

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



- Tuesday 1st** **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.
- Friday, 4th** **BONFIRE NIGHT** at The Swan
- Tuesday 8th** **W.I. ANNUAL MEETING, 1.30 p.m.** Village Hall
Mike Bambury: Christmas Card Making
Competition: Favourite Christmas Card
- Wednesday 9th** **MERRY DAYS MEETING**, 7.30 p.m. Village Hall
- Monday 14th** **QUIZ NIGHT** Village Hall, 7.30 p.m. Teams of 4
Contact Bev Tanner: 666036
- Tuesday, 15th** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**, 7.30 p.m., Village Hall
- Friday, 18th** **ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH COFFEE MORNING**,
Civic Centre, 9.30 a.m.—12.00 p.m.
- Saturday 19th** **CRAFT FAIR** Village Hall, 10.00 a.m.—3.00 p.m.
Free Admission. Refreshments available. Raffle.
- Saturday, 3rd Dec:** **VILLAGE HALL** Family Christmas Party
Tickets from Janet Makin, 01948 665724

Clergy: Revd. Veronica Green (01948 663758)

***Churchwarden:* Jane Lunt (01948 662910)**

NOVEMBER SERVICES

2nd 7.00 p.m. All Souls Service for the departed at St. Chad's

St Michael's Marbury

6th	9.00 a.m. HC		
	Readers &	Steve Wood	2 Thess. 2: 1-5, 13-17
	Sidespersons:	Peter Thomas	Luke 20: 27-38
13th	10.45 a.m. Remembrance Sunday		
	Readers &	Richard Evans	Micah 4: 1-5
	Sidespersons:	Trisha Harvey	Romans 8: 31-end
		Kath Johnson	1 Corinthians 15: 50-end
20th	11.00 a.m. MP		
	Readers &	Peter Johnson	Colossians 1: 11-20
	Sidespersons:	Harry Paton-Smith	Luke 23: 33-43
27th	4.30 p.m. Evening Prayer		
	Readers &	Mary Jones	Isaiah 2: 1-5 Psalm 122
	Sidespersons:	Jane Lunt	Romans 13: 11-14

St Chad's Tushingam

6th	4.30 p.m. Evening Prayer
13th	10.45 a.m. Remembrance Sunday
20th	9.00 a.m. HC
27th	11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

St Mary's Whitewell

6th	11.00 a.m. Matins BCP (Morning Prayer)
13th	10.45 a.m. Remembrance Sunday
20th	11.00 a.m. SW
27th	11.00 a.m. HC

FROM THE REGISTERS:

David Harding, funeral 12th October, 2022

Rooted in Love...in the depths of darkness

As the leaves cascade from the trees and the wind and rain swoop them up and carry them into heaps or scatter them, my thoughts turn to their roots and how silently in the depths of the colder and darker months of a yearly cycle they prepare themselves for another season of life and flourishing.

As the fallen leaves form a blanket on the ground, underneath the earth the snowdrops prepare themselves, creating a liminal space where the separation of life and death touch, one empowered by the other.

Inspired by the Word for Today, (a little devotional book you can pick up in our churches), I write this reflection to give hope to our troubled world and troubled souls...

The earth revolves silently round and as one hemisphere enters darkness another begins to see light. For one person it is midnight, but for another daybreak. Both live on the same planet and yet find themselves in totally different places.

When we experience times of deepest darkness, if we hold on a little longer, things will change, and the light will come.

The same way we rotate into darkness we rotate out again...

Just like roots of a tree quietly absorb the nutrients of rich soil, good things can happen to us when we experience dark times, St Paul said: 'I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God'.

Roots need darkness to burrow down to reach the richest places of nourishment. When we enter times of darkness, whether it be the seasons of the year or seasons of personal difficulty, we can remember these promises from God, who is the Master of Development and, just like photographs need developing in a darkroom, often the process and experience of being in the dark can bring incredible results...

As we enter a season that we know is going to be challenging may we remember where Paul suggests our roots lie 'established in love' and may that love help us to remain strong, hopeful and responsive as we perhaps grasp a deeper understanding of God's fullness and His desire to see His creation flourish, in season and out of season...

'Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you'.
Psalm 116: 7

Veronica. X



ST. MICHAEL'S ADVENT CALENDAR DRAW 2022

Our Advent Calendar Draw is a lovely way to start the Christmas season, and has now become one of our regular Christmas events.

As you probably know we limit sales to 100 tickets, with a draw being made for a prize each day from 1st to 24th December - so each ticket has roughly a one in four chance of winning and the winning number is announced daily. Tickets will again be £10 each, and last year the prizes ranged from bottles of craft gin and hand-made chocolates to vouchers for meals at local restaurants and Christmas hampers.

Tickets are now on sale (on a first come, first served basis) from Carol Sheard, and payment can be made by cash, cheque or bank transfer. Please don't delay as they are already selling fast and you can of course buy as many tickets as you like!

Please contact Carol to book your ticket(s) and arrange payment
Tel: 01948 663087 mobile: 07960 748476

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treasurer@stmichaelsmarbury.org (Nigel Green)

weddings@stmichaelsmarbury.org (Kath Johnson)



COFFEE AND CHAT

We are meeting at The Swan in Marbury
on **Tuesday, 1st November.**
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.

DECEMBER DIARY DATES

December is always a busy month for all of us, so here's advance notice of some special dates!

Sunday 11th December - Christingle Service in Church at 11 am
(the collection from this service goes to the Children's Society)

Monday 12th December - Border Singers' Christmas Concert in Church at 7.30 pm.
(This concert will be free to attend, but there will be a Retiring Collection donated to the Marbury Belles, who support locally based Ukrainian families)

Monday 19th December - Service of Lessons & Carols in Church at 7 pm



Benefice of Marbury, Tushingham and Whitewell

We extend a warm invitation to you and your family to our Memorial and Thanksgiving Service, to be held at St Chad's Church, Tushingham, at 7.00 p,m, on Wednesday, 2nd November.

The service will be quiet and reflective, and will offer the opportunity for prayer and thanksgiving as we remember loved ones who are no longer with us. During the service there will be an opportunity to light a candle in their memory, which many find helpful, and the names of those who have died this year are remembered and read aloud, together with the names of those from previous years, if requested.

We do hope that you will come, and we look forward to seeing you.

Craft Fair

Marbury Village Hall
Saturday 19th November

10.00am till 3.00pm



Knitted Items
Pictures



Soaps & Toiletries

Cards

Bird Boxes

Baby Clothes



Gift Resin
Cuddly Toys



Refreshments
Raffle

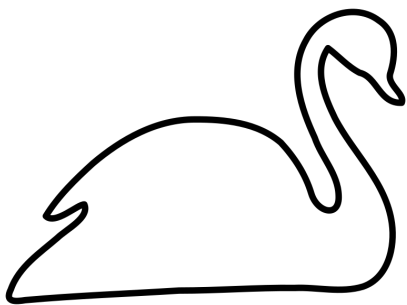


Magazine: if you would prefer to receive the Parish Magazine by email please contact Janet Makin: makinatmarbury@aol.com

PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 15th November at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome to attend; if you wish to speak at the meeting please contact the Chair or the Clerk beforehand.

Agenda and Minutes can be viewed on the Parish Council website:
www.marburyanddistrict.org.uk



THE SWAN

Bonfire Night: on Friday, 4th November, The Swan is hosting the village bonfire evening. There will be an outside BBQ and bar which you can enjoy whilst toasting by the flickering fire.

The bonfire will be lit at 6.15 p.m., and the firework display will begin at 7.00 p.m.

To book a table call on 01948 522860 or use the online booking system on the website.

Village Christmas Dinner: along with the bonfire and fireworks The Swan is hosting the village Christmas Dinner again. As with every year it will be booking only and tickets are now available at the bar. The meal will be priced the same as last year at £22 for 2 courses and £14 for children.

Arrive at 18.30 and then sit down for dinner at 19.00.

VILLAGE HALL



QUIZ NIGHT, Monday, 14th November, at 7.30 p.m.
Teams of 4: contact Bev Tanner, 666306 BYO drinks and nibbles; prize for winning team. Entry £1.50 per head.

CRAFT FAIR on Saturday, 19th November, 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. A chance to find those ideal Christmas Gifts!

The family **CHRISTMAS PARTY** is on Saturday, 3rd December. Cost will be £7.50 for adults, £5 for children. Turkey Supper. B.Y.O. drinks/glasses. Starts at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets from Janet Makin: 01948 665724



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

Friday 18th November 2022

Civic Centre, Whitchurch - 9.30 am to 12 noon



Please come along, have a cup of coffee, meet your friends for a chat, and support us. Stalls will include Tombola, Bric-a-Brac and books, and there will of course be a Raffle too.

(Set-up at the Civic Centre is from 8.30 am on the day – if you're able to help, or have donations such as cakes, Tombola prizes, items for the Bric-a-Brac stall, biscuits etc., please contact Jane Lunt (01948 662910), Diana Thomas (01948 663738), Kath Johnson (07770 338070) or Carol Sheard (01948 663087).



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE ADVANCED NOTICE

Our Christingle service will be at St Michaels Church on Sunday, 11th December 2022 at 11.00. a.m. This Service will be led by Revd. Veronica Green. We look forward to welcoming you all.

PRIZES FOR ST. MICHAEL'S ADVENT CALENDAR DRAW 2022

We are looking for 24 prizes for the Advent Calendar Draw - anything from seasonal food and drink to toiletries to local restaurant meal vouchers - the more varied the better!

If you are able to donate a prize it will be very gratefully received - please contact Sofie Paton-Smith on 07772 060069.



CHRISTMAS WINDOWS

Unfortunately the Christmas Windows decoration scheme, advertised in church, has had to be postponed for this year.

MERRY DAYS MEETING

Wednesday 9th November, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall



Can we make our 2023 Merry Days as successful and enjoyable as this year's event? We certainly hope so!

At our next meeting on 9th November we'll discuss the attractions to book and arrange, the programme of events, catering, side shows and stalls, car parking etc.

It's always good to have offers of help for the various stalls and events, but if you have an idea for an event/stall and would be willing to organise it you'd be doubly welcome!

Please come along if you can - everyone is welcome.

If you won't be able to come to the meeting, but have ideas/comments or would like to help, please contact Richard Sheard on 01948 663087, or 07778 604470 - richardandcarol.sheard@btinternet.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!



SEE A POTHOLE OR ROAD HAZARD?

Download the App "Fix My Street".

How to report a problem:

- 1 Enter a nearby UK postcode, or street name and area
- 2 Locate the problem on a map of the area
- 3 Enter details of the problem
- 4 Fix My Street will send it to the council on your behalf

The more we report the problems the more chance there is of them being fixed!

UKRAINE SUPPORT



As we approach winter our thoughts are with those who remain in the Ukraine fighting for the independence of their Country. We think of the fathers and husbands who will be facing a hard winter ahead, very much without the creature comforts we will have in our own homes. So we continue to support the mums and children who still live in our community as they cling to an everlasting hope that they will be reunited with their loved ones soon. During the summer months many of our guests have returned to the Ukraine to visit family but have been ready to return to the UK due to the harrowing experiences they have had to endure during their stay there.

In an effort to focus on a more "normal" life we shall be taking the children to Hawkstone Park Follies during the October school break, where they will explore a family friendly trail through the park, and in the caves will be met by storytellers telling "Terrible Tales", where a magical world will be uncovered. Ash 4 x 4, and independent company at Hawkstone, have also very kindly offered the opportunity for each child to experience a 4 x 4 drive, which will take them on a VIP Landrover Tour taking in the Monument, Swiss Bridge and Grotto Hill. I am told they are "adrenaline pumping drives" - I shall be watching from a distance!!

A date for your diary! On Monday the 12th December the Border Singers will be putting on a Christmas concert at St Michael's Church at 7.30pm. This will be your opportunity to come along and meet, and indeed listen to, the Ukraine children perform with the Singers. They are all very excited to have been invited to take part in the concert. I'm sure it will be just wonderful to hear them sing.

For Christmas we have some ideas for celebration but final details are still to be agreed. The traditional Ukrainian Christmas festivities start on Christmas eve which is celebrated on the 6th January. Ukrainians don't have the hectic Xmas shopping craze as we do, there is no Santa Claus, no red-nosed reindeer, in Ukraine Christmas is all about the birth of Jesus Christ.

And finally, I would like to say a big thank you to those of you who continue to provide us with donations for the families.

Kathy Johnson (Marbury Belles)

Useful phone numbers and contacts for residents

Clergy:	Revd. Veronica Green (01948 663758) vicar@stmichaelsmarbury.org
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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
<i>Doctors:</i>	
Churchmere Practice	01948 320044
Wrenbury Surgery	01270 780210
Travel information	traveline.info
Mobile library	every 3rd Thursday, 3.45-4.00p.m.
Citizens' Advice Bureau	0800 630 0762
Police: PCSO 7149 Sharon Jones	
	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
Cheshire East Information	0300 123 5500/out of hours 5025
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 FIX MY STREET: APP
Bus services:	Go-Too: 0300 123 5103 http://www.go-too.co.uk Flexilink: 0300 123 5110

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; Bargates Hall, St. Alkmund's Church car park; **Bradeley Green** Pet Stores.

If you have information which would be helpful to others please e-mail them to: makinatmarbury@aol.com

More useful phone numbers and contacts:

Crimestoppers (you can call anonymously)	0800 555 111
Childline	0800 1111
Samaritans	116 123

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