

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
AND
PARISH MAGAZINE
*FEBRUARY 2022***



Tuesday, 1st COFFEE & CHAT, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE EVENT; planning meeting at
7.30 p.m. Village Hall. Ideas welcomed!

Monday, 7th MARBURY MERRY DAYS MEETING, 7.30 p.m.,
Village Hall

Tuesday, 8th W.I. MEETING at 2.00 p.m.
Speaker - Susie Knight. Dance the Charleston (standing and seated)
Competition – a String of Beads

March

Tuesday, 1st COFFEE & CHAT, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.

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)

FEBRUARY SERVICES

St Michael's Marbury

Readers:

6th 11.00 a.m. Christingle Service

Jean Gregg
Diana Thomas

13th 11.00 a.m. HC

1 Corinthians 15: 15-20 Kath Johnson
Luke 6: 17-26 Peter Johnson

20th 11.00 a.m. SW

Revelations 4 Dave Quipp
Luke 8: 22-25 Dorne Quipp

27th 4.30 p.m. EP

2 Corinthians 3: 12-4: 2 Trisha Harvey
Luke 9: 28-36 Beryl Fletcher

March

2nd 7.00 p.m. ASH WEDNESDAY United Benefice Service
at Tushingham

6th 9.00 a.m. SW

Romans 10: 8b-13 Steve Wood
Luke 4: 1-13 Jane Lunt

St Chad's Tushingham

6th 4.30 p.m. Compline

13th 9.00 a.m. HC

20th 9.00 a.m. MW

27th 11.00 a.m. SW

2nd March 7.00 p.m. ASH WEDNESDAY United Benefice Service

St Mary's Whitewell

6th 11.00 am SW

13th 11.00 a.m. SW

20th 11.00 a.m. HC

27th 11.00 a.m. SW

2nd March 7.00 p.m. ASH WEDNESDAY United Benefice Service
at Tushingham

FROM THE REGISTERS

Weddings:

Saturday, 4th December: Hannah Towne & Zachary Hutchinson

Wednesday, 29th December: Eleanor Butters & Nathan Bellis

Funeral:

Thursday, 27th January: Janet Pike and Helen Pike

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Our Christingle Service will be at St Michael's Church on
Candlemas Sunday
6th February, 2022 at 11.00am



This is a lovely service for children, families and everyone to enjoy.
We look forward to welcoming you all.



COFFEE AND CHAT

We are meeting at The Swan in Marbury
on Tuesday 1st February **and** Tuesday 1st March 2022
at 10.15am to 11.45am.

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

For more information about St. Chad's services, please contact
Andrew Dawson 01948 820305.

For service information about St. Mary's services, please contact
Carolyn Wort 01948 830064 or email carolynwort@gmail.com

Happy Candlemas!

As I write this the Candlemas Bells are beginning to bloom in my garden. Snowdrops also known as Candlemas bells because they bloom around the time of Candlemas – 2nd February.



But what is Candlemas?

On February 2nd, exactly 40 days after Christmas, we commemorate the occasion when Mary, following Jewish law, brought the baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem. The Gospel reading for The Feast of the Presentation describes the scene: “And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.” The story continues as Simeon holds the baby in his arms and says that Jesus will be a light for the Gentiles (Luke 2:22-32).

In Christian communities around the world today, Candlemas continues to be a day of purification, renewal, and hope. It can be celebrated as a procession of light with the focus being on Simeon’s words that Jesus would be a light. Some churches hold their Christingle service at Candlemas to celebrate Jesus as light of the world.

In days gone by Candlemas was a great celebration and candles were bought into church to be blessed. If you live your life without electric light then candles have a great importance in bringing light to dark evenings and dull days. For those Christians it was easy to imagine Christ as a light: a light to guide them through dark and dismal days.

In popular culture many traditions and sayings arose around the celebration of Candlemas. I am a Lacemaker and some of my ancestors were Bedfordshire lacemakers living in ‘Lace Villages’. Lace-makers celebrated Candlemas with a feast and such games as jumping over the candlestand. This led to the well-known nursery rhyme: *“Jack be Nimble, Jack be quick, Jack jump over the candlestick.”*



The picture shows a Lacemakers’ Candlestand. The Candle in the centre is surrounded by glass globes. The glass globes are filled with water. When the candle is lit the glass globes magnify the light enabling several Lacemakers to share the light from one candle.

This reminded me of the words of Jesus from Matthew's gospel chapter 5: 14-16 -

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

People who live in darkness can understand the importance of putting their light on a stand, Lacemakers who work by candlelight understand the need to share the light and magnify it to give the best light possible. In the 21st century with all the advantages of electricity and instant light at the flick of a switch it may be good for us to remember what darkness is like. It may also be good for us to remember how good it feels when light floods into a dark space. As Christians we know we can let the Christ light flood into our hearts and we know we are able to shine out as lights in the world spreading Jesus' message of light wherever we go.

Candlemas stands between Christmas and Easter, between birth and death and on to resurrection.

We stand near the place of new birth. Let us shine with the light of your love.

We turn from the crib to the cross. Let us shine with the light of your love.

We go to carry his light. Let us shine with the light of his love.

Thanks be to God.

Rev'd. Karen

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.

Advent Calendar Draw – December 2021

The PCC would like to thank everyone who took part in our second very successful Advent Calendar Draw in December. We are so grateful to those who very kindly donated the 24 prizes, which meant that all the money from the ticket sales was able to go to Church funds, and of course to all the people who bought the 100 tickets – we do hope everyone enjoyed their participation. Your generosity meant that we were able to raise the magnificent sum of £1,050 (including £50 in cash donations).

Here is the list of prizes and winners:-

Number	Prize	Winner
1	Advent calendar	Glenda Rowley
2	Trevor Fowles voucher	Carol Sheard
3	Hamper	Peter Johnson
4	2 bottles wine	Lynda Edwards
5	Cherry brandy	Clarie Heath
6	Baileys liqueur	Glenda Rowley
7	Toiletries	Clarie Heath
8	Whisky	Mary Harding
9	Bangor races badges	Jeanette Lawson
10	Swan voucher	Janet Wheeler
11	Luxury scented candle	Sue Megarrell
12	Sherry	Philip Bebbington
13	Mixers & cocktail shaker	Michael Ratcliffe
14	Pick your own flowers	Russell Gambier
15	Prosecco	Julia Black
16	Glavva whisky liqueur	Rob Hewson
17	Hill Valley voucher & port	Geraint Jones
18	Hamper	Ben Paton-Smith
19	Whisky	Katy Lowe
20	Hill Valley voucher & chocolates	Wendy Griffiths
21	Cheese & Port	Barbara Oakley
22	Hill Valley voucher & puzzle	Ursula Stoddart
23	Champagne	Rosemary Lunt
24	Swan voucher	Kath Johnson

MARBURY MERRY DAYS MEETING – MONDAY 7TH FEBRUARY, 7.30 PM,

With fingers crossed, we're looking forward to the return of a bumper Merry Days this year on Saturday & Sunday, 14th & 15th May, and this is a reminder that the next meeting will be at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall on Monday, 7th February. It was good to see new faces at the last meeting, and it we hope to see as many people as possible at the next meeting – offers of help and new ideas are always very welcome.

OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We have reached the stage of producing a draft Neighbourhood Plan. The draft plan has been sent to Cheshire East Neighbourhood Planning Team for their feedback and to review our next steps.

Our Neighbourhood Plan allows us to have a voice in the future planning of our community. The plan includes a description of our Parish, Vision and Objectives and detailed planning policies covering the protection of the countryside, heritage, housing, the local economy, building design, tourism, recreation and local telecommunications infrastructure.

Our Neighbourhood Plan has to be in conformity with national planning policy and the Cheshire East Local Plan. Having an adopted plan means that ***planners must take into account*** our vision of what the future looks like and what is appropriate for our combined Parish.

Our plan is about 'land use', what the land is used for, what is supported (and what is not) and how any development fits in to our environment and how it impacts the community and other matters requiring or affecting planning consent. Our plan does not cover issues or problems relating to the state of the roads, speed limits, litter, or public transport.

Now we are at the stage of where we need your views on the draft plan prior to a Spring Time event in Marbury Village Hall where the Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed again, explained, discussed, and further refined.

View the Draft Neighbourhood Plan here ([Neighbourhood Plan | Marbury & District Parish Council \(marburyanddistrict.org.uk\)](https://marburyanddistrict.org.uk)) (Ctrl/click)

Your views at this stage are important to the Working Group. So please, take the time to read through the draft plan via the link above.

When you are ready to provide your views you can follow the link in the document to complete the short survey. All responses are anonymous and the results will be published in due course. The survey will remain open until the Spring Time event in Marbury Village Hall.

Take the Draft Neighbourhood Plan Initial Feedback Survey now via the link in the document.

PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council, on 11th January, heard a brief presentation about the forthcoming rollout of fibre optic broadband by a representative of Airband. **You can register your interest on their website: www.airband.co.uk**

There were updates on the Neighbourhood Plan (see separate article), Defibrillator for Wirswall/Bradeley Green, the refurbished Play Area and discussions regarding plans for celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June.

Recent planning applications were discussed and reviewed.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 15th March, at the Village Hall, 7.30 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend. If you wish to speak, as a member of the public, please contact the Chair, Rob Perry, beforehand.

VILLAGE HALL



We're planning events for the year ahead. Firstly will be the always popular **Bingo with Fish & Chips**, on Thursday, 24th March. This will start at 6.30 p.m., as many children love this fun evening and they like to eat early!

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is being celebrated across the country and Marbury is *not* going to be left out! Plans are being made for a community hog roast event to mark this once-in-a-lifetime occasion, and this will be combined with the official opening of the new Play Area, proposed for the afternoon of Friday, 3rd June.

If you'd like to join in this **unique** event please indicate your interest to either Marian (07949 784308) or Jan (makinatmarbury@aol.com) to give us an idea of numbers (no commitment at this stage!).

September will feature an **Italian evening**—la dolce vita for all... !!

If you enjoy a **Knit and Natter**, contact Beryl Fletcher (01948 664889) for details of the new group who will be using the *really* comfy new seating suite.

The Village Hall is run by a team of volunteers; we do need more members and ideas. Please get in touch with Marian or Jill if you'd like to join – we'll be meeting again on 9th March at the Hall.

PLAY AREA

The new play area is now open—and is proving very popular! The Parish Council has funded the equipment and soon there will be additional facilities for adult use.



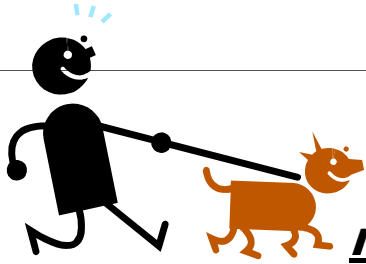
Parish Councillor John David has been the driving force behind the renovation; many thanks John for all your work and involvement!

If you have young children, or visiting grandchildren, do make use of this great village asset.

THE VILLAGE HALL is available to hire for children's parties—and the play area is a great addition to any party! The Hall can be used for parties, wedding receptions or anniversary gatherings, meetings and events.

Contact Penny Allington (01948 664900) for dates and hire charges.

Magazine: if you want to receive the Parish Magazine by email please contact Janet Makin:
makinatmarbury@aol.com



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

Printing & Photo copying up to A3,
Laminating up to A2
Booklets, Posters, Tickets, Invitations
Greetings Cards made from own Paintings or
Photographs



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Church Facebook page: @MarburyChurch
Parish web-site: www.parishmag.org
Clerk, Parish Council: clerk@marburyanddistrict.org.uk
Parish Council web-site: www.marburyanddistrict.org.uk
Village Hall Bookings: 01948 664900 (Penny Allington)
Village Hall web-site: www.marburyvillagehall.co.uk

Doctors:

Churchmere Practice: 01948 320044 (Bridgewater)
Wrenbury Surgery: 01270 780210
Out of hours: Dial 111 — NHS
Travel information: 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
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@BunburyWrenpol on Twitter | Like Bunbury and Wrenbury Police
Nantwich Police Web Site: 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

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***

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
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NHS Choices: www.nhs.uk

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