

**MARBURY ST. MICHAEL'S
CHURCH
AND
PARISH MAGAZINE
*JUNE & JULY 2026***



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JUNE SERVICES

St. Michael's Marbury

7th	6.00 p.m.	Evensong with Vox Vocavit		
	Readers &	Trisha Harvey	Genesis 12: 1-9	
	Sidespersons:	Peter Hunter Johnston	Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26	
			Psalm 39	
14th	11.00 a.m.	SW		
	Readers &	Jean Gregg	Romans 5: 1-8	
	Sidespersons:	Kathy Johnson	Matthew 9: 35-10: 8	
21st	9.00 a.m.	MP		
	Readers &	Steve Wood	Romans 6: 1b-11	
	Sidespersons:	Anthony Lewis	Matthew 10: 24-39	
28th	11.00 a.m.	HC		
	Readers &	Diana Thomas	Romans 6: 12-23	
	Sidespersons:	Peter Thomas	Matthew 10: 40-42	

St. Chad's Tushingam

7th	6.00 p.m.	EP Old St. Chad's
14th	9.00 a.m.	HC
21st	4.00 p.m.	Church at Four
28th	9.00 a.m.	HC

St. Mary's Whitewell

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

St. Wenefrede's Bickley

7th	9.00 a.m.	HC	
14th	11.00 a.m.	MP	
21st	11.00 a.m.	MP	
28th	11.00 a.m.	SW	28th 6.30 p.m. Calveley Chapel, Alpraham Deanery Songs of Praise

Prayer in a Summer Garden:

Monday, 15th June, 8.00 p.m. The Old Dower House, Marbury, SY13 4LN

Tuesday, 30th June: Smokey Hall, Iscoyd, SY13 3BH

Wednesday, 15th July: School Bank House, Iscoyd, SY13 3AR

Thursday, 30th July: Prospect House, Horseman's Green, SY13 3DY

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

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

JULY SERVICES

St. Michael's Marbury

5th	6.00 p.m.	EP Readers & Sidespersons:	Diana Thomas Sue Evans	Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30 Psalm 56
12th	11.00 a.m.	SW Readers & Sidespersons:	Julie Shaw Harry Shaw	Romans 8: 1-11 Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23
19th	9.00 a.m.	HC Readers & Sidespersons:	Trisha Harvey Penny Allington	Romans 8: 12-25 Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43
26th	11.00 a.m.	HC Readers & Sidespersons:	Carolyn Paton-Smith Diana Thomas	Romans 8: 26-39 Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

St. Chad's Tushingam

5th	6.00 p.m.	EP OSC
12th	9.00 a.m.	HC
19th	4.00 p.m.	Church@4
26th	9.00 a.m.	HC

St. Mary's Whitewell

5th	11.00 a.m.	HC
12th	11.00 a.m.	SW
19th	11.00 a.m.	SW
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St. Wenefrede's Bickley

5th	9.00 a.m.	HC
12th	11.00 a.m.	MP
19th	11.00 a.m.	HC
26th	11.00 a.m.	MP

St. Nicholas's Chapel

6.00 p.m. EP

18th 7.00 p.m. **The Fauls Singers and Picnic** on The Terrace,
St. Michael's.

2nd August: 6.00 p.m. EP @ St. Michael's, Marbury

Baptism:

12th April 2026 Rowan David Langley

Wedding:

We extend our congratulations to Victoria Dakin and Ben Morten who were married at St Michael's, Marbury on May 16th; we ask God's Blessings on a lifetime of contentment and joy.

To be a Pilgrim...

Summer, what does it mean to you?

Longer days and shorter nights affect how we feel, and what we choose to do with our time. Those extra hours can be filled with a sense of duty to work harder for some, while for others they become an opportunity to enjoy life a little more, using those lighter mornings and evenings to relax or pursue hobbies.

There has recently been, and continues to be, an interest in pilgrimage. Perhaps this is due to celebrity programmes on TV where we see a group of individuals travelling together — sharing their thoughts, beliefs, doubts and life experiences. As they journey together, we often see changes among them.

The last days of July are traditionally set aside for pilgrimage. The weather makes it ideal for travelling and sleeping under the stars. Pilgrimages are not the same as holidays. They are journeys to special places — very often Christian shrines, holy or sacred places, springs, wells and standing stones.

Important as the destination is, it is not always the main thing. For many pilgrims it is the journey itself. It is an inner and outer walk: the landscape outside and the journey of the soul inside as they become almost inseparable, and both deeply sacred.

The word 'pilgrim' comes from the Latin word 'peregrinus', which means one who travels through the land. In the Middle Ages, peregrini would set out from the known and familiar placing themselves in the mercy of new and unfamiliar landscapes.

This is still part of what changes us in our modern pilgrimages. We discover things about ourselves, resources we didn't know we had, and struggles that seem hard to overcome, which we either learn, or fail to learn, to embrace.

With the craziness of this social media-mad world of ours I wonder if many of us would benefit from the odd pilgrimage or two? Giving intention to leaving the familiar landscape of constant messages, emails, scrolling, and being available every minute of each waking hour in exchange to the beauty and silence found across The Sandstone Trail or Bishop Bennet's Way.

Jesus very often took himself away from the company of his friends to spend time with God.

I might choose to follow His Way this Summer and find some uncharted landscape both outside and inside my soul — what about you?

Rev Veronica. x

Oh My!

We thought without a Fly By this year Merry Days wouldn't quite pull in the visitors it has in the last couple of years!

Oh, Ye of little Faith!

What a wonderful weekend and its all down to You – this amazing Community of people held together by the understanding that WELCOME is everything!

As I walked round on both days, I was amazed at the comments I heard regarding the atmosphere, the value for money, the simplicity of traditional entertainment and the warmth from the volunteers, organizers, stall holders, side stalls hosts, those who served in the Tea Tent etc. it was Fabulous.

Thank you, each and everyone of you, who took the time and made the effort to bring whatever you could to this truly special weekend.

Please can we do it again Next Year?

Your Priest in Charge

Rev Veronica Xx



Coffee Run Update

Back in January, I shared the idea behind the “Coffee Run” — running 5Ks to raise a small coffee fund inspired by the comfort of sharing a coffee during difficult times. Thanks to the kindness and encouragement of so many people, we've now raised over £600.

So far:

- £200 has gone to The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust;
- £200 has supported patient amenities at The Christie NHS Foundation Trust
- £200 has been donated to Severn Hospice

The funds have helped provide small comforts for patients and families, including coffee gift cards and machines, refreshments, and patient comfort items.

What started as a very slow first parkrun has now become part of my weekend routine, and I'm incredibly grateful for the continued support and encouragement.

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GRAND DRAW - MARBURY MERRY DAYS 2026

PRIZE WINNERS

1 st	£200 cash	Andy Mason
2 nd	£100 voucher from The Swan Inn	Paul Corbett
3 rd	£50 cash	D.N.
4 th	Food hamper	Jane Lunt
5 th	Family ticket for Alderfest	Katie Ratcliffe
6 th	Michael Kors wallet	Janet Makin
7 th	Bottle of Champagne	Vanessa

8 th	Bottle of Malt Whisky	M. Hughes
9 th	Bottle of Prosecco & chocolates	Carol Sheard
10 th	Bottle of Cava & chocolates	Rachel
11 th	Bottle of wine & Lindor chocolates	Janet Pyle
12 th	Molton Brown gift set	Debbie Knight
13 th	Necklace & bracelet	Tracey Thomas
14 th	Bayliss gift set	D.N.
15 th	Bottle of Port	Helen Purcell



Marbury Merry Days 2026

Another wonderful weekend ! We were so blessed to have good weather and all our visitors enjoyed themselves. However, the success and wonderful atmosphere only come about because of the support and hard work of so many in the village and beyond – so please make a note in your diaries that the results will be announced at the next MMD meeting on Monday 6th July, at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall and plans for next year discussed so come along if you can.

Fauls Singers' Concert – Saturday 18th July

A diary date! Everyone is invited to a concert in Church at 7 pm on Saturday 18th July – no charge! – as a “thank you” to the village for supporting Merry Days in so many ways. Weather permitting it will be preceded by a BYO picnic on the church terrace from about 5.30 pm, giving us the chance to meet up and chat before the concert. Please join us and enjoy a complimentary glass of sparkling wine in the interval.



From June and onwards Revd. Veronica's Day of Rest will now be a Wednesday.

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, 4th, 25th June, 16th July.



Prayers in a Summer Garden

You are invited to join us again this summer for our 'Prayers in a Summer Garden'. You will be very welcome to come and share in this experience of reflection and prayer while enjoying the beauty of God's (and our hosts) creation. We will be meeting at 7.45 for 8.00 and you are very welcome at one or all or somewhere in between!

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Wednesday, 15th July: School Bank House, Iscoyd, SY13 3AR

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The Village Hall is hosting a pop-up cafe (last Tuesday of every month) and The Marbury Village Hall Artisan Market (last Saturday of every month).

Everyone is very welcome!

Please support your Village Hall It won't be there without you!

Useful Numbers: Local TAXIS:

Andy 07494 240456

Alesha 07789 039829

Shah Taxi 07397 014782

PILATES: *Mondays,
12.30—1.30 p.m.
at The Village Hall:
£7 per session.
All abilities catered
for.*



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

Contact Beryl on 01948 664889



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



Saint Michael and All Angels, Marbury

CELTIC MORNING PRAYER

Tuesday Mornings 9.30 – 10.30

Our Prayer is based on Morning Prayer of the Northumbria Community

Reading ~Reflection ~Silence ~Prayer

A space to breathe, to be still, to rest, to listen...

Please come and join us whenever you can.

You will be warmly welcomed

ST. MICHAEL'S COFFEE MORNINGS

IN THE MARKET HALL, WHITCHURCH

As you know, we used to hold Coffee Mornings in the Civic Centre in Whitchurch. As this is now out of action, we have booked Friday 5th June and Friday 3rd July in the Market Hall, so please support us on either or both days, from 9.30 am to 12 noon. We'll see many of the familiar faces who used to come to the Civic, and it'll be a good way to engage with the community and raise the profile of St. Michael's. In addition to serving coffee, we plan to have a raffle, tombola, bric-a-brac and cake stalls. Of course donations for all these will be welcome – but most of all we'd love to see as many of you as possible.



Contact Beryl Fletcher (01948 664889) or Carol Sheard (01948 663087).

MARBURY CALENDAR FOR 2027—Reminder!!

We're planning to produce a Marbury Calendar for 2027 as it was so popular a couple of years ago. The format will be similar and feature photographs taken by you in and around Marbury show-casing our village, wildlife and countryside. Please note the following:-

Photos required from all seasons

Photographs must be supplied as JPEG files larger than 2.3mb

Images must be of a high standard, subject in focus.

Photos to be emailed with name & phone number to:- budgie5558@icloud.com

Deadline for photo submissions is 25th September 2026 latest

Happy snapping !



Information kindly provided by Able Community Care, Norfolk.

Benevolent funds in the UK are charitable organisations that provide financial support, grants, and practical assistance to individuals facing hardship, often linked to specific trades, professions, or industries that a person has worked in.

They can offer advice and practical help, including grants for items such as furniture, computers, and white goods, as well as assistance with everyday living costs. In addition, they may provide funding towards care home fees, top-up costs, or home care services, such as daily care visits during times of need.

If you are unsure whether your former employer or the industry you worked in has a benevolent fund, you can find out by contacting **Turn2us**. **Turn2us** is a UK-based national charity that helps people experiencing financial hardship access welfare benefits, charitable grants, and support services.

Their helpline number is **0808 802 2000** and their website: www.turn2us.org.uk

Council Tax Reductions are under-claimed, with an estimated 2.4–2.7 million eligible people missing out—around 1 in 4 households.

People may qualify in several ways, including:

- A 25% single-person discount; Full exemptions for full-time students; Reductions for those with severe mental impairment: people diagnosed with conditions such as severe dementia may qualify for a reduction of between 25% and 100%, depending on circumstances and council rules.

Council Tax Reduction is not automatic—you must apply through your local council.

Organisations like Citizens Advice and Age UK can help check eligibility and support applications.

Village Emergency Telephone System (VETS) -
for defibrillator or other community emergency:
First ring **999** then Marbury: 01948 302103
Norbury: 01948 302707



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: WHAT'S ON

JUNE:

- 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: Julie Wright - Stained Glass
Competition: Coloured Glass Item
- Thursday 25th** **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Holtridge, Gauntons Bank
and Marbury Village Hall

JULY:

- Monday 6th** **MMD RESULTS MEETING**, 7.30 p.m. Village Hall
- Tuesday 7th** **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.
Everyone welcome.
- Tuesday 14th** **W.I. MEETING, 1.30 p.m., Village Hall**
Speaker: Shaun Higgins Creative Writer
Strange meetings (Wilfred Owen, Shropshire Poet)
Competition - World War One Memorabilia
- Thursday 16th** **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Holtridge, Gauntons Bank
and Marbury Village Hall
- Saturday 18th** **FAULS SINGERS' CONCERT**, Church Terrace
- Tuesday 4th AUGUST** **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.



COFFEE AND CHAT
at The Swan in Marbury

on
Tuesday, 2nd June,
Tuesday, 7th July,
Tuesday, 4th 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

The Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday, 19th March, received reviews of local organisations' year's activities and an update on C.E. matters in the parish, from Borough Councillor James Pearson; Water Mains renewals were well underway. A Speed Indicator Device was offered by Cllr. Pearson for use in a suitable location; it was agreed to request installation on the A49 near Bradeley Green, a site of numerous very serious accidents. A new Parish noticeboard had been purchased, due to be installed very shortly.

At the following P.C. A.G.M. Councillor Joe Briggs was re-elected as Chair and Councillor Nigel Green as Vice-Chair.

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 the AGM/Annual Parish meeting, on **Thursday, 11th June**, at 7.30 p.m.

The Joy of Giving...

Have you ever thought about supporting St Michael's but weren't sure how to get started?

We'd like to share a couple of meaningful ways you can contribute to the life of our beautiful church.

The Gift of Time: Your time and talents are incredibly valuable to us. Whether it's lending a hand to maintain the churchyard, helping with one of our projects or joining our efforts in some way bringing your skills in support, your involvement makes a world of difference.

Financial Support: Every contribution, no matter the size, is deeply appreciated and helps us continue our work. You can make a one-time donation or set up a standing order, or maybe consider leaving St Michael's a gift in your will – whatever feels most comfortable for you. Regular support also helps us to plan ahead and continue serving our community with confidence.

Thank you for considering how you can be part of our mission. Your generosity, in any form, truly matters.

Revd. Veronica, Marbury Parochial Church Council

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

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trace.cheshireeast.gov.uk

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