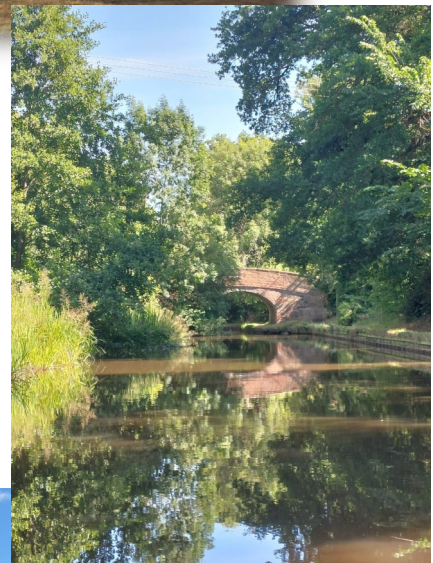
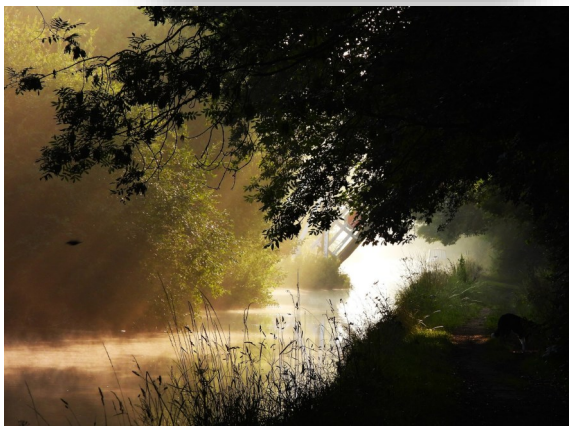


MARBURY ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

AND

PARISH MAGAZINE

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2025



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Lay Reader: Ali Hunter Johnston (07967 955669)
Churchwarden: Jane Lunt (01948 662910)

AUGUST SERVICES

St. Michael's Marbury

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|------|----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|
| 3rd | 9.00 a.m. | HC | | |
| | Readers & Sidespersons: | | Jean Gregg Steve Wood | Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14 & Ch. 2: 18-23 Luke 12: 13-21 |
| 10th | 11.00 a.m. | HC | | |
| | Readers & Sidespersons: | | Julie Shaw Harry Shaw | Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16 Luke 12: 32-40 |
| 17th | 11.00 a.m. | SW | | |
| | Readers & Sidespersons: | | Penny Allington Anthony Lewis | Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2 Luke 12: 49-56 |
| 24th | 6.30 p.m. | EP | Trisha Harvey Diana Thomas | Jeremiah 1: 4-10 Hebrews 12: 18-29 |
| 31st | 11.00 a.m. | UNITED SERVICE @ ST. MARY'S, WHITEWELL | | |

St. Chad's Tushingham

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|------|------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| 3rd | 6.30 p.m. | @ Old St. Chad's | | |
| 10th | 9.00 a.m. | HC | | |
| 17th | 9.00 a.m. | HC | | |
| 24th | 11.00 a.m. | MP | | |
| 31st | 11.00 a.m. | UNITED SERVICE @ ST. MARY'S WHITEWELL | | |

St. Mary's Whitewell

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|------|------------|----|--|--|
| 3rd | 11.00 a.m. | MP | | |
| 10th | 11.00 a.m. | SW | | |
| 17th | 11.00 a.m. | SW | | |
| 24th | 11.00 a.m. | MP | | |

St. Wenefrede's Bickley

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|------|------------|---------------------------------------|------|--------------|
| 3rd | 6.30 p.m. | @ Old St. Chad's | | |
| 10th | 11.00 a.m. | MP | | |
| 17th | 11.00 a.m. | Pet Service @ Coronation Hall | | |
| 24th | 9.00 a.m. | MP | 24th | 6.30 p.m. EP |
| 31st | 11.00 a.m. | UNITED SERVICE @ ST. MARY'S WHITEWELL | | |

St. Nicholas's Chapel

HC – Holy Communion EP – Evening Prayer
BCP – book of Common Prayer MP – morning prayer
SW - Service of The Word

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

Weddings:

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| 31st May, 2025 | Andrew Livingstone and Victoria Legowski |
| 12th July, 2025 | Henry Cooke and Isabelle Deller |
| 26th July, 2025 | Amanda Clare Anne Hollins and Samuel Elliot Jones |

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

St. Michael's Marbury

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|------|----------------------------|----------------------|--|---|
| 7th | 9.00 a.m. | HC | | |
| | Readers & Sidespersons: | | Peter Thomas Steve Wood | Jeremiah 18: 1-11 Luke 14: 25-33 |
| 14th | 11.00 a.m. | HC | | |
| | Readers & Sidespersons: | | Sue Evans Carolyn Paton-Smith Minister | Numbers 21: 4-9 Philippians: 2:6-11 John 3: 13-17 |
| 21st | 11.00 a.m. | SW | | |
| | Readers & Sidespersons: | | Beryl Fletcher Peter Hunter Johnston | Amos 8: 4-7 1 Timothy 2: 1-7 |
| 28th | 6.30 p.m. | Harvest Thanksgiving | | |
| | Readers & Sidespersons: | | Richard Evans Kath Johnson | TBA |

5th OCT 9.00 a.m. HC

St. Chad's Tushingham

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|------|------------|----------------------|
| 7th | 6.30 p.m. | EP @ Old St. Chad's |
| 14th | 9.00 a.m. | HC |
| 21st | 9.00 a.m. | Harvest Thanksgiving |
| 28th | 11.00 a.m. | MP |

St. Mary's Whitewell

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|------|------------|--------|
| 7th | 11.00 a.m. | HC |
| 14th | 11.00 a.m. | SW |
| 21st | 11.00 a.m. | SW |
| 28th | 11.00 a.m. | HC BCP |

St. Wenefrede's Bickley

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|------|------------|----|
| 7th | 6.30 p.m. | EP |
| 14th | 11.00 a.m. | MP |
| 21st | 11.00 a.m. | HC |
| 28th | 9.00 a.m. | HC |

St. Nicholas's Chapel

28th 4.00 p.m. Songs of Praise

Memorial Service :

7th July, 2025 Kerstin Sofie Paton-Smith, died 12th June 2025

Sea Glass – a Summer Reflection

Recently I had the pleasure of looking for sea glass on a stony beach. You need a keen eye to spot it but, when a tiny reflection or a hint of colour catches the sunshine, you focus and if you're lucky you find a little bit of this treasure. I love the fact that something someone has thrown away can become a thing of beauty over time.

This made me think about God. This is just like Him; to turn something that we believe has no use into something beautiful, He is after all a creator: The Creator!

This is how I see Him working in the lives of human beings, including my own.

Bottles and other items made of glass that end up in the sea are usually some sort of container. Once its contents are exhausted, it is cast aside. The redundant container then skips along the surface of drains, streams, rivers, often ending up in the ocean, where it weathers through storms smashing into pieces on its journey.

The tide then brings the pieces to the surface and washes over them, repeatedly; time and time again, and this action of being swept back and forth, rounds the edges of each piece, blunting the broken sides until a smooth frosted jewel is finally brought up on the shore.

There are many passages in The Bible that speak about God's People being refined like silver or shaped like potter's clay; working the lumps and bumps out of us, the impurities and imperfections.

Like empty containers that get buffeted around in the storms of the sea, our life experiences can do the same, resulting in feelings of uselessness, frustration and brokenness. Little wonder we end up with sharp edges that cut and damage others.

The Bible teaches that persistence reaps reward and that there is no cheap or easy way to God's salvation. Steadfast faith in our journeys and strength in the hope of God's Word brings beauty from ashes.

God's eternal plan is to create righteous people who will reflect His splendour and glory in the world. We may feel a long way from His plan, but He is the Sovereign Ruler of the world, and we can be sure He will carry out His purpose, His mission.

I've collected many pieces of sea glass over the years, and I love to hold them in my hand often admiring how different each one is. Yet, each one has some thing in common. They began life as something very different, useful then cast aside and forgotten, and then, restored to something completely new...

I believe God can and will do the same with each of us...

Veronica. x



SUNDAY, 28th September

St. Michael's Church

Harvest Thanksgiving at 6.30 p.m.,
followed by light refreshments.

All are very welcome.

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!



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Fares are £3 per journey, or you can travel free if you have a Concessionary Bus Pass.

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, 14th August, 4th & 25th September.



Rumble in the Jumble

TABLE TOP SALE

10 AM – 3PM
August 31st

COST OF £10 PER TABLE

Bring your unwanted items and sell sell sell

Contact 07525976790 to book your table

Marbury Village Hall

One persons trash is another persons treasure

PILATES: Mondays,
12.30—1.30 p.m.
at The Village Hall:
£7 per session.

All abilities catered for.



FUTURE EVENTS:

Saturday, 18th October: **70's night.**



Saturday, 25th October;
Craft Fair, 10-3



Saturday, 13th December;
Christmas Party



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

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?



Marbury WI is holding an Open Meeting on:

Tuesday 9th September, 8.00 pm in the Village Hall - Entrance £5

Speaker Simon Michael – Crime Author

This is a one-off, incredible opportunity to hear about crime fiction and the real criminal world.

Simon Michael's career as a crime author began in the 1980s with books published in the UK and in the USA. After a long gap while he pursued his career at the Bar, he resumed full-time writing in 2015. Since then he has established a reputation as "the British John Grisham" for his 9-book legal thriller series. Published by Sapere Books they feature his antihero barrister, Charles Holborne, an East End villain made good, battling the prejudices of the 1960s, the Kray twins and the corrupt Metropolitan Police. Simon believes himself to be the only member of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple formerly to have been a council labourer, a van driver and a gardener. He practised as a barrister for 37 years, working at the Old Bailey and other criminal courts, defending and prosecuting a wide selection of murderers, armed robbers, con artists and other assorted villainy, gathering enough real-life stores to populate an entire series of crime fiction.

If you would like to come to our meeting, please phone Janet Wheeler on 07713 811636 or email janet.wheeler@btinternet.com to book your seat.

Village **E**mergency **T**elephone **S**ystem (**VETS**) -
for defibrillator or other community emergency:
First ring **999** then Marbury: 01948 302103
Norbury: 01948 302707



Information provided by Able Community Care, Norfolk.

PALS, is the Patient Advice and Liaison Service. It is an English NHS Hospital Service which provides and offers confidential advice, support and information on health-related matters. It is a point of contact for patients, their relatives and carers.

They also are there for any concerns or complaint about the service being received in hospital, or to pass on a compliment about service received.

Usually the PALS team have an appointment system and appointments can be booked by ringing your local hospital.

If you hold a **Blue Badge** you may be exempt from some road toll charges. Visit the website below where you can read where the exemptions are including details in regards to the London Congestion Charge.

www.bluebadgecompany.co.uk

‘**Which**’ - the consumer organization - has a **Scam Alerts free service** which you can trust. It is designed to help people stay informed about the latest scams and avoid falling victim to fraud. Visit - www.which.co.uk and sign up for the scam alert emails. The website also has other information such as how to spot potential scams, different types, etc.

Contenance products for personal use can be **VAT**-exempt in the UK for individuals who are disabled or have a long-term illness. This means that eligible individuals can purchase these products without paying the standard 20% VAT. However, it is not easy to see where this is mentioned on some online websites where many people now purchase them. It is also worth asking other retailers, such as chemists and supermarkets, if they are marked as VAT free and, if not, can you have the reduction as they are for personal use.



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

Contact Beryl on 01948 664889

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: WHAT'S ON

AUGUST:

- Tuesday 5th** **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.
Everyone welcome.
- Thursday 14th** **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Holtridge, Gauntons Bank
and Marbury Village Hall
- Sunday 31st** **TABLE TOP SALE**, Village Hall, 10.00a.m.-3.00p.m.

SEPTEMBER:

- Tuesday 2nd** **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.
Everyone welcome.
- Thursday 4th** **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Holtridge, Gauntons Bank
and Marbury Village Hall
- Tuesday 9th** **W.I. MEETING, 7.30 p.m.**, Village Hall
Speaker Simon Michael: My Life in Crime
Competition: A crime novel
- Thursday 18th** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
- Thursday 25th** **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Holtridge, Gauntons Bank
and Marbury Village Hall
- Sunday 28th** **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**, St. Michael's, 6.30 p.m.
- Tuesday, 7th October: COFFEE & CHAT** at The Swan 10.15-11.45

COFFEE AND CHAT
at The Swan in Marbury
On Tuesday 5th August,
Tuesday, 2nd September
Tuesday, 7th October
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 14th July: summary of business -

Councillors complained about lack of notification from C.E. regarding recent Planning Applications. It was agreed to ask Planning to refer back to past applications for Greenacres, Norbury, and Marbury Equestrian Centre, both of which had been refused.

Anyone with concerns about unsafe parking is asked to refer incidents to Park Safe: <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/police-forces/cheshire-constabulary/areas/cheshire/campaigns/op-park-safe> - (Google Park Safe).

Borough Councillor James Pearson updated the meeting on C.E. activities.

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**

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 18th September.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

The Parish Council has received a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment of £6,324, to help with infrastructure in the area.

They would like residents' views on how to use this funding. The money must be spent on Infrastructure Projects/Projects to support the demands of local development.

Some ideas might include: Play Area Upgrades, Traffic Signage or Calming Measures, Village Hall Improvements, Walking or Cycling Infrastructure.

You can submit a suggestion or proposal, before Friday, 6th September, by emailing clerk@marburyanddistrict.org.uk OR completing the online survey: **<https://survey.zohopublic.eu/zs/OIBZfa>**

The results will be considered ahead of shortlisting and decision making.

Thank you for helping the Parish Council to improve our parish!

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| PCSO 7149 Sharon Jones | sharon.jones@cheshire.pnn.police.uk or 07773 196887 101 for non-emergency Police contact |
| 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 |
| Crimestoppers | 0800 555 111(you can call anonymously) |
| Childline | 0800 1111 |
| Samaritans | 116 123 |
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