

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

***APRIL 2022***



**Tuesday, 5th COFFEE & CHAT, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.**

**Tuesday, 12th W.I. BIRTHDAY MEETING** at 7.30 p.m.  
Speaker The Robinsons: Simon and Garfunkel  
Competition – a Table Posy

**Monday, 25th ANNUAL PCC MEETING, 7.00 p.m. in Church**

**Tuesday, 26th MERRY DAYS FINAL MEETING, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.**

**Each Wednesday, MARBURY KNIT & NATTER, Village Hall 2-4 p.m.**

***Clergy:***

**Revd. Veronica Green (01948 663758)**

**Revd. Karen Andrews (01244 332028)**

***Churchwardens:***

**Jane Lunt (01948 662910)**

**Ali Hunter Johnston (07967 955669)**

## APRIL SERVICES

### St Michael's Marbury

- 3rd 9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
Readers: Harry Shaw Phil. 3.4b-14  
Julie Shaw John 12: 1-8  
Sidespersons: Diana Thomas Carolin Paton-Smith
- 10th 10.00 a.m. HC Palm Sunday  
United Benefice Service with Bishop Julie  
Readers: Jean Gregg Luke 19: 28-40  
Sidespersons: Jean Gregg Anthony Lewis
- 14th 7.00 p.m. HC Maundy Thursday  
15th 2.00 pm. Good Friday Last Hour Readings, Tushingham
- 17th 11.00 a.m. HC Easter Day  
Readers Kathy Johnson Acts 10: 34-43  
Peter Johnson John 20: 1-18  
Sidespersons: Harry Paton-Smith Diana Thomas
- 24th 6.30 p.m.  
Readers: Dennis Tucker Acts 5: 27-32  
Mary Jones John 20: 19-31  
Sidespersons: Peter Thomas Geraint Jones
- 1st May 9.00 a.m.  
Readers & Steve Wood Acts 9: 1-20  
Sidespersons: Penny Allington John 29: 1-19

### St Chad's Tushingham

- 3rd 1.00 p.m. Walk with Bishop Michael from Lichfield Cathedral  
4.30 p.m. EP & St. Chad commemoration
- 10th 10.00 a.m. United Benefice Service with Bishop Julie at Marbury
- 15th 2.00 p.m. Good Friday Last Hour Readings
- 17th 9.00 a.m. Easter Day
- 24th 11.00 a.m. SW
- 1st May 6.30 p.m. EP

### St Mary's Whitewell

- 3rd 11.00 a.m. HC
- 10th 10.00 a.m. United Benefice Service with Bishop Julie at Marbury
- 14th 7.00 p.m. HC Maundy Thursday
- 15th 2.00 p.m. Good Friday Last Hour Readings at Tushingham
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I was touched by the words of Father Brian D'Arcy recently as he spoke so genuinely about his role as a priest on Radio 2's Pause for Thought. Speaking about the current plight of the world and its people, he declared that he wasn't 'a saviour' he was just 'a friend', there when people needed him.

I wonder how many of us at this present time might share that same sense of inadequacy that so clearly comes through his sentiments; feelings of helplessness and being overwhelmed by the problems that face us individually and also as a united people of the world.

Quite honestly, we need a Saviour!

Easter is the time of year when we recognise that our needs have been answered. We have a Saviour, one, who gave everything so that He could claim that role in our lives...and hurt, suffering, and fear is something He is familiar with

To demonstrate allow me to share a story...

Years ago a young missionary in Brazil discovered a tribe of Indians living in a remote jungle area. Disease was ravaging their population. However, the only clinic was on the other side of a raging river the Indians believed was inhabited by evil spirits. In their minds, crossing the river meant certain death.

Although the young missionary assured them he'd crossed it safely many times, they were scared beyond belief.

He led them to a bank and placed his hand into the water, they looked concerned. Then he waded into the water and splashed it on his face but they began to become really panicky.

Finally, he went under the water, his body fully submerged, he swam under the surface and emerged safely on the other side. Having proved that the river had no special powers the missionary raised an arm of triumph and the tribe broke into cheers and followed him across.

Easter is when we celebrate Jesus doing the same, diving into the river of death, defeating it by submerging himself, crossing over and rising again on the other side.

If Jesus, the Saviour, can kick the ends out of the grave, imagine what else He can do!

His obedience to God and his actions on the cross help us to understand that despite the sufferings and pains of our world, eventually all will give way to joy. God's plans are greater than ours.

He makes a way, so that we too can raise an arm of triumph.

As we reflect on these things may the joy and hope of the Easter message be with you and your families and may God's Blessings fall on our world.

Veronica x

## LENT

Every Wednesday through Lent there will be a Lent Group at 7pm at St Chad's.  
The theme for the discussions will be Pilgrimage.

Please come to those you can manage, each session 'stands alone' so there is no need to commit to all of them unless, of course, you would like to!

For more information please contact me - Revd. Karen (01244 332028)



## COFFEE AND CHAT

We are meeting at The Swan in Marbury  
on Tuesday 5th April, 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 everyone 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](mailto:carolynwort@gmail.com)

## FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism - We welcomed into God's Family  
13th March: Ted Douglas Thomasson

Funeral  
24th March: Eric Fowles of Norbury, who died on 12th March

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

The meeting on 15th March discussed updates on: the Play Area (minor works to finish after an inspection), support for roadside parking for residents at Gauntons Bank, also the disappointing response from residents regarding the published draft Neighbourhood Plan. However, comments had been made that "support" for "renewable energy projects" was controversial and suggested these should be "considered". Residents are urged to respond to the draft plan—to have an input for their future.

Planning matters were reviewed; the council decided it could not support the plans for an additional building at The Swan, as they stood at the time, due to the visual impact on the conservation area. A further application was made later for change of use of the barns to holiday accommodation. A proposal to create a golf driving range on agricultural land at Wirswall/Bradeley Green was discussed but details were unavailable; a subsequent application has been made.

Roadside signage e.g., warning of tractors, horse-riders, requesting drivers to slow down etc., can be sourced, for siting on private land only. Residents are asked to notify their local Parish Councillor of appropriate places where these can be placed; the purchase cost would be approximately £15 per sign.

Chris Wheeler announced his decision to step down from the parish council; he is thanked for the past 5 years as a Councillor.

Notification that funding for a third Defibrillator for Bradeley Green/Wirswall has now been received from the "Lottery"; the unit will be installed soon and there will be a training session organised for all parish residents—details will be publicised when this is arranged.

## **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL SECRETARY**

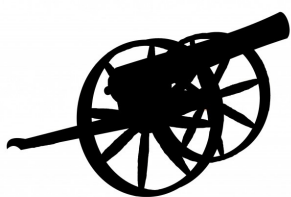
As from the APCM on 25<sup>th</sup> April, we will have a vacancy for a PCC Secretary – to take Minutes at meetings of the PCC and deal with correspondence and other administrative matters. It really isn't complicated, and Carol will be on hand to help if needed. Is there anyone willing to volunteer? If you might be interested please contact Carol Sheard (01948 663087 / 07960 748476) for further information – without obligation!

**MARBURY MERRY DAYS – Saturday & Sunday,  
14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> May**



The next - and final! - meeting before the big event itself will be on Tuesday 26th April, at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Even if you haven't been able to get to any of the other meetings please try to come to this one - everyone's welcome, and it's never too late for offers of help!

As you know, this will be our first post-Covid Merry Days, so we're hoping to mark the occasion with a record year!



The **American Civil War Society** will be making a welcome return, with their skirmishes, displays and living history camp on the field. The "noisy" skirmishes will be on the Saturday, so that dog owners can



bring their dogs along on Sunday for the **Gun Dog Scurry** and the **Fun Dog Show** without hearing the bangs! **Steve Leonard** has kindly agreed to judge the **Dog Show** for us again and of course Merry Days wouldn't be the same without **Pinxton Puppets**.



New this year will be a fly-past on both days by a **Lancaster Bomber** (thanks to Budgie!), and a **climbing wall** for children.



Please remember that all contributions will be very gratefully received for the following stalls:-

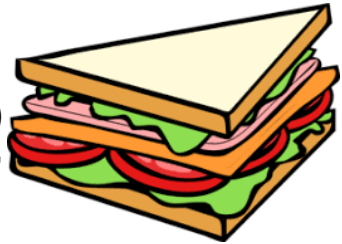
**Plants** - **Sofie Paton-Smith** is kindly organising the **Plant Stall** which has always been a major attraction as well as a major fund-raiser over the years but, of course, it has to have plants to sell so please start sowing seeds, potting on small cuttings, and generally looking out for flowers, fruit or vegetable plants that you would be happy to give.





**Cake Stall** - Meryl Zawistowicz (07966 179732) has very kindly agreed to co-ordinate arrangements for us this year. We need helpers, and - very importantly! - cakes to sell. It would be a great help if anyone who is willing to make a cake could let Meryl know. All contributions will be very gratefully received - sponges, flap-jacks, fruit cake and anything else - but no fresh cream please. (Meryl's email is [welcome@brightwaterlodge.com](mailto:welcome@brightwaterlodge.com) )

**Refreshments** - Ursula Stoddart (666109) would love to receive cakes, biscuits and offers of help for the tea tent.



**Tombola** - (666036)



prizes to Bev & Frank Tanner or Carol Sheard (663087) please.



**Bric-a-Brac** - Joan Taylor-Nobbs will be running this for us - please bring contributions to the field on Friday evening, or Saturday morning as early as possible.

We'll also be having the usual **Craft & Gift Marquees and Trade Stands** - the marquees are already full, but if you know anyone who might be interested in a Trade Stand pitch (£40) please ask them to contact Richard or Carol on 663087 as quickly as possible.



## **QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE PICNIC - SAVE THE DATE!**

There will be a bring-your-own picnic on the Church Terrace from 12 noon on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June (following the Pentecost service at 11 am), so please reserve the date in your diaries. It will be free of charge and open to everyone – bring your own food and drink, and chairs or rugs to sit on. It would be lovely to see as many people as possible, and of course dogs are welcome!



## VILLAGE HALL

**The Queen's Platinum Jubilee:** there will be a community party and hog roast on the afternoon of Friday, 3rd June, combined with the official opening of the new Play Area. Contact Jill (01948 666221) for your tickets—they're going fast!!!!

The Whitchurch Little Theatre Group is planning a welcome return to Marbury this summer—watch out for the date!

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

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 this sociable group and help keep the Hall and community going.

## MARBURY WI AND THE UKRAINE APPEAL

Marbury WI are justly proud of their members who embraced the war-time spirit and rallied round to raise over £500 in two days for the Ukrainian appeal ! At a committee meeting, one of our members told us that a local Polish shop had offered to act as a collection point, but with a deadline of just three days after the meeting – so an email was sent out, money and pledges received, and emergency supplies such as foil blankets and first aid kits purchased and delivered - all within two days. A cash donation was also made to Manchester-based charity UK-Med, which has sent front-line medical staff to Ukraine.

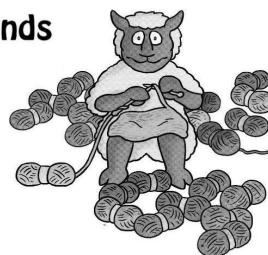
### **Marbury Village Crafters Knit & Natter Group**

**Learn to Knit and Crochet, Share Ideas and Patterns  
Chat and Enjoy the Fun with Friends**

**Tea, Coffee and Cakes**

**Also Needle Work and Crafts**

**All this for only £2.50**



**Every Wednesday from 2pm till 4pm at Marbury Village Hall**

**For more information Phone Beryl on 01948 664 889**

**A REMINDER** that the draft **Neighbourhood Plan** is up on the PC website for review and comment

It is a chance to give your views before the Plan is prepared for a public session at the Village Hall in the Spring so please respond A.S.A.P. The Plan is driven by residents and represents residents — **YOU!!!!**



The Neighbourhood Plan gives everyone a voice in the future planning of our community; an adopted Plan means planners must take into account what is appropriate for our combined parish.

Go to the link: <https://marburyanddistrict.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/> and take the survey after you have read the draft Plan.

## **MEETING OF PARISHIONERS & ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

A reminder that the meeting to elect Churchwardens (Meeting of Parishioners) and St. Michael's APCM will be held in Church at 7.00 pm on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April**. Anyone who is on the Government electoral roll for the Parish and those on the Church Electoral Roll are entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting of Parishioners.

The APCM will immediately follow this at about 7.20 pm, and although everyone is welcome to attend, only those on the Electoral Roll of St. Michael's are entitled to vote on the matters discussed. The Church Electoral Roll is revised each year – if you would like to be included on the Roll please contact Janet Wheeler (01948 665981) before 10<sup>th</sup> April and she will be able to advise you if you are eligible. Nominations to fill vacancies of those retiring from the PCC by rotation are also voted on at this meeting – this year, three members are retiring by rotation, and we have an additional vacancy for the period to April 2023. PCC members are required to be Communicant members of the Church.

If you would like more information about either of the meetings please contact Carol Sheard on tel: 01948 663087, text: 07778 604470, or email – [richardandcarol.sheard@btinternet.com](mailto:richardandcarol.sheard@btinternet.com) .

## UKRAINE DONATION APPEAL



St. Michael's is having a collection for the Ukraine Appeal at the service on Easter Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00 a.m.

There will be a plate at the back of church for donations.

If you are able to support, but are unable to be at the service, please place any donations in the wall box; these will be added to the collection which will be sent to the DEC Appeal.

Many Thanks for your Support.

## **REVISION OF ST. MICHAEL'S ELECTORAL ROLL**

Are you on the Electoral Roll of St. Michael's – and if not, would you like to be? This roll is a list of everyone who can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (this year on 25<sup>th</sup> April), and if you're already on the roll, you don't need to do anything.

If you would like to be enrolled, you need to have been baptised, be a member of the Church of England and over 16 years old, and either live in the Parish or have worshipped regularly at St. Michael's for at least six months. If you would like further information please contact our Electoral Roll Officer, Janet Wheeler -

[janet.wheeler@btinternet.com](mailto:janet.wheeler@btinternet.com) – before 10<sup>th</sup> April.

## **BIRD NEST BOX**

Would anyone be willing to make a Bird Nest Box for the Churchyard? We are working towards our EcoChurch Silver Award (having successfully obtained our Bronze Award), and as part of that we are trying to encourage wildlife in the Churchyard – we'll shortly be installing a "bug hotel" and would very much like to have a Nest Box too. If you could help, would you contact Carolin Paton-Smith please – 01948 663731, or [cmpsy13@gmail.com](mailto:cmpsy13@gmail.com)



## **ECO CHURCH**

Don't forget to recycle used ink cartridges. Please place them at the back of church in the recycle bag. It's better for the environment and we get donations to give to charity. Its win! win!

## Useful phone numbers and contacts for residents

Churchwardens:	01948 662910 / 07967 955669
Clergy:	Revd. Veronica Green (01948 663758) 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>
<i>Doctors:</i>	
Churchmere Practice	01948 320044
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: <a href="https://twitter.com/BunburyWrenpol">@BunburyWrenpol</a> on Twitter   Like Bunbury and Wrenbury Police
Nantwich Police Web Site	<a href="http://www.cheshire.police.uk">www.cheshire.police.uk</a>
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 <a href="http://www.cheshireeasthighways.org">www.cheshireeasthighways.org</a>

**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

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