, 13th. PARISH COUNCIL meeting**, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.  
If you wish to speak, as a member of the public, please contact the Chair prior to the meeting.

**Tuesday, 14th, W.I.** 7.30 p.m., Village Hall.  
Speaker Paul Radcliffe, *Memoirs of a Manchester Detective* in 1982.  
Competition is a Detective Novel.

**Thursday, 16th, COFFEE & CHAT**, 10.30 a.m. in church

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



Our service of Zoom Evening Prayer will continue on a Tuesday 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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Curate seconded to the Benefice of Marbury, Tushingham and Whitewell  
Revd. Karen Andrews (01244 332028)

## **Churchwardens:**

**Jane Lunt** (01948 662910)

**Ali Hunter Johnston** (07967 955669)

## SEPTEMBER SERVICES

### St Michael's Marbury

- 5th 9.00 am MP      Isaiah 35: 4-7/James 2: 1-10, 14-17   Jean Gregg  
Mark 7: 24-end Steve Wood
- 12th 11.00 am HC      Isaiah 50: 4-9a/James 3: 1-12 Kath Johnson  
Mark 8: 27-end Peter Johnson
- 19th 11.00 am Harvest   Joel 2: 21-27 Dave Quipp  
Matthew 6: 25-33 Dorne Quipp
- 26th 6.30 pm BCP EP   James 5: 13-end Jane Lunt  
Mark 9: 38-end Diana Thomas

### St Chad's Tushingham

- 5th 6.30 pm Evening Prayer at Old St Chad's
- 12th 9.00 am HC
- 19th 9.00 am SW
- 26th 11.00 am Harvest

### St Mary's Whitewell

- 5th 11.00 am HC
- 12th 11.00 am SW
- 19th 11.00 am SW
- 26th 11.00 am SW

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Marriage:

- 14th August - Hayley Holmes and Tim Drohan  
21st August - Anna Garnett and Liam Shelmerdine

### Baptism:

- 8th August - Max Charlesworth

### Funeral:

- 24th August - Ann Barlow

I wonder what it is you associate the month of September with most? For those young people among us and those involved in education, it is the start of a new academic year and the return to school after the long summer holidays. I remember vividly the slight anxiety at returning to school after what seemed like such a long time away, going into a new class, usually with new shoes which always seemed to be a little too shiny and a little too uncomfortable! Our prayers are with all those returning to school this year, both teachers and pupils, that things will be a little easier and not as disruptive as they have been over this last eighteen months.

September is also the time we celebrate harvest, the transition from summer to autumn becomes evident and, weather permitting, our farmers have gathered in their crops and have plenty in store to feed their animals through the winter. As one of our most popular harvest hymns says 'all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin'. Well, hopefully there won't be too many winter storms, but we are certainly witnessing in all parts of our world evidence of climate change and its effects on us.

Many of the things Jesus talked about related to harvest themes such as sowing and reaping, weeding and pruning, and his teachings often associated the kingdom of God, and our Christian life as a living, growing thing. In John's Gospel chapter 15, Jesus says "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me, and I in them bear much fruit..." I love this image of being connected to a vine, which is strong, with its roots firmly embedded in the soil, drawing goodness from the source and passing that goodness on to the branches so that they bear good fruit. Jesus is saying here that he is the source of all goodness and if we 'abide' in him we will be connected to that goodness from which we will obtain all we need in our lives.

All the things we grow, whether in our fields or gardens, need the right conditions to flourish and bear fruit. Jesus knows each one of us so well, that he knows all we need to reach our full potential in life. He offers himself to each and every one of us, all we need to do is connect to reach out to the true vine and receive him.

*May God the Father, who clothes the lilies of the field and feeds the birds of the air, provide us with all we need for life in its fullness. Amen*

Ali Hunter Johnston

## LICENSING OF ALISON HUNTER JOHNSTON

Ali has now successfully completed her training, and will be Licensed as a Lay Minister on Saturday 9th October. The service, led by Bishop Mark, will be held in Chester Cathedral at 2.30 pm and everyone is welcome to attend. It would be lovely to have as many parishioners as possible there to support Ali, and she will be pleased to give you further information (07967 955669).

The Licensing on 9th October will be followed by a special service at St. Michael's at 11 am the following Sunday, 10th October, so please make a note of that too in your diary.

## HARVEST

We will be decorating the Church for Harvest on Friday 17th & Saturday 18th September. We would welcome any flowers or garden produce to use, if these could be brought on Friday morning; also any new helpers to decorate the church will be really welcome - please don't be shy, your help would be *really* appreciated! If you need any further information contact Jane Lunt, 662910



## COFFEE AND CHAT

We are pleased to announce that Coffee and Chat has resumed.

Our next gathering is in Church at

St Michael's Marbury

on

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30 a.m.

Do come along and meet together.

We look forward to seeing old friends and new.

## VILLAGE HALL

As things (hopefully!) continue to improve and we start to feel safer, the Village Hall will be a focus for events again.

Bookings for the Hall will be subject to any prevailing Covid restrictions; it will be cleaned before/after each event and sanitising equipment is installed in the hall. There is also a new heating system!



If you'd like to book the Hall please contact Penny Allington (664900) for availability.

## BUS SERVICE

The Parish Council is aware that the lack of a bus service in Marbury is a real concern for many residents, but now Cheshire East Council (CEC) is developing a bus service improvement plan (BSIP) for the whole borough. This is in response to a National Bus Strategy. More importantly CEC want to hear your views.

We invite everyone to contact your Parish Councillors by email or phone to enable the Parish Council to collate this evidence and send it to CEC.

The Council is interested to receive any input and evidence from Parish Councils on matters that are within scope for the BSIP, including:

- ♦ Regarding the existing bus network, what is good and any issues/concerns about the current network such as the level of services and locations served by bus.
- ♦ What are the barriers preventing local people using the bus network
- ♦ Any opportunities to improve connectivity by bus in the future.
- ♦ Locations for bus stop improvements which would improve quality of service for passengers.

The tight timescales for preparation of the BSIP have been set nationally. With this in mind, it would be appreciated if you could contact your councillor by **10th September 2021.**

## PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting on 12th July discussed matters including the progress of the Play Area plans, the Neighbourhood Plan update, the possibility of reinstating a bus service, and the concerns of residents regarding safety on the roads including obstructive parking in the village. The Pan-Parish Highways group had made some progress with obtaining road repairs but there was united opposition to the proposal made by CE to run a Pilot for Highways Maintenance which would devolve funding to local Councils. CE had also proposed cutting the limited winter gritting service on the one road into Marbury; this proposal had been rescinded.

An extraordinary meeting was held on 15th August to ratify the Council's Financial affairs following the internal Audit. Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return were approved.

Councillors also discussed the recent application pertaining to Land adjacent to The Swan; this was for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed access and as such was not open for comment. However, in view of concerns widely expressed about other past Planning Applications it was agreed to submit a letter to the Planning Officer reiterating those concerns about the possible impact on the Conservation Area.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday, 13th September, 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.

 **Residents are asked to note that dogs which are *not* on leads are *not* allowed on the play area.**

**Please, always clean up after your dog in *any* public place.**

**Do not allow your dog to foul in the churchyard or outside the village hall!**

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

**MARBURY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**

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.

## **MEMBERS OF HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

email addresses listed below:

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Please do **NOT** attempt to use the village play area roundabout; it has been inspected and considered **dangerous** for users. Blocks to prevent its use have been re-installed. Be patient—a new play area is coming!!



**ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, MARBURY  
HARVEST PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH**

**SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021  
12.30 pm in the Marquee  
at Cross Hill Farm, Marbury  
(by kind permission of the Ratcliffe Family)**

Ploughman's Lunch and Dessert  
with complimentary drink on arrival

Bring your own drinks and glasses

We will have a "Donation Table" - gifts of long-life food, such as tinned or dried goods, packets or personal hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo etc.) will be gratefully received, and will be donated to the Whitchurch Food Bank as our Harvest Gift.

**Tickets £10 (children £7)**

**from: Diana Thomas (01948 663738)  
Alison Hunter Johnston (01948 664487)  
Carol Sheard (01948 663087)**

We had a very successful Village Picnic after the service on 15th August. People gathered on the terrace to enjoy fellowship together.

**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.



## Useful phone numbers and contacts for residents

Churchwardens: 01948 662910 / 07967 955669  
Curate: Revd. Karen Andrews (01244 332028)  
Pastoral Workers: Jane Lunt (662910) Diana Thomas (01948 663738)  
Church Facebook page: @MarburyChurch  
Parish web-site: [www.parishmag.org](http://www.parishmag.org)  
Clerk, Parish Council: [clerk@marburyanddistrict.org.uk](mailto:clerk@marburyanddistrict.org.uk)  
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  
PCSO 7149 Sharon Jones: [sharon.jones@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:sharon.jones@cheshire.pnn.police.uk)  
or 07773 196887 Private message on Facebook:

@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  
The Silver Line: 0800 470 8090  
NHS Choices: [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

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## **CLERK, PARISH COUNCIL:**

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