

MARBURY ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH *AND* PARISH MAGAZINE ***OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2026***



Turf arriving for Sofie's memorial garden.



W.I. Prize winners at Nantwich Show

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OCTOBER SERVICES

St. Michael's Marbury

4th	6.00 p.m.	Harvest Thanksgiving		
	Readers &	Jean Gregg	T.B.A.	
	Sidespersons:	Beryl Fletcher		
11th	11.00 a.m.	MP		
	Readers &	Diana Thomas	Isaiah 25: 1-9	
	Sidespersons:	Peter Hunter Johnston	Matthew 22: 1-14	
18th	9.00 a.m.	HC		
	Readers &	Peter Thomas	2 Timothy 4: 5-17	
	Sidespersons:	Steve Wood	Luke 10: 1-9	
25th	11.00 a.m.	HC		
	Readers &	Elizabeth Falding	Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18	
	Sidespersons:	John Falding	Matthew 22: 34-46	

St. Chad's Tushingham

4th	11.00 a.m.	MP
11th	9.00 a.m.	HC
18th	4.00 p.m.	Church at Four
25th	9.00 a.m.	HC

St. Mary's Whitewell

4th	11.00 a.m.	Harvest
11th	11.00 a.m.	SW
18th	11.00 a.m.	SW
25th	11.00 a.m.	SW

St. Wenefrede's Bickley

4th	9.00 a.m.	HC
11th	11.00 a.m.	Harvest Thanksgiving
18th	11.00 a.m.	HC
25th	11.00 a.m.	MP

Alpha Course Invitation

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

Please contact Revd. Veronica for more
details.



Weddings:

We extend our congratulations to the following couples:

1st August Adam Sidney Biggs and Rachel Elizabeth Weston

15th August Ryan Harry Walters and Helen Elizabeth Gilbert

16th August Jay Bhavat Archarya and Abisha Graciano Nevins

29th August Callum James Benson and Amy Smith

5th September Kristopher David Archer and Ella Harriet Johanson

19th September Matthew Russell Pagan and Rosie Grace Duckworth

We ask God's Blessings on a lifetime of contentment and joy.

NOVEMBER SERVICES

St. Michael's Marbury

1st	4.00 p.m. EP		
	Readers & Sidespersons:	Kathy Johnson Anthony Lewis	Isaiah 65: 17-25 Revelation 7: 9-17
8th	10.45 a.m. Remembrance Sunday		
	Readers & Sidespersons:	Penny Allington Richard Evans	Micah 4: 1-5 1 Corinthians 15: 50-58
15th	9.00 a.m. HC		
	Readers & Sidespersons:	Tricia Harvey Diana Thomas	1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 Matthew 25: 14-30
22nd	11.00 a.m. HC		
	Readers & Sidespersons:	Julie Shaw Harry Shaw	Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 Matthew 25: 31-46
29th	11.00 a.m. HC		
	United Benefice Service with Bickley @ St. Chad's, Tushingham		

St. Chad's Tushingham

St. Mary's Whitewell

1st	11.00 a.m. MP	1st	11.00 a.m. HC
2nd	7.00 p.m. All Soul's Service		
8th	10.45 a.m.	8th	10.45 a.m. Remembrance
15th	4.00 p.m. Church@4	15th	11.00 a.m. SW
22nd	9.00 a.m. HC	22nd	11.00 a.m. SW
29th	11.00 a.m. HC		
	United Benefice Service with Bickley @ St. Chad's, Tushingham		

St. Wenefrede's Bickley

1st	9.00 a.m. HC
8th	10.45 a.m. Remembrance
15th	11.00 a.m. HC
22nd	11.00 a.m. MP

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

Celebration of Life Service:

25th September: Glenda Rowley,
who sadly passed away on 21st August.

Seasons

As I write this, on a rather balmy September evening, a Forage Harvester is taking off the maize over at Marbury Hall, its engine forging through the crop that hasn't seen its best over this long dry summer...and yet I am surrounded by beautiful, lush green grass here at The Vicarage, that I never thought I'd see again, to be quite honest.

'There is Time for Everything' it says in Ecclesiastes, a short book in the Old Testament, that is written by a philosopher more than a theologian, whose words of poetry and prose remind us that Time doesn't stand still.

I welcome the change in the seasons; this is one of the great things about living in this part of the world. Even though we experience changes within the seasons itself we still sense the Four Seasons that the UK and Europe have always known.

We don't celebrate Harvest in shops and supermarkets, I expect it wouldn't bring in as many sales as summer holiday paraphernalia and cheap Halloween tatt!

We're far more likely to hang a ghost on our door these days than a Harvest Wreath; tell me how that works in our children's thinking?

Turning the Wheel of the Seasons should surely be about how our lives interact with God's Provisions, not the economics of super-powers who continue to pour rubbish into our country at every opportunity?

Surely, taking a breath to stop, and appreciate nature in all its glory, and thanking our Creator God for the things that only He brings to us, is a far more healthier life-style choice than any other?

I would choose to take my own Grand Children out for a walk, pointing out our blackberries and shiny red rose hips, over a trip down the aisle at a shop anytime, to bring to their attention the beauty of the natural world and how God is always at work within it.

Harvest is followed by a period of Remembering in the Church, as we head into November and the Winter, a time when things sleep and are restored, blessed and rested.

But I guess that won't be promoted in our stores either! We'll make the remarkable jump from Halloween to Christmas without a Supernatural Star or miracle of a divine birth in sight.

You bet I'm complaining - because the very existence and nature of humankind is being coerced and controlled by money rather than the co-dependency of God and Mankind.

We're missing out! You're missing out!

God gives to every season as He holds the world in His Hands, He asks us to walk through these seasons with Him, yet we so often choose to walk without Him, tempted by the shallow gods that crave our attention: money, materialism, consuming more and more - where will it all end?

Come back to God, leave worldly things behind, and seek the things that last eternally. Enjoy the seasons in the way they are given to us, for He made the world to turn and placed everything in its place for it to do so, and the time to appreciate it all is NOW!

Yours, Revd. Veronica x



2027 MARBURY CALENDAR

Yes ! – we're producing a Marbury Calendar for 2027 which Budgie Zawistowicz has kindly organised using photos sent to him featuring Marbury and its wildlife - it'll make an ideal Christmas present for relatives and friends, as well as being very useful for all of us. Proceeds will go towards the upkeep of St. Michael's.

We're using the same format as before – an Organiser Calendar in a traditional long format (16.5" long x 5.75" wide – 42 x 15 cm), month to view, with a different photo for each month.

The cost of the Calendar will be £8 (including envelope) and it will be printed to order – so could you please order and pay for as many as you want **by Thursday, 15th October** at the latest. They will be available from 27th October. It really will be a lovely Calendar for your own use, or to show others the beauty of our village!

Please contact Carol Sheard as soon as possible to place your order. You can pay by BACS (preferred!), cash or cheque. Details are:

Email – richardandcarol.sheard@btinternet.com

Tel. – 07778 604470

BACS – account name: Marbury Parochial Church Council Sort code - 77 27 27 (TSB)

Account number - 19862160 Reference – C27*surname* (eg C27Sheard)

Cheque – made payable to Marbury PCC, in an envelope clearly marked with your name and "Calendar" to Carol Sheard, Wicksted House, Wirswall,

Whitchurch SY13 4LE.



UPCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS:

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

For tickets and further details please contact Andrea Hughes: 07891 147686

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). There is a **Beginners' Art and Wellbeing** class every Thursday, **Pilates** on Wednesdays, **Knit and Natter** fortnightly on a Wednesday, also new regular **Film Nights**. **Marbury W.I.** holds monthly meetings, there is a monthly **Wine Club**, and frequent social events are organised at which everyone is very welcome!

See "Dates For Your Diary".

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

MARBURY WI COFFEE MORNING

Marbury WI will be hosting a Coffee Morning in the Whitchurch Market Hall on Friday, 16th October from 8.45 am.

As well as the usual coffee or tea and biscuits (£1 – best value in Whitchurch!), we'll have a Cake Stall, a Raffle with some lovely prizes, Bric-a-Brac and a Tombola.

Entry is of course free, so please come and support us, take a break from shopping, have a chat and take the weight off your feet !

The All Souls Service, which is at St. Chad's this year, will be on Monday, 2nd November, at 7pm - this is a lovely service in memory of those we have loved and lost.

4th October: 6.00 p.m.

ST. MICHAEL'S MARBURY, HARVEST FESTIVAL -

a very special rural service for the whole community.

This will be followed by a light supper in church.



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, 8th/29th October, 19th November





MARBURY MERRY DAYS MEETING -

Tuesday 10th November

A reminder of the Merry Days meeting on Tuesday, 10th November, at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall. Please come along if you can – we'd love to see new faces, and ideas and offers of help are always welcome. And of course it's always good to get together on a dark November evening

Congratulations to the **Marbury WI** team - Val Cowap, Liz Falding, Beryl Fletcher, and Coleen Hibbard - who at Nantwich Show were judged the winners of the co-operative section (Harvest theme) and Best in Show, with Liz also getting Best in Show for her wheat sheaf loaf which was part of the exhibit! And the back-drop made by Roger Fletcher features St Michael's window! (See front cover of this magazine.) What a talented group!

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**



NEW!!! Beginners' Art and Wellbeing Class:

every Thursday,
2.00 p.m. to 4.00
p.m.

Everyone is welcome to sample this new—but popular—event.



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



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

St. Michael's Advent Draw 2026

Our Advent Draw is back this year by popular demand! It's a lovely way to start the Christmas season, and has become a very popular Christmas event in Marbury.

As in previous years only 100 tickets will be sold, with a draw being made for a prize each day from 1st to 24th December – so each ticket has roughly a one in four chance of winning and the winning numbers will be drawn by Julie & Harry Shaw and announced daily on Email and the Community WhatsApp. Tickets will again be £10 each, and there will be a wide range of prizes as usual.

Tickets will be on sale from 9th October from Carol Sheard (on a first come, first served basis), and payment can be made by cash, cheque or bank transfer. Please don't delay as they always sell fast -and you can of course buy as many tickets as you like!

One very important point to note is that this year prizes will need to be collected from Julie & Harry - so winners will be responsible for collecting, or arranging collection of prizes from them. Please contact Carol to book your ticket(s) and arrange payment. Tel: 01948 663087 mobile: 07778 604470

Email: richardandcarol.sheard@btinternet.com

BACS payments (preferred) to: TSB Account name: Marbury Parochial Church Council
Account number: 19862160 Sort code: 77 27 27

Reference: (surname)Advent (eg SheardAdvent)

Cheques made payable to Marbury PCC, and sent to Carol at:

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

Information kindly provided by Able Community Care, Norfolk.

Am I entitled to Pension Credit? I do not use the internet, so I cannot check online. Is there a telephone number I can call for advice?

You may be entitled to Pension Credit, even if you own your own home or have some savings. In fact, it is estimated that around 910,000 pensioner households across the UK are missing out on Pension Credit that they could be receiving.

Pension Credit is a benefit for people who have reached State Pension age and are on a low income. It is paid in addition to your State Pension and can provide a valuable boost to your weekly income. Receiving Pension Credit may also help you qualify for other forms of support, such as help with heating costs, council tax, and dental treatment.

For advice or to make a claim, call the Pension Credit Helpline on **0800 99 1234**. The helpline is open **Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 6.00pm**.

What is the Priority Services Register and could it help me?

The Priority Services Register (PSR) is a free service offered by energy, gas and water suppliers to provide additional support to customers who may be vulnerable.

You may be eligible if you are older, have a disability, a long-term health condition, rely on medical equipment that uses electricity, have young children in the household, or are experiencing temporary difficulties.

Being on the Register can provide a range of practical benefits, including:

- Priority support during power cuts.
- Advance notice of interruptions to services.
- Communications in accessible formats if required.
- Extra help with managing energy services and bills.

Additional support from water companies, such as emergency bottled water supplies during service interruptions. Registration is free, and eligibility is broader than many people realise. To join the Priority Services Register, simply contact your electricity, gas and water suppliers by telephone, online, or by post and ask to be added to their Priority Services Register.



t. Michael's **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** will be held
on Sunday, 6th December, at 4.00pm.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: WHAT'S ON

OCTOBER:

Thursday 1st

Saturday 3rd

Tuesday 6th

Thursday 8th

Tuesday 13th

Thursday 15th

Friday 16th

Tuesday 20th

Tuesday 27th

Thursday 29th

Saturday 31st

NOVEMBER:

Tuesday 3rd

Thursday 5th

Tuesday 10th

Saturday 14th

Thursday 19th

Tuesday 24th

Thursday 26th

Saturday 28th

Tuesday 1st DEC

ART & WELLBEING CLUB, VH, 2.00-4.00

CURRYOKE NIGHT, Village Hall, 7.00 p.m.

COFFEE & CHAT, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.

Everyone welcome.

MOBILE LIBRARY at Holtridge, Gauntons Bank and Marbury Village Hall

W.I. MEETING, 1.30 p.m. at the Village Hall

Speaker Elizabeth Falding: Competitive Gooseberry Growing in Cheshire

Competition : Piece of tableware decorated with fruit

ART & WELLBEING CLUB, VH, 2.00-4.00

W.I. COFFEE MORNING, Market Hall, from 8.45a.m.

FILM NIGHT, VH, 7.00—9.00 p.m.

POP-UP CAFÉ, VH, 10.30-12.30

ART & WELLBEING CLUB, VH, 2.00-4.00

MOBILE LIBRARY, Holtridge, Gauntons Bank, VH

ARTISAN MARKET, Village Hall, 9.30-1.00

COFFEE & CHAT, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.

Everyone welcome.

ART & WELLBEING CLUB, VH, 2.00-4.00

W.I. A.G.M., 1.00 p.m., Village Hall

Speaker David Hearn: Christmas Traditions in the UK and around the World

Competition Foreign Country Christmas Item

MERRY DAYS MEETING, 7.00 p.m., Village Hall

PIE & PEAS NIGHT, VH, 7.00 p.m.

ART & WELLBEING CLUB, VH, 2.00-4.00

MOBILE LIBRARY, Holtridge, Gauntons Bank, VH

PARISH COUNCIL meeting, VH, 7.30 p.m.

POP-UP CAFÉ, VILLAGE HALL, 10.30-12.30

ART & WELLBEING CLUB, VH, 2.00-4.00

ARTISAN MARKET, VH, 9.30-100

COFFEE & CHAT, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.

Everyone welcome.

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

PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting on 17th September reviewed Planning Applications. Borough Councillor James Pearson gave updates from C.E. including highways, bin collection plans and water mains supply problems; news of a (SID) Speed Indicator Device on the A49 at Bradeley Green is awaited.

Funding to update the 2 older defibrillators is being sought.

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, 19th November**, at 7.30 p.m.

COFFEE AND CHAT at The Swan in Marbury

on
Tuesday, 6th October,
Tuesday, 3rd November,
Tuesday, 1st December
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.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH & MARBURY W.I.



HARVEST APPEAL FOR WHITCHURCH FOOD BANK:

helping local people in crisis.

Please donate (non-perishable) items until the end of October using the collection box at the back of the church.



There have been complaints about dog mess on the Play Area and public footpaths—even on private driveways.

Please, remember that dogs are **NOT** allowed in the Play Area unless on a lead—always clean up after your dog!

It is an offence to not clean up after your dog and dispose of the waste in an appropriate bin. You are liable to be prosecuted and fined!



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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
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