

**MARBURY ST. MICHAEL'S
CHURCH
AND
PARISH MAGAZINE
*AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2026***



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AUGUST SERVICES

St. Michael's Marbury

2nd	6.00 p.m.	EP		
	Readers & Sidespersons:		Anthony Lewis Jean Gregg	Genesis 32: 22-31 Matthew 14: 13-21 Psalm 80: 1-8
9th	11.00 a.m.	SW		
	Readers & Sidespersons:		Beryl Fletcher Peter Hunter Johnston	Romans 10: 5-15 Matthew 14: 22-33
16th	9.00 a.m.	HC		
	Readers & Sidespersons:		Peter Thomas Steve Wood	Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: 10-28
23rd	11.00 a.m.	HC		
	Readers & Sidespersons:		Kathy Johnson Trisha Harvey	Romans 12: 1-8 Matthew 16: 13-20
30th	11.00 a.m.	United Benefice Service at St. Wenefrede's, Bickley		

St. Chad's Tushingham

2nd	6.00 p.m.	EP Old St. Chad's
9th	9.00 a.m.	HC
16th	4.00 p.m.	Church at Four
23rd	9.00 a.m.	HC
30th	11.00 a.m.	United Benefice Service at St. Wenefrede's, Bickley

St. Mary's Whitewell

2nd	11.00 a.m.	HC
9th	11.00 a.m.	MP
16th	11.00 a.m.	SW
	6.30 p.m.	Hymns & Pimms
23rd	11.00 a.m.	SW
30th	11.00 a.m.	United Benefice Service at St. Wenefrede's, Bickley

St. Wenefrede's Bickley

2nd	9.00 a.m.	HC
9th	11.00 a.m.	MP
16th	11.00 a.m.	HC
23rd	11.00 a.m.	SW
30th	11.00 a.m.	United Benefice Service

St. Nicholas' Chapel

23rd	6.00 p.m.	EP
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Prayer in a Summer Garden:

Friday, 7th August: Bickley Lodge, Bickley, SY14 8ED
Saturday, 22nd August: The Paddocks, Wirswall, SY13 4LB

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

Funeral:

9th June, 2026 Kevin Leslie Jones who died on 13th May, 2026

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

St. Michael's Marbury

6th	6.00 p.m. EP Readers & Sidespersons:	Penny Allington Diana Thomas	Exodus 12: 1-14 Matthew 18: 15-20 Psalm 149
13th	11.00 a.m. SW Readers & Sidespersons:	Julie Shaw Harry Shaw	Romans 14: 1-12 Matthew 18: 21-35
20th	9.00 a.m. HC Readers & Sidespersons:	Sue Evams Diana Thomas	Philippians 1: 21-30 Matthew 20: 1-16
27th	11.00 a.m. HC Patronal Service Readers & Sidespersons:	Trisha Harvey Anthony Lewis	TBA

St. Chad's Tushingam

6th	6.00 p.m. EP OSC
13th	9.00 a.m. HC
20th	4.00 p.m. Church@4
27th	9.00 a.m. HC

St. Mary's Whitewell

6th	11.00 a.m. HC
13th	11.00 a.m. MP
20th	11.00 a.m. SW
27th	11.00 a.m. SW

St. Wenefrede's Bickley

6th	9.00 a.m. HC
13th	11.00 a.m. MP
20th	11.00 a.m. HC
27th	11.00 a.m. SW

St. Nicholas's Chapel

6.00 p.m. EP

4th October: 6.00 p.m. **St. Michael's Marbury Harvest Festival**

Baptisms:

30th May 2026 Rupert Vincent Davies
7th June 2026. Tori Sophie Lauren Archer

Weddings:

We extend our congratulations to
Christopher Michael Pollard and Lilly May Hamilton Wynne
married on 6th June 2026
Macaulay James Scarratt and Natalia Kozlinska Kalarzyna
married on 16th June 2026.
We ask God's Blessings on a lifetime of contentment and joy.

Left to our own devices...

You may be familiar with the above phrase, thanks to the Pet Shop Boys, who wrote a song back in 1988 with the same title. Neil Tennant writes about the conflict between ambition and the desire for lazy independence, with a hint of his struggle for identity and memories of feeling isolated as a young teen. Nearly 40 years later, I wonder how much has changed for any of us?

In the Bible, the above is spoken about in terms of living in the flesh and living in the spirit.

The age-old struggle between being human and giving in to human desires, or being led by the Spirit of God, who knows that not all our decisions are in our own best interest, or the best interest of others and our Home —this world that we are encouraged by God to take responsibility for.

Every day we are faced with decisions, each one with its own personal or social consequences, and every day those consequences affect everything around us.

Generation after generation has its share of brilliance and shame, and yet the stubbornness of the human head and heart often fails to learn from either.

The Bible is the story of one nation who, despite being called by God to be His own, experienced all the above. This Book with its countless examples of leadership and direction — both brilliant and shockingly woeful — is where we learn about the relationship between the God who knows best, and His people who think they know best!

We are not God, and yet, how many times do we see these traits in our own lives and the lives of others?

God does not suggest utopian living. He has already laid out a plan, a purpose, and a means of achieving life in all its possibilities in a way that so many of us cannot begin to imagine is possible. But with God, 'all things are possible', especially if He has already promised — and He has.

Why are we missing great leadership at present? Could it be that we have lost our respect, belief, and trust in the Creator God of the Cosmos, and in His Spirit who hovers around us as He has since the very beginning of time? If so, how do we change this culture?

The Bible says it takes a 'spiritual transformation' — a miraculous work of God's Grace — to remove hearts of stone that have no true feeling and replace them with hearts that are responsive and do!

God wants to work with us. He always has, He always will. But until humankind works it out for itself, we will always struggle like Neil Tennant and everyone else!

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Change in our perspective begins with each one of us, not those who purport to govern us, but with each human being God gifts with wisdom and love. It's time for us to build some momentum in bringing back respect, moral values, and a shared common interest in our neighbours and the places we live, and all this begins by saying sorry to the God we have forgotten about.

Left to our own devices, we will continue our own demise. Turning back to God will change EVERYTHING!

Revd Veronica. x

Alpha Course Invitation:

There will be a Launch Event and Reunion on Tuesday, August 25th, at St Chad's, Tushingham, 7.00 p.m.

Course Details: Every Tuesday evening from September 1st through to November 3rd, 7.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

Please contact Revd. Veronica for more details.



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!

THE MARBURY AND DISTRICT HELPLINE TRUST

Should you feel that the Trust may be able to help you, or anyone you know, then please contact:

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All requests for grants will be dealt with in strictest confidence and it would be helpful if requests were related to the Trust's objectives.

Prayers in a Summer Garden

You are invited to join us 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!

Friday, 7th August: Bickley Lodge, Bickley, SY14 8ED

Saturday, 22nd August: The Paddocks, Wirswall, SY13 4LB

UPCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS:

Tuesday 18th August: Film Night

Tuesday 25th August: Pop-up Café

Saturday 29th August: Artisan Market

Saturday 5th September: Great Big Greek Night

Thursday 10th September: Beginners' Art & Wellbeing Club Taster Session

Saturday 26th September: Artisan Market

October: Curryoke Night

Also there are weekly sessions of Pilates on a Wednesday morning and Knit and Natter every other Wednesday afternoon.

Put the dates in your diary! Don't miss out!

For further details please contact Andrea Hughes: 07891 147686



4th October: 6.00 p.m.

ST. MICHAEL'S MARBURY, HARVEST FESTIVAL -

a very special rural service for the whole community.

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, 27th August, 17th September (none in early August).



The Village Hall Committee is grateful to Marian Turnbull for being the Chairperson and a driving force behind the organisation for a number of years; she has now stepped down and Andrea Hughes has taken on the role—thank you Andrea.

Thanks are also given to Penny Allington who has co-ordinated the booking system for the Hall for A Long Time!!! Thank you Penny.

As the on-line booking system and new web-site comes into operation we thank Tony Gibbs-Murray for the time he has spent in curating the web-site in the past.

Without the local folk who give their time we wouldn't have such a super facility for your pleasure—please support them!

The Village Hall hosts 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!



PILATES

Marbury Village Hall

Every Wednesday

11.00 am till 12.00 noon

£7 per Session

All abilities catered for

For more information

Contact Beryl on

07395 651 186



MARBURY KNIT AND NATTER

group meets 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 Andrea Hughes **07891 147686** 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

MARBURY CALENDAR FOR 2027

A final reminder to all the photographers out there that we're planning to produce a calendar for 2027 featuring the village, our wildlife and our countryside. The deadline for submission of your photos is 25th September - please ensure that you send them to Budgie before that date so that the selection process can begin.



The more submissions the better in order that the calendar can be truly representative of Marbury, the Church, our surroundings and the wildlife we enjoy.

Remember – we need photos from all seasons

they must be JPEG files larger than 2.3 mb

images in focus and to the highest standard you can manage!

Please email photos, with your name and phone number, to Budgie – budgie5558@icloud.com

Finally, as before, the calendars will be printed to order. Details of cost, payment methods etc., will be circulated at the beginning of September with a deadline of 15th October for orders. The calendars will be available from the beginning of November leaving plenty of time to get them to friends and family before Christmas!



Revd. Veronica's Day of Rest
is now a Wednesday.

Thank you to Hannah Owen for the magazine cover photograph—taken from her hot-air balloon adventure!

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 **E**mergency **T**elephone **S**ystem (**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

AUGUST:

- Tuesday 4th** **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.
Everyone welcome.
- Tuesday 18th** **FILM NIGHT** at the Village Hall
- Tuesday 25th** **POP-UP CAFÉ**
- Thursday 27th** **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Holtridge, Gauntons Bank
and Marbury Village Hall
- Saturday 29th** **ARTISAN MARKET**, Village Hall

SEPTEMBER:

- Tuesday 1st** **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.
Everyone welcome.
- Saturday 5th** **GREAT BIG GREEK NIGHT**, VH
- Tuesday 8th** **W.I. MEETING**, 7.30 p.m., Village Hall
Nicky Patterson - Air Traffic controller for 27 years
and based at Manchester airport since 2008.
Competition: Air Craft Item
- Thursday 10th** **BEGINNERS' ART & WELLBEING CLUB**
- Thursday 17th** **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Holtridge, Gauntons Bank
and Marbury Village Hall
- PARISH COUNCIL** meeting, VH, 7.30 p.m.
- Tuesday 6th OCTOBER** **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.



COFFEE AND CHAT
at The Swan in Marbury

on
Tuesday, 4th August,
Tuesday, 1st September,
Tuesday, 6th 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

The meeting on 11th June discussed and reviewed Planning Applications. Borough Councillor James Pearson gave updates on C.E. actions; there had been 3 burglaries in Norbury and Marbury, involving the theft of tools. The use of the SelctaDNA marking system is recommended as a deterrent as it is helpful in returning any recovered property to the owner.

The purchase and installation of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) on the A49 at Bradeley Green would be completed imminently.

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, 17th September**, 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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Magazine: if you would prefer to receive the Parish Magazine by email please contact Janet Makin: makinatmarbury@aol.com

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

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or 07773 196887
101 for non-emergency Police contact

Potholes 0300 123 5020
trace.cheshireeast.gov.uk

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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