

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH  
AND  
PARISH MAGAZINE**

***DECEMBER 2021  
JANUARY 2022***



**DECEMBER**

**Saturday, 4th THE SWAN WALK;** 10.00 am —1.00 pm.

**Tuesday 7th SWAN VILLAGE CHRISTMAS DINNER,** 6.30 for 7.00 pm  
By Ticket only

**Wednesday 8th-Thursday 9th: FOOD BANK** collection, Village Hall

**Tuesday 14th W.I. Christmas Social and Quiz,** 1.30 p.m., Village Hall

**Wednesday 15th CAROL SINGING** in the Village and at The Swan

**JANUARY**

**Tuesday, 4th COFFEE & CHAT,** The Swan, 10.15 a.m.

**Tuesday, 11th W.I. meeting** at 1.30pm. Speaker George Hughes:  
The Grenadier Guards and the Royal Palace

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)

## DECEMBER SERVICES

### St Michael's Marbury

Readers:

5th	9.00 a.m.	MW	Philippians 1: 3-11 Luke 3: 1-6	Peter Johnson Kathy Johnson
12th	11.00 a.m.	HC	Philippians 4: 4-7 Luke 3: 7-18	Tricia Harvey Jean Gregg
19th	6.30 p.m.	Service of Lessons and Carols		
22nd	4.00 p.m.	Crib Service		
24th	11.30 p.m.	United Benefice Midnight Communion at Whitewell		
25th	10.30 a.m.	Christmas Day	HC Isaiah 9: 2-7 Luke 2: 1-20	Anthony Lewis Diana Thomas
26th	11.00 a.m.	United Benefice Carols at Tushingham		

### St Chad's Tushingham

5th	6.30 p.m.	Compline		
12th	9.00 a.m.	HC		
19th	4.00 p.m.	Carol Service		
24th	11.30 p.m.	United Benefice Midnight Communion at Whitewell		
25th	9.00 a.m.	Christmas Day HC		
26th	11.00 a.m.	United Benefice Carols at Tushingham		

### St Mary's Whitewell

5th	11.00 a.m.	Advent HC		
12th	11.00 a.m.	MW		
19th	6.30 p.m.	Carol Service		
24th	11.30 p.m.	United Benefice Midnight Communion at Whitewell		
25th	10.30 a.m.	Christmas Day HC		
26th	11.00 a.m.	United Benefice Carols at Tushingham		

## FROM THE REGISTERS

We welcomed these children into the fellowship of faith:

7th November: Sophia Jayne Swindell

21st November: Jude Zachary Cartlidge Williams

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace. Amen.

## JANUARY SERVICES

### St Michael's Marbury

				Readers:
2nd	9.00 a.m.	HC	Jeremiah 31: 7-14 John 1: 1-18	Steve Wood Peter Thomas
9th	11.00 a.m.	Plough Sunday	Isaiah 55: 6-11 Matthew 6: 25-end	Jane Lunt Harry Paton-Smith
16th	11.00 a.m.	SW	1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2: 1-11	Penny Allington Peter Hunter Johnston
23rd	4.30 p.m.	EP	Nehemiah 8: 1-3,5-6,8-10 Luke 4: 14-21	Anthony Lewis Carolyn Paton-Smith
30th	11.00 a.m.	United Benefice Service Marbury		Sofie Paton-Smith Richard Evans
6th Feb	11.00 a.m.	Christingle Service		Diana Thomas Jean Gregg

### St Chad's Tushingam

2nd	4.30 p.m.	Compline and Reflection	
9th	9.00 a.m.	Plough Sunday	
16th	9.00 a.m.	HC	
23rd	11.00 a.m.	SW	
30th	11.00 a.m.	United Benefice Service at St. Michael's Marbury	
6th Feb	4.30p.m.	Candlemas Compline	

### St Mary's Whitewell

2nd	11.00 am	HC	
9th	11.00 a.m.	SW/Plough Sunday	
16th	11.00 a.m.	SW	
23rd	11.00 a.m.	SW	
30th	11.00 a.m.	United Benefice Service at St. Michael's Marbury	
6th Feb	11.00 a.m.	SW	

## FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral

11th November: Jean Margaret Gould

Dear Friends,

I love this time of year and I love the traditions that we associate with Christmas. There's the reassurance of the familiar as we dive into the loft to drag out the box of decorations that we carefully put away last year, and hunt for the strings of lights to wind round the tree and down along the hall.

Some traditions are more memorable than others. In our family the making of the Christmas pudding is very important and in particular the stirring. All must take part. This means that if you are the 'child' now away from home, because you live and work in Scotland, you must still take part. How? A phone call is made and the virtual stirring takes place with a 'surrogate' stirring on your behalf! The 'child' acts as though he is bored of the whole thing, and is just humouring his parents, but if we forgot.....!

Traditions don't just persist; they grow and develop. I'm not quite sure why, but the tradition of putting lights in the trees in your garden has taken off in the last few years, so that some streets now look like a fairground ride with all the flashing and blinking lights. And these traditions seem to begin earlier and earlier too, so flashing lights certainly appear mid-November if not earlier.

It's what Christmas is all about, apparently.

Of course, it's not what Christmas is about. But listening to people you would think it was. We hear many more stories about traditions and preparations and shopping and food and gifts for the children than we do about Jesus. How often do we share those stories of our preparations, our dashes to the shops for last minute gifts, our dinner, what Great Aunt Flo said? How often do we share stories of the birth of the Saviour of the world and the impact he has made on our lives?

In all the rush and worry and excitement and joy of the preparations and of 'The Day' I urge you also to take a moment to think of the arrival of God's son and what that might mean for you. As we sing our carols this year take a moment to reflect on the words especially of the words of your favourite carols. What is it saying? One of my favourites is this verse from O Little Town of Bethlehem:

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray,  
cast out our sin and enter in,  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel!



The real wonder of Christmas isn't in our traditions or our glittering lights. It isn't just in the fact that Jesus, son of God, took human form and was born in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago. No, the real wonder is that it can be 'born in us today'—that he can bring his healing, his peace, his purpose and his forgiveness into our lives—if we will make space to welcome him this Christmas.

*May you enjoy a happy and blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year*

*Revd. Karen*



## COFFEE AND CHAT

We are meeting at The Swan in Marbury  
on Tuesday, 4th January, 10.15 a.m.

All our community 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.

## PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council on 2nd November, discussed recent planning applications, and heard a presentation by the owners of Wrenbury Lakes on the Hollyhurst road; further pressure will be put on Highways to apply Double White Lines on the A49 near the Willey Moor site in the response to planning at Bradeley Green (21/4857N). Rural speed limits, and plans for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year were also discussed. Work on the Play Area had been re-scheduled for the end of November.

It was agreed to retain the existing Precept Level.

Cheshire East had been asked to provide dog waste-bins by Church Bridge and Steer Bridge in an attempt to reduce the amount of mess left on the footpaths.

Stanley Harding was thanked for his work on repairing and reinstalling the finger-post at Norbury.

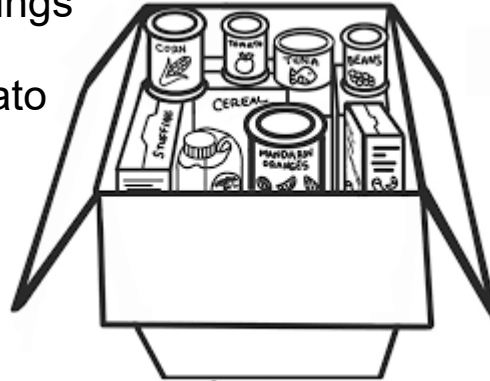
The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 11th January, at the Village Hall, 7.30 p.m. If you wish to speak, as a member of the public, please contact the Chair, Rob Perry, beforehand.

# Marbury Food Bank Christmas Collection

**Please drop off at the Village Hall on Wednesday 8th  
& Thursday 9th December, 9 am – 5 pm**

Suggested Items for donations:

Whole and Semi Long Life Milk  
Small Sponge Puddings  
Custard  
Packet Mashed Potato  
Tinned Ham  
Small Jars of Coffee  
Toothpaste  
Gents' Razors



Fruit Squash  
Tinned Fruit  
Mince pies  
Sugar  
Tinned Tuna/salmon  
Rice / Pasta  
Ladies' Deodorant  
Shaving Foam



## **Plus any Christmas Treats**

Many thanks to all those who donate.  
All items will be gratefully received.



## **Carol Singing around Marbury Village**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm until 7pm.

Calling all budding singers to bring lanterns, musical instruments and join us for Christmas Carol Singing.

Dress up warm and meet together outside the front of The Swan at 6pm.

## **Village Christmas Dinner at The Swan**



Tuesday 7th December, Arrival 6:30 pm for 7:00 pm  
Dinner, ticket only - £22 adults, £14 children; 2 courses & coffee & mince pie.

Join us for our village Christmas Dinner which we are so happy to be hosting again. As usual, this event is for residents of our lovely little village.

Tickets are available to buy from the Swan, get your table booked as we have limited numbers available!

## **Swan Christmas Carols**

Wednesday 15th December.

Join us for Christmas Carols in the bar from 7.30 pm, mulled wine plus prizes for the best Christmas jumper.

## 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	<a href="http://www.parishmag.org">www.parishmag.org</a>
Clerk, Parish Council	<a href="mailto:clerk@marburyanddistrict.org.uk">clerk@marburyanddistrict.org.uk</a>
Parish Council web-site:	<a href="http://www.marburyanddistrict.org.uk">www.marburyanddistrict.org.uk</a>
Village Hall Bookings	01948 664900 (Penny Allington)
Village Hall web-site:	<a href="http://www.marburyvillagehall.co.uk">www.marburyvillagehall.co.uk</a>

### *Doctors:*

Churchmere Practice	01948 320044 (Bridgewater)
Wrenbury Surgery	01270 780210
Out of hours	Dial 111 — NHS
Travel information	<a href="http://traveline.info">traveline.info</a>
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	<a href="mailto:sharon.jones@cheshire.pnn.police.uk">sharon.jones@cheshire.pnn.police.uk</a>

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	<a href="http://www.nhs.uk">www.nhs.uk</a>



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