

MARBURY ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

AND

PARISH MAGAZINE

JUNE & JULY 2025



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JUNE SERVICES

St. Michael's Marbury

1st	9.00 a.m.	HC		
	Readers & Sidespersons:		Penny Allington Jean Gregg	Acts 16: 16-34 John 17: 20-26
8th	11.00 a.m.	HC		
	Readers & Sidespersons:		Trisha Harvey Diana Thomas	Acts 2: 1-21 John 14: 8-17
15th	11.00 a.m.	SW		
	Readers & Sidespersons:		Beryl Fletcher Peter Hunter Johnston	Romans 5: 1-5 John 16: 12-15
22nd	6.30 p.m.	EP		
			Kath Johnson Anthony Lewis	Galatians 3: 23-39 Luke 8: 26-39
29th	11.00 a.m.	UNITED SERVICE @ ST. WENEFREDE'S		

St. Chad's Tushingham

1st	6.30 p.m.	EP @ Old St. Chad's
8th	9.00 a.m.	HC
	7.00 p.m.	Worship @ 7
15th	9.00 a.m.	HC
22nd	11.00 a.m.	MP
29th	11.00 a.m.	UNITED SERVICE @ ST. WENEFREDE'S

St. Mary's Whitewell

1st	11.00 a.m.	MP
8th	11.00 a.m.	SW
15th	11.00 a.m.	SW
22nd	11.00 a.m.	HC
29th	11.00 a.m.	UNITED SERVICE @ ST. WENEFREDE'S

St. Wenefrede's Bickley

1st	6.30 p.m.	EP
8th	11.00 a.m.	MP
15th	11.00 a.m.	HC
22nd	9.00 a.m.	HC
29th	11.00 a.m.	UNITED SERVICE @ ST. WENEFREDE'S

St. Nicholas's Chapel

22nd 6.30 p.m. EP

HC – Holy Communion EP – Evening Prayer

Reflective Prayer is held every Tuesday Morning at St Michael's at 9.30am. Tea/Coffee and Space to Rest in God.

BCP – book of Common Prayer MP – morning prayer
SW - Service of The Word

Weddings:

17th May Michael Stephen Banner & Katy Louise Shotton

24th May Ian John Burdock and Catherine Elsie Brown

JULY SERVICES

St. Michael's Marbury

6th	9.00 a.m.	HC	Readers & Sidespersons:	Steve Wood Peter Thomas	Galatians 6: 7-16 Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20
13th	11.00 a.m.	HC	Readers & Sidespersons:	Trisha Harvey Diana Thomas	Deuteronomy 30: 9-14 Colossians 1: 1-14
20th	11.00 a.m.	SW	Readers & Sidespersons:	Beryl Fletcher Kath Johnson	Colossians 1: 15-28 Luke 10: 38-42
27th	6.30 p.m.	EP	Readers & Sidespersons:	Trisha Harvey Penny Allington	Genesis 18: 20-32 Luke 11: 1-13

3rd AUG 9.00 a.m. HC

St. Chad's Tushingam

6th	6.30 p.m.	EP @ Old St. Chad's
13th	9.00 a.m.	HC
20th	9.00 a.m.	HC
27th	11.00 a.m.	MP

St. Mary's Whitewell

6th	11.00 a.m.	MP		
13th	11.00 a.m.	SW		
20th	11.00 a.m.	SW	6.30 p.m.	Hymns and Pimms
27th	11.00 a.m.	HC		

St. Wenefrede's Bickley

6th	6.30 p.m.	Celtic EP
13th	11.00 a.m.	MP
20th	11.00 a.m.	HC
27th	9.00 a.m.	HC

St. Nicholas's Chapel

27th 6.30 p.m. EP

Funeral:

Susan von Dinther 14th April, 2025 died 25th March 2025

What If?

Are you living your best life? I met a delightful young person this week who would say yes to this question. He travels extensively, has a job that many would dream of and has over a million followers through social media; yet we found ourselves in a field chatting about faith.

The funny thing is, it was the most natural thing in the world at that moment, and even though the conversation needed to end as he was catching a train to London, neither of us wanted it to finish!

I spoke to someone older recently too, and a similar conversation took place. I remember saying to both, 'There's much more to being human beings than we realise there is.'

Being human is the most wonderful simple but complicated mystery - how do we define who we are, why we are, where we are?

They don't teach this in schools as far as I remember, or college or university. It seems to me this is something we learn through living the experience of our lives; piecing together the ups and downs, the traumas, the celebrations, the humdrum day to day things we learn to deal with. Key to this is time to reflect on those things – but sadly very few of us do.

What if Jesus came to the earth to learn what it's like to be human? What if the One who created humans wanted to understand his creation? What if God realised that what he made needed help to understand themselves and why they were created in the first place? What if we are failing to live the best life we could?

'Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassion never fails. They are new every morning; great is His faithfulness.' In a time of fear and overwhelming change, (circa 586 BC) the prophet Jeremiah wrote these words to a people who were struggling because they were human. These words are not empty words, written to bring a little reassurance but words of truth from a man who heard from God and spoke on His behalf, words of promise that gave hope.

If you are struggling with simply being human, is it time you reached out and sought the One who understand you better than you understand you?

We are 'fearfully and wonderfully' made; wouldn't you like to explore what that means? Wouldn't you like to know what God's plan is for each of us, for this world, for your children and their children?

What if - God is real? As real as You...

Veronica. x

So, what does love look like?

Love is kindness, compassion and forgiveness.

It is a smile, a hug, a look

The words in a book,

A card through the post.

Love is peace, joy and hope

The wonder of creation,

The healing of a nation,

The kindness of a stranger when in danger.

Love is encouragement, caring and sharing

Invited for a meal

Telling someone how you feel

Sharing your bread with the hungry

Love is strong, courageous and brave

Clothing someone who is cold,

Being patient with the old

Standing up for what is right and caring

Love is giving and receiving

Knowing when to speak and not

Giving something that you've got

Love is humble, Love is free, Love is God.

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THANK YOU *Adeline and David von Dintner and family wish to thank all the ladies of the village for their hard work in providing the lovely refreshments, at the Village Hall, after Susan's funeral. Thanks for the many cards, flowers, messages of condolence and support received. It is all very much appreciated.*



Marbury Merry Days

Wow! What a wonderful weekend and community spirit. An absolutely huge thank you to each and every one who helped, gave or contributed in any way. Your help really made the difference.

We were so blessed by wonderful weather.

I have heard so many lovely comments from folk who came and enjoyed the uniqueness of Merry Days, may it continue. My heartfelt thanks to you all.

Jane
Church Warden

BYO Picnic and Summer Concert – Friday 11th July

St. Michael's PCC would like to thank everyone in the village – and beyond – for all the effort which went into a wonderful Merry Days this year. We were blessed with perfect weather and a happy atmosphere which all our visitors really enjoyed.

As a more tangible “thank you” everyone is invited to a (free) Summer Concert on Friday 11th July, hosted by the Church.

The evening will start from about 6.30 pm with a bring-your-own picnic on the Church terrace, followed by a performance by Shropshire's award winning Gallery Singers (<https://www.facebook.com/thegallerysingers>) whose programme will be light-hearted and ‘up-beat’.

After few songs outside at about 7.15 pm, the concert will start at 7.30 pm in the Church (do bring into the church the remains of your picnic!), with a break for sparkling wine and biscuits, followed by the second part. You will be most welcome if you wish to come to the concert only.

Sofie & Harry Paton-Smith and Allan von Dinther have kindly agreed that we can use the Church Field for parking.

Please put the date in your diary and join us for the BYO picnic and concert – it'll be a great opportunity to recreate the community atmosphere which was so evident on the Merry Days field!



Picnic

MOBILE LIBRARY every 3 weeks at
Holtridge, Pear Tree Farm; 2.30-2.50
Norbury, Gauntons Bank; 3.00-3.20
Marbury Village Hall; 3.45-4.00

Thursday, 12th June, 3rd & 24th July.



Merry Days Grand Draw Winners

As always, our thanks to Shirley Perry and her helpers, all those who sold tickets and donated prizes, and our congratulations to the winners.

1 st prize -	£200 cash	Mike Wright
2 nd	£100 voucher for The Swan	Philippa Dewy
3 rd	£50 cash	Andy Mason
4 th	Bottle of Talisker Malt Whisky	Diane & Paul Gilbert
5 th	Food hamper	June G.
6 th	Family voucher for Alderfest	Penny Allington
7 th	Bottle of Champagne	Amanda Hollins
8 th	Prosecco & chocolates	C. Stimson
9 th	Aveeno gift hamper	Anthony Hales
10 th	Elizabeth Scarlet purse & book	Dave Parker
11 th	L'Occitane Gift Set	Reece Thomas
12 th	Two bottles of wine	Penny & Peter Hannibal
13 th	Two scarves	Jane Lunt
14 th	Bottle of Prosecco Gold	Lynda Bebbington
15 th	Bath gift set	Lee Sharp
16 th	Sheepskin ear muffs	Caroline Arden



WHITCHURCH LITTLE THEATRE GROUP: ANNUAL SUMMER TOUR

Coming to Marbury Village Hall, on Thursday, 17th July
7.30 p.m. An evening of Pure Entertainment!

Refreshments

Contact Janet Makin: 07977 879051 for tickets. £7.

*PILATES: Mondays,
12.30—1.30 p.m.
at The Village Hall:
£5 per session.
All abilities catered for.*



**THE VILLAGE HALL IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR
PRIVATE HIRE.** Please contact Penny Allington,
07749 808308 for dates and hire terms.



VILLAGE HALL

Summer Hog Roast & V.E. Day celebration:

Saturday, 28th June, 4.00 p.m.

Wear Red, White & Blue: a prize for the Best Dressed
Music; Quiz; Raffle; Cake or Pudding Competition

B.Y.O. drinks

Cost: £15 p.p., £50 for a family of 4

contact Maz, 07949 784308 Pay by BACS 20-77-85 80359807



MARBURY KNIT AND NATTER group meet every other
Wednesday at the Village Hall, 2pm till 4pm.

Contact Beryl on 01948 664889

Advance Notice:

Is there more to Life than this?

The Alpha Course will be running later this year in Autumn.

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions to discuss life and the
Christian Faith in an informal, fun and friendly environment.

Interested?



Village **E**mergency **T**elephone **S**ystem (**VETS**) -
for defibrillator or other community emergency: First ring
999 then

Marbury: 01948 302103

Norbury: 01948 302707



The magazine has been printed by **Audlem Printers of Whitchurch:**
9 Watergate Arcade, Whitchurch. Tel: **01948 665920**

Information provided by Able Community Care, Norfolk.

Question – Who can drive a person’s Mobility Car? Can family, friends, neighbours, if needed or wanting to take a person with a disability out?

Answer - Only drivers approved by DLM's criteria and named under the 'permitted drivers' section of the Certificate of Motor Insurance are covered to drive a Mobility vehicle. Many drivers assume that if they have their own fully comprehensive insurance cover they can drive a Scheme vehicle but, unless they have been added to the lease as a driver, they are not able to. Three named drivers for the vehicle are allowed, including the person with a disability.

Question – What ‘Meals on Wheels Services’ are available in my area? Are there small, local ones, rather than the larger, franchise ones, which we could use?

Answer - [Meals on Wheels UK](#) is a website created by the University of Bristol which provides a searchable database of information on providers who deliver both fresh and frozen meals across the UK. Just put a postcode in, and all local and national providers will come up with contact details, website, etc.

Question – I need some help to get an older relative’s feet looked after. Where can I get such help, and does it have to be paid for?

Answer - If it is a foot condition that limits movement, then your relative may qualify for free chiropodist and podiatry services through the NHS. Many Age UK branches also have trained workers who will provide a basic level of foot care, such as toenail cutting, and can offer general guidance. If such footcare is not freely available in the area then you will have to pay a podiatrist, also known as a chiropodist, to get the help needed. To find one locally, visit the regulating body, the [Royal College of Podiatry's website](#) for a list of their members.

Question – Being a person with a disability I can purchase some pieces of equipment and other things VAT-free. Can I do this with the online retailer Amazon?

Answer - Amazon can issue VAT refunds on eligible sales to customers who are registered disabled or chronically ill. To apply for your VAT refund, after your order has been completed, you'll need to fill out an eligibility declaration form, which can be requested from their Customer Service department, or obtained directly from HMRC (HMRC Notice 701/7 VAT reliefs for disabled people). Visit their websites for further details.

Items for the next magazine, August & September, should be submitted to Janet Makin, makinatmarbury@aol.com, by 15th July.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: WHAT'S ON

JUNE:

- Tuesday 3rd** **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.
Everyone welcome.
- Tuesday 10th** **W.I. MEETING: 7.30 p.m.**, Village Hall
Speaker Rachel Boothman: Chair Pilates
Competition: A Keep Fit item
- Thursday 12th** **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Holtridge, Gauntons Bank
and Marbury Village Hall
- Saturday 28th** **HOG ROAST, SUMMER PARTY**, Village Hall, 4p.m.

JULY:

- Tuesday 1st** **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.
Everyone welcome.
- Thursday 3rd** **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Holtridge, Gauntons Bank
and Marbury Village Hall
- Tuesday 8th** **W.I. MEETING, 7.30 p.m.**, Village Hall
Speaker Denise Cornes: Being Creative with paper
Competition: A letter knife-opener
- Wednesday 9th** **MERRY DAYS MEETING: 7.00 p.m.**, VH
- Friday 11th** **CHURCH PICNIC & SUMMER CONCERT 6.30 p.m.**
- Monday 14th** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
- Thursday 17th** **WHITCHURCH LITTLE THEATRE GROUP**,
Marbury Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
- Thursday 24th** **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Holtridge, Gauntons Bank
and Marbury Village Hall

Tuesday, 5th August: COFFEE & CHAT at The Swan 10.15-11.45

COFFEE AND CHAT
at The Swan in Marbury
On Tuesday 3rd June,
Tuesday, 1st July,
Tuesday, 5th August
from 10.15am to 11.45am.



All our community are welcome to come for coffee and cake
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.

PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on 10th April: summary of business -

PC to liaise with Police/Wrenbury P.C. re Operation Park Safe and other traffic matters. Neighbourhood Plan in draft form with C.E. Change Banking Provider because of closure of TSB. Updates regarding Police Cluster meetings, church activities, highways and grounds maintenance. SPEN to move the overhead power line in the village. Discussion re Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) grant of £1152; suggestions from community for suitable project/s. Suggested Electric Charger point at VH but concerns re parking access etc.

No Planning Applications.

Request received for a Dog Waste Bin at School Lane/Church Bridge. C.E. would not supply bins but provide signs promoting dog walkers to take their poo bags home—and not hang them from hedges!!!

Annual Parish Meeting, Thursday, 15th May, followed by the PC AGM.

Chair, Councillor Joe Briggs thanked Councillors and residents for their contribution to the community over the past year. Summaries of organisations' events were given—the Church, WI., and Village Hall.

Councillor Briggs was re-elected as Chair, Councillor Wilson as Vice-Chair. There were updates on parish matters, including signage warning about dog-fouling, provision of goalposts for the play area, and grounds maintenance. Jane Lunt was thanked for Auditing the P.C. Accounts. The P.C. Facebook page had been produced and was active. Police have warned about burglaries from outbuildings and of fraud scams. Councillors were invited to join Wrenbury P.C. at a meeting about the Police Park Safe scheme.

The next meeting is scheduled for 14th July.

Residents are welcome to attend meetings; 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



Marbury Merry Days 2025 meeting – Wednesday 9th July

There will be a meeting in the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th July at 7 pm, when the results of Merry Days 2025 will be announced! It was a wonderful weekend, and we were so blessed to have amazing weather. Also at that meeting we'll review this year's activities and start to give some thought to next year. If you have any suggestions for a main ring event they would be gratefully received. Please make a diary note to come along if you can.

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www.cheshireeasthighways.org
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<http://www.go-too.co.uk>
Flexilink: 0300 123 5110

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (you can call anonymously)
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