

MARBURY ST. MICHAEL'S
CHURCH
AND
PARISH MAGAZINE
SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2023



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SEPTEMBER SERVICES

St Michael's Marbury

3rd	9.00 a.m. HC Readers & Sidespersons:	Steve Wood Peter Thomas	Romans 12: 9-21 Matthew 16: 21-28
10th	11.00 a.m. HC Readers & Sidespersons:	Harry Paton-Smith Diana Thomas	Romans 13: 8-14 Matthew 18: 15-20
17th	No services in the Benefice: 10.30 a.m. Deanery Service at St. Boniface, Bunbury		
24th	6.30 p.m. EP Readers & Sidespersons:	Anthony Lewis Jane Lunt	Philippians 1: 21—30 Matthew 20: 1-16

St Chad's Tushingham

3rd	6.30 p.m. EP Old St. Chad's, Harvest Theme
10th	6.30 p.m. Songs Of Praise with Brass Ensemble
17th	No Services in the Benefice
24th	11.00 a.m. Harvest Thanksgiving

St Mary's Whitewell

3rd	11.00 a.m. HC
10th	11.00 a.m. SW
17th	No Services in the Benefice
24th	11.00 a.m. MP

From the Registers:

Funerals

12 th July	Beulah Glyder Moore	died 25.06.23
18 th July	William Charles Lunt	died 5.07.23
21 st July	Olivia Spencer	died 23.6.23
27 th July	Jean Merinda Williams	died 18.06.23
11 th August	Mary Elizabeth Hazel Jones	died 15.07.23
15 th August	Nancy Potts	died 22.7.23

OCTOBER SERVICES

St Michael's Marbury

1st	9.00 a.m. HC		
	Readers &	Penny Allington	Philippians 2: 1-13
	Sidespersons:	Peter Hunter Johnston	Matthew 21: 23-32
8th	11.00 a.m. Harvest Thanksgiving		
	Readers &	Julie Shaw	T.B.A.
	Sidespersons:	Harry Shaw	
15th	11.00 a.m. MP		
	Readers &	Jane Lunt	Philippians 4: 1-9
	Sidespersons:	Beryl Fletcher	Matthew 22: 1-14
22nd	6.30 p.m. EP EP		
	Readers &	Jean Gregg	1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10
	Sidespersons:	Diana Thomas	Matthew 22: 15-22
29th	11.00 a.m. United Benefice Service at St. Mary's Whitewell		

St Chad's Tushingham

1st	6.30 p.m. EP	
8th	9.00 a.m. HC	
15th	9.00 a.m. HC	
22nd	11.00 a.m. MP	
29th	11.00 a.m. United Benefice Service at St. Mary's Whitewell	
	7.00 p.m. Worship @ 7	

St Mary's Whitewell

1st	11.00 a.m. Harvest Thanksgiving
8th	11.00 a.m. SW
15th	11.00 a.m. SW
22nd	11.00 a.m. HC
29th	11.00 a.m. United Benefice Service, Guest Speaker Glyn Jones

From the Registers:

Weddings

1 st July	Ryan Calderbank & Kayleigh Hanna Maughan
22 nd July	Daniel Robert Evans & Lauren Alice Forster
29 th July	Thomas Mark Bunkhay & Stacey Oldacre
12 th August	Michael David Evans & Kathryn Hannah Flack

SEPTEMBER 2023

Once again, I find myself writing about Mental Health.

The levels of anxiety that are being endured by many during these post covid days with the added pressures of finance affect us in more ways than we perhaps realise. Some are able to cope, others not, but one thing we know with clarity is that there isn't enough help available to alleviate people's struggles. This itself adds more to our worry – where will it all end?

The Church is sometimes a guiding light! A place of welcome and 'something other', something people experience in differing ways – a place where people can find the holiness of God. I'm not sure the church is always like that these days, for even the church is affected by overwhelming mental health issues, although we endeavour to see our way through...

So where do we go?

"In my mind's eye, I saw myself standing in a wide-open space. Above me was an inky black sky. The darkness seemed overwhelming. But in that moment, God spoke into my heart! He showed me that even though the sky was incredibly dark, it was only in the dark that I could see the light of a thousand shimmering stars. I didn't hear an audible voice, but I knew God had seen me. I felt his love wrapping around me, showing me that there was hope even in the midst of despair and pain."

One in four people suffer from mental health problems: shame, fear, anger, despair, loneliness, and we still carry a sense of unwillingness to share our state of mind with others allowing these harmful emotions and feelings to travel with us daily...we then try to work at it ourselves self-medicating in order to mask what we feel too ashamed to share.

Perhaps healing truly begins when we feel at our most vulnerable, when we come to realise that we need help. That the darkness can be overcome by looking into it and seeing the light of Hope.

If the truth be known, none of us feel entirely at ease with who we are.

However, there is someone who knows you better than you know yourself, there is someone who has experienced the things you feel and more! There is someone who stared at the face of darkness and abandonment and came through. There is someone who loves and values you so much that He promises to fix you - when you are ready.

His Name is Jesus, He rescues us from all our feelings of shame, fear, anger, despair, loneliness and hopelessness. He brings meaning and purpose to our lives.

That's what He came to do 2000 years ago and it's a promise He keeps today and every day.

God bless you in Jesus' Name.

Veronica. x

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

At St Michael's Church

At 11.00a.m on Sunday, 8th October 2023

We do hope you can come and join us to thank God for all the wonderful gifts that he provides for us.



HARVEST SUPPER

We'll be holding our traditional Harvest Supper this year on Monday, 18th September, at 7.00 for 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, with Cottage Pie and Fruit Crumble (bring your own drinks and glasses). Tickets will be £7.50 per adult, £4 for children. Tickets will be available from Diana Thomas (663738), Jane Lunt (662910) or Carol Sheard (663087).

It's always a special evening for our community which is so closely involved in farming, so please come and join in – and if anyone would like to volunteer to make a Cottage Pie or Fruit Crumble for 8 people we'd be very grateful ! (please contact Diana).

There will also be a donation table for non-perishable food for Whitchurch Food Bank – all contributions will be gratefully received, especially in these difficult times for so many people. They are particularly asking for items such as pasta, coffee, cereals, long-life milk and orange juice, pot noodles, instant mashed potato, jam, tinned food etc.

PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting on 10th July discussed residents' concerns about road speeds/inappropriate driving. The Chair of Highways had been asked for Cheshire East's stance on the introduction of speed limits. Borough Councillor James Pearson introduced himself and promised to support residents with their concerns. He emphasised complaints (highways/potholes and all others) **MUST** be registered with Council so they can be held to account.

Residents are to be asked to respond to the PC so proof of need for speed/safety management can be submitted. A suggestion was made for Wheelie Bin stickers to be used – highly visible each week.

Townley Villa planning; no comment was made.

It was agreed that the Jubilee Play Area is not age restricted, it is for all the community but should be used appropriately; the old sign has been taken down.

After a request from residents it was agreed to reduce the height of the trees bordering the play area which overshadow some gardens; the condition of the boundary wall will then be assessed.

A complaint was voiced about agricultural lorries accessing Pinsley Green through the village; more detail was requested to enable the PC to take this up with the operating company.

The next meeting will be Monday, 11th September. All residents are welcome to attend; however, if you wish to speak at the meeting please contact the Chair or the Clerk beforehand. Public speaking time is limited and only Councillors may take part in discussions/decisions.

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



HARVEST FOOD BANK COLLECTION

During September & October St. Michael's Church is supporting Whitchurch Food Bank for Harvest. The Food Bank is requesting tinned, packet and other non-perishable items, for example small jars of coffee, tins of rice pudding or custard, pot noodles, packets of mashed potato, pasta, tins of fruit, long life milk and orange juice, cereals—or anything that you are able to give.

If you have any items to donate please place them in the box provided at the back of the church. Our Harvest service is on 8th October, donations can also be brought to the Harvest Supper on Monday, 18th September at the Village Hall.

All donations will be gratefully received.

MARBURY WI President Lynda Edwards welcomed members to the meeting on 11th July and introduced our speaker for the evening - Gill Adlington, from Middlewich. As well as talking about her subject - Painting for Everyone - Gill gave us a wonderful demonstration of her "wet-on-wet" oil painting technique which resulted in her completing a beautiful landscape in less than an hour! Gill told us she had always wanted to paint, but had struggled and in fact had given up for a time, until - many years ago - she had discovered the Bob Ross method of painting through his Joy of Painting programmes. The "wet-on-wet" technique uses oil paint applied to the canvas with a variety of brushes after coating the canvas with acrylic primer and linseed oil, and in front of our eyes Gill created a mountain landscape with a lake and trees which really looked as if it would have taken many hours, or even days, to complete! Gill then very kindly donated her painting, which will be raffled at a future meeting.

On 8th August, 14 WI members enjoyed a trip to the Lady Lever Art Gallery at Port Sunlight, followed by an Afternoon Tea at Bellis's Garden Centre at Holt. Everyone agreed that the morning spent at the Gallery hadn't been long enough to see everything it had to offer! Highlights included the special



exhibition of the charming illustrations from the Flower Fairies books by Cicely Mary Barker, key paintings by early and pre-Raphaelite and late Victorian artists, and the finest collection of Wedgwood in the world - although there was so much else to see too! On the way back we stopped at Bellis's for a truly delicious Afternoon Tea, and found time to explore their farm shop, plant nursery and gift shop before arriving back in Marbury in the late afternoon. All in all, a thoroughly enjoyable day out!

COFFEE AND CHAT
We are meeting at
The Swan in Marbury
on Tuesday 5th September
and Tuesday 3rd October
from 10.15am to 11.45am.



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

Craft Fair

Marbury Village Hall
Saturday 11th November

Starts at 11.02 am (After 2 min Silence)

Ends at 3.00 pm



Xmas Gifts



Jewellery

Honey

Pictures

Cuddly Toys

Cards

China

Books



Refreshments

Raffle



OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATIONS!

Saturday, 28th October,
7.00 p.m. at the Village
Hall. An evening of
music (live band), food Bavarian style,
B.Y.O. drinks. Tickets £10 per head
(adults only), contact Jill 07702
303590 by 20th October, please.



**MARBURY KNIT AND
NATTER** group meet
every other Wednesday
at the Village Hall, 2pm
till 4pm. Contact Beryl
on 01948 664889



WILDLIFE IS GOOD FOR US!! Please join us for two gentle Saturday-morning strolls around different parts of Marbury looking at our beautiful wildlife. On 2nd September we will walk past the Big Mere and a little way up Wirswall Hill (you'll need your wellies!), and on Saturday 9th we'll go up School Lane and along the canal a little way towards Wrenbury.



Nature is important part of the world around us, and taking time to witness what's happening in the natural world can make a major contribution to our mental and spiritual wellbeing.

We are blessed in Marbury to have a particularly diverse range of bird life. Some species such as brightly coloured Yellow-hammers and cheeky Reed Buntings, that are increasingly rare elsewhere, are doing well in our area. Our walks will take us past the regular haunts of Kingfishers, Mistle Thrushes, Kestrels, and the young Stonechats that have recently fledged in the village, which is quite a rare event for Cheshire. At this time of year, we might also see early migrants such as Wheatears, Redwings and Field-fares. There's even a tiny chance of seeing the Osprey or the Marsh Harrier that have been in the area lately! And if we're not lucky with birds, perhaps we'll see a Stoat or some Hares, at least!

Both walks will start at 9am from the Church. Wellies or boots would be appropriate (especially for the Wirswall walk). You might want to bring binoculars if you have them.

MARBURY BELLES We organised one final summer trip, to Chester Zoo, for the Ukraine families who remained with their hosts. Our role as fund raisers for these families has now ceased. Since inception we have raised funds to help 20 families living in the surrounding areas. However those numbers have now reduced to 9 as some families returned to their homeland. We have thoroughly enjoyed the work and we know that the families have appreciated the support but that of course has only been possible through your generous donations over the last eighteen months. So a huge thank you to each and every one of you who have helped us along the way.



After the August trip we shall still have funds in our account which will go to the Ukraine families but in a different format. Many of you will have met Luda and her three lovely children who lived in Whitchurch with Debbie and Robin Benson. Luda returned to the Ukraine a couple of months ago but remains in regular contact with her hosts. Luda sends lists to Debbie and Robin of items they desperately need, including items such as medicines (as simple as paracetamol, eye drops, throat lozenges, plasters), hygiene supplies, instant food (rice, canned food, dried fruit, coffee and tea), clothing and footwear. Debbie and Robin box up as many of these items as they can, they are collected and delivered direct to either Luda or her neighbour by a Ukraine courier. Delivery is therefore guaranteed and the items are shared between all friends and neighbours. They are hugely grateful. We will be putting together some of these boxes and the balance of our funds will go to Debbie and Robin for future packages.

Marbury Belles will now take a different course, we shall continue to raise charitable funds but our efforts will now turn towards two year old Vega Pryke, a little girl living locally who requires stem cell therapy. Shortly after birth Vega was diagnosed with Dyskinetic Cerebral Palsy and she has been fighting incredibly hard ever since to recover. Whilst Vega's mum, Alba, guides her through a gruelling five hour daily rehabilitation routine, the stem cell treatment will turbo charge her recovery. Treatments and developments for cerebral palsy have constantly evolved over the last decade and the latest stem cell treatments have shown life changing results for children with Vega's condition. However, treatment costs thousands, so in an effort to help raise some funds we shall start, in our traditional manner, with a coffee morning at the Village Hall on **Friday 8th September 10.00am to 12 noon. Hope to see you there.**

Many thanks.

Kath Johnson and the Marbury Belles

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9 Watergate Arcade, Whitchurch. Tel: **01948 665920**

Arthur Morris killed in action 28th October 1944

Elaine Gathercole has contacted us regarding the above. She is carrying out research for the Overloon War Chronicles Foundation. Their aim is to find photos and create biographies of the men buried in Commonwealth War Graves so that their memory is kept alive into the future.

One of these men was Arthur Morris, born in Quoisley, Marbury 1910, to Tommy Morris and Alice Barlow who was also born in Marbury, and lived at Wirswall, moving later to Broughall.

Elaine has written summary of Arthur's life which is now posted on the Foundation Website <https://www.overloonwarchronicles.nl/en/morris-arthur> Elaine goes on to say that they have been unfortunate in not finding a photo of Arthur.

Arthur didn't marry or have children, so they are dependent upon 2nd 3rd 4th and 5th generation descendants of Aunts and Uncles to help.

Elaine realises it's a long shot to find a photo or information but has asked me to share this information. She hopes this information will be of interest to our community and to see if a photo can be traced. The Foundation places photos on the men's graves at key times and post them on the website.

If anyone has any information, please contact me, Jane Lunt, 01948 6662910

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS:

Coffee morning

Friday, 8th September, 10-12 a.m.
Fund raising for local child, Vega

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Friday, 29th September, 10-12 a.m.

Oktoberfest Celebration

Saturday, 28th October, 7.00 p.m.

An evening of music (live band), food Bavarian style, B.Y.O. drinks. Tickets £10 per head (adults only), contact Jill 07702 303590 by 20th October, please.

Quiz Night

Thursday, 9th November

Craft Fair, Christmas shopping! Saturday, 11th November, 11a.m.—3.00 p.m. There will be 2 minutes' silence at 11.00 a.m.

Village Christmas Party/Disco Saturday, 2nd December



Don't miss these events: there's something there to please everyone!

THE VILLAGE HALL IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE HIRE.

Please contact Penny Allington, 01948 664900 for dates and hire terms.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: WHAT'S ON

SEPTEMBER:

- Saturday 2nd** **WILDLIFE WALK**, Start from Church, 9.00 a.m.
- Tuesday 5th** **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m
- Friday 8th** **COFFEE MORNING**, Village Hall, 10-12 a.m.
Fund raising event for local family (see article)
- Saturday 9th** **WILDLIFE WALK**, Start from Church, 9.00 a.m.
- Monday 11th** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**, 7.30 p.m. Village Hall. Members of the Public welcome
- Tuesday 12th** **W.I. MEETING, 7.30 p.m.** Village Hall
Jacqui O: Flower Arranging
Competition: A single flower
- Monday 18th** **HARVEST SUPPER, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.**
Village Hall Tickets £7.50, £4 for children
- Friday 29th** **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**, Village Hall,
10-12 a.m.

OCTOBER:

- Tuesday 3rd** **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.
- Tuesday 10th** **W.I. MEETING, 7.30 p.m.** Village Hall
Liz Falding and Monty: Hearing Dogs
Competition: A dog ornament
- Saturday 28th** **OKTOBERFEST**, Village Hall 7.00 p.m.
Tickets £10, Jill Shakeshaft, 07702 303590

DEFIBRILLATORS, provided by the **Parish Council**, and funded through the **Lottery**, are located in the phone boxes at Marbury, Wrenbury Road, **SY13 4LS**, Gauntons Bank, **SY13 4HP** and at Bradeley Green Pet Stores, **SY13 4HD**

The Community **VETS** is a service for anyone in an emergency situation - lone rescuer - who cannot get to the defibrillator themselves.

If you need help in an emergency, ring 999 and then call the **VETS** number:

Marbury 01948 302103

Norbury 01948 302707

and a local person will respond.

PLEASE make a note of these numbers and keep them handy.



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

Items for the next magazine, November & December, should be submitted to Janet Makin, makinatmarbury@aol.com, by 15th October.