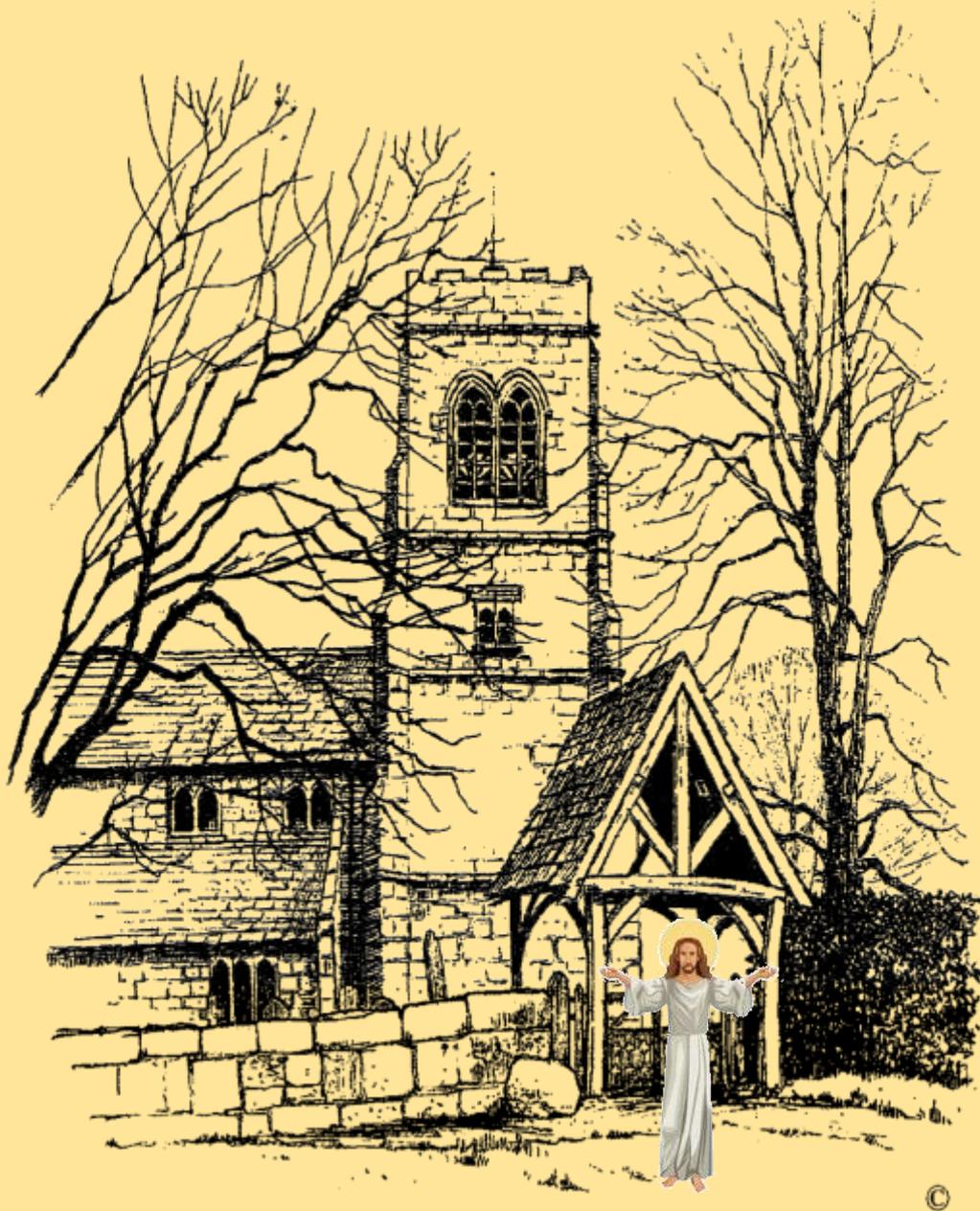


The Parish Church of St. Wilfrid, Mobberley



April 2022

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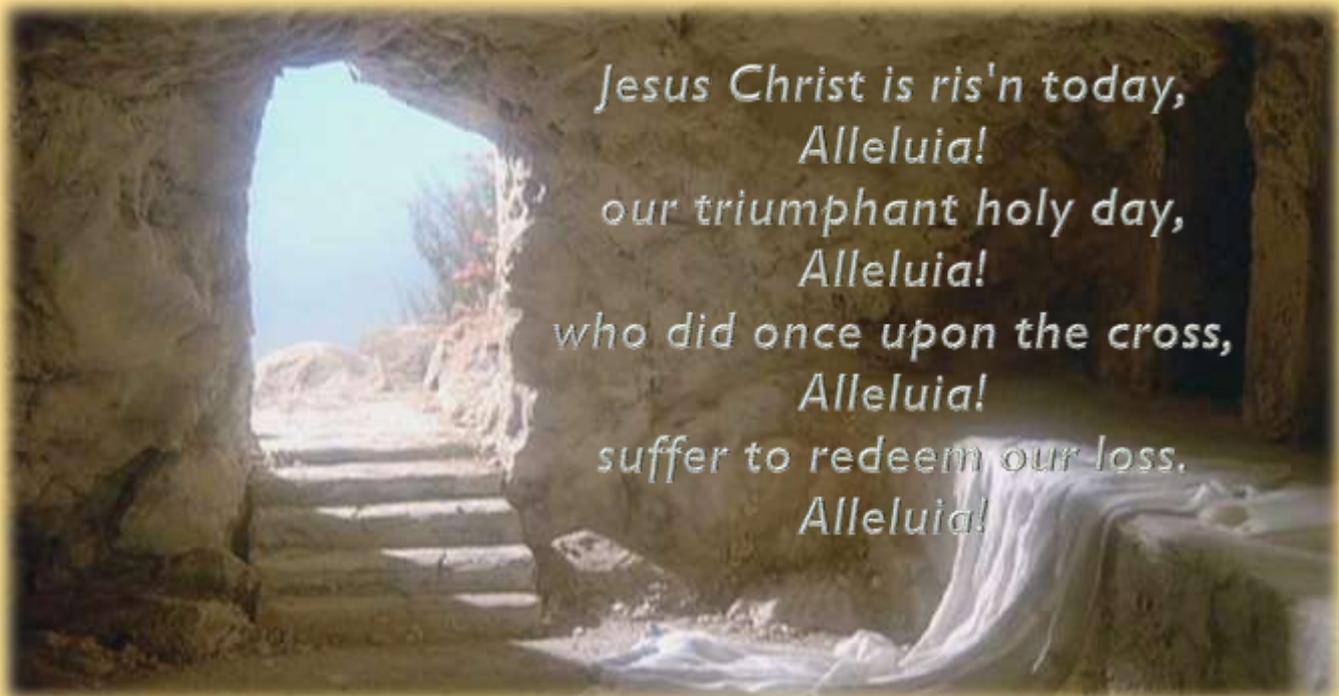
Church Diary for April 2022

Sat. 2 nd	Church Open Wedding (Charles Ellis & Rebecca Denney)	12.00 noon 1.00 p.m.
Sun. 3rd	<u>The 5th Sunday of Lent (Passiontide Begins)</u>	
	Said Holy Communion (BCP)	8.30 a.m.
	Sung Holy Communion (CW)	10.00 a.m.
	Choral Evensong (BCP)	6.30 p.m.
Mon. 4 th	Morning Prayer at The Beacon Events Group at The Beacon	9.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Tue. 5 th	Morning Prayer at The Beacon	9.00 a.m.
Wed. 6 th	Morning Prayer at The Beacon Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon Compline	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 7.00 p.m.
Thu. 7 th	Morning Prayer at The Beacon Living in Love and Faith (Zoom) Wedding Preparation Meeting Doorway to Living in Love & Faith	9.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m. 7.45 p.m.
Fri. 8 th	Morning Prayer at The Beacon	9.00 a.m.
Sat. 9 th	Burial of Ashes (Derek Cooke) Church Open	11.00 a.m. 12.00 noon
Sun. 10th	<u>Palm Sunday</u>	
	Said Holy Communion (BCP)	8.30 a.m.
	Palm Procession & Service	10.00 a.m.
	Choral Evensong (BCP)	6.30 p.m.
Mon. 11 th	Monday of Holy Week Morning Prayer at The Beacon Compline	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.
Tue. 12 th	Tuesday of Holy Week Morning Prayer at The Beacon Compline	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.
Wed. 13 th	Wednesday of Holy Week Morning Prayer at The Beacon Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon Compline	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 7.00 p.m.
Thu. 14 th	Maundy Thursday Morning Prayer at The Beacon Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar	9.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Fri. 15 th	Good Friday Proclamation of the Cross	10.00 p.m.

Sat. 16th Church Decorating for Easter

9.30 a.m.

Sun. 17th EASTER DAY



Said Holy Communion (BCP)
Easter Holy Communion
Easter Egg Hunt

8.30 a.m.
10.00 a.m.
11.15 a.m.

Sat. 22nd Church Open

12.00 noon

Sun. 23rd The 2nd Sunday of Easter

Said Holy Communion (BCP)
Morning Prayer
Sung holy Communion

8.30 a.m.
10.00 a.m.
6.30 p.m.

Mon. 25th Standing Committee

7.45 p.m.

Wed. 27th Communion at the Beacon
Coffee Morning at the Beacon

10.00 a.m.
10.30 a.m.

Sat. 30th Messy Church
Church Open

10.00 a.m.
12.00 noon

The Collect for Easter Day

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

It is one of those things designed to make people feel old, and something I mentioned in a sermon a few months ago. On Easter Day 1982 the number one single in the UK was a somewhat forgettable song called 'Seven Tears' by The Goombay Dance Band. This wasn't a good time for music as this was preceded at number 1 by 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight' by Tight Fit and succeeded by 'My Camera Never Lies' by Bucks Fizz. Regardless of the quality of the music however is the fact that all three of these songs were released nearer to the second world war than they were to us now.

I was born in 1965 and, if I am honest, when I was growing up the 2nd World War was like ancient history (Romans, Vikings, Normans, Tudors, World Wars). Time has brought a new perspective and I now realise that 20 years was, and is, no time at all. Since then, whilst we can't say we have seen peace, we have largely avoided the threat of war, and certainly war in Europe. There was, of course, the conflict in the Balkans following the break-up of Yugoslavia but even that seemed, somehow, self-contained, there wasn't any sense that it would escalate into a wider conflict.

That is what makes the current conflict in the Ukraine so terrifying. For the first time since 1945 there is the very real possibility of armed conflict and a land war in Europe. Those fears however are fears for the future and we shouldn't let that detract from the very real tragedy that is taking place now. Some of the images that we see from inside Ukraine, and particularly the city of Mariupol, bear striking similarities of images we saw in the second world war, not least in Russia ironically enough.

There are many ways in which we can all help, each according to their ability. There are collections of clothes, nappies and essential goods being organised, there are numerous organisations to which we can donate money, we can use online channels to welcome Ukrainian families into our homes. There are things that everybody in the country can contribute to, what we can offer in addition however as a Christian community is the gift of prayer. Alongside everything else I invite you to pray, remembering the words of Jesus, "And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them?" Let us pray in the light and the hope of he who overcame injustice and who conquered death itself, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Ian.

Holy Week & Easter at St. Wilfrid's



Palm Sunday

Sunday 10th April

Palm Procession & All-Age Service at 10 a.m.
(Beginning in the Rectory Garden)

Daily Office in Holy Week

11th – 15th April

Morning Prayer at The Beacon at 9.00 a.m.

11th – 13th April

Compline at in Church at 7 p.m.



Maundy Thursday

Thursday 14th April

Eucharist & Vigil at 7.30 p.m.

(with the stripping of the altar)

Good Friday

Friday 15th April

Proclamation of the Cross at 10 a.m.

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?



Easter Day

Sunday 17th April

Said Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m.

Sung Holy Communion at 10 a.m.

followed by a children's Easter Egg hunt



Holy Week & Easter

Sunday 13th April - Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday processions are one of the earliest celebrations in the Christian Church possibly dating back to as early as the 4th century. In the procession we walk with Christ, singing songs of praise and waving our palm crosses. The hymn we normally sing is 'All glory, laud and honour' which was written in the 8th century by Theodolph of Orleans. Our processions begins in the Rectory garden at 10 a.m. and our service continues in church with the reading of the Passion Gospel.

Weekdays in Holy Week



Each morning in Holy Week there will be a service of Readings and Prayer at the Rajar at 9.a.m. This is an opportunity to reflect upon Christ's passion as we walk with him on the way of the cross. On the Monday to Wednesday evenings there will also be a service of Compline in church at 7 p.m. This gives us time and space to reflect on the day that has passed and how we have used to ur time.

Thursday 17th April - Maundy Thursday



From the Latin word *mandatum* meaning 'commandment' the name Maundy is taken from the gospel reading on this day when Jesus says to his disciples, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another." On this day Jesus set the example of loving service by washing his disciples feet and by offering to them the Last Supper with another new commandment, to "do this in remembrance of me." This service ends with the stripping of the altar and a one hour vigil.

Friday 18th April - Good Friday



The word 'good' has a meaning beyond something that is wholesome and relates directly to being 'holy'. On this most sombre of days we reflect on Jesus' death on the cross and on what caused him to be nailed there. Whilst we proclaim the glory of the cross we confess also our sin and brokenness, recognising that it was for love of us that he faced torture, humiliation and death in this most sordid way.

Sunday 20th April - Easter Day



Some things are, at heart, a matter of opinion and a matter of choice, the resurrection of Jesus isn't one of them. Jesus either rose from the dead or he didn't. If he did then we must believe and trust in all that he did because he wasn't simply a special person he was a unique person with an authority above and beyond any other. If he didn't then, because much of what he said and did pointed forward to his death and beyond, all of the authority of his teaching is fatally undermined.

At Easter we celebrate the most astounding event in human history, and we give thanks and praise to God that death has been overthrown and the gates of heaven have been opened to any and all who believe and trust in the name of his son Jesus. There will be two services on Easter Day, a said service of Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m. and a sung service at 10.00 a.m. Following the 10.00 a.m. service there will be an Easter Egg hunt for the children around the church and churchyard.



Easter Flowers



We need help to decorate the church for Easter. All volunteers will be warmly welcomed You do not need to be skilful, just willing! If you can join us, please sign the list of arrangements on the notice board at the North Door and bring a bunch or two of flowers and some greenery.

The church will be decorated on Saturday 16th April between 9.30am and 12.30. If you are able to help tidy up please come along after 11am to assist.

Please would arrangers remove their flowers either after Evensong on Sunday April 23rd or on Monday April 24th at 9.30am.

You may use your own containers for window sill arrangements if that makes life easier.

The Beacon

You may remember that we were due to launch some new projects from The Beacon earlier in the year which had to be postponed due to the Omicron variant of Covid. We are now looking to start from the 1st May so please, read on.

MEN OF MOBBERLEY

The Bacon, sorry the “Beacon”, calls you!

Do you fancy getting away from it all for an hour in all male company? To talk with friends, about anything or even nothing, and make new friends. Then join us at the “Beacon” on the first Saturday of the month, starting on May 7th, at 9.00am for bacon/sausage butties a brew and a natter. Go on, we'll see you there. You know you want to.

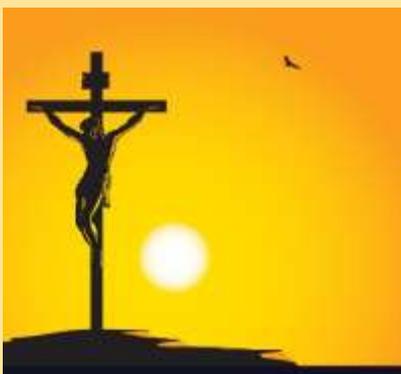
For more information call John Grainger on 872549.

HOMEWORK CLUB

There will be a Homework Club held at the Beacon each Monday and Thursday from 3.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. We offer a warm, safe and quiet place with drinks, biscuits and toast where children can use the internet and do their homework in peace. I also have some ex-teachers on hand to help the children if they get stuck. I have most areas covered but I am short of an ex-maths teacher. If you would like to help, please let Ian know. Our Homework Club begins on the 9th and 12th May.

Thy Restless Feet

By Richard Crashaw



THY restless feet now cannot go
For us and our eternal good,
As they were ever wont. What though
They swim, alas! in their own flood?

Thy hands to give Thou canst not lift,
Yet will Thy hand still giving be;
It gives, but O, itself's the gift!
It gives tho' bound, tho' bound 'tis free!

Richard Crashaw was a 17th century English poet, teacher, High Church Anglican cleric and Roman Catholic convert

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The St Wilfrid's APCM will take place on Sunday 8th May following our 10.00 a.m. service. At this service we elect our Churchwardens, receive the church Annual Report, including the 2021/22 accounts, and elect people to fill the PCC membership, there are 6 posts that need filling. Four members of the PCC come to the end of their terms of office this year, Andrew Harwood, Tom Robinson, Ray Britland, and Jo-Ann Hennerley, and I would like to thank them for their service over what has been an incredibly difficult three years. Nomination forms for these posts will be going up in church shortly and we ask all members of the congregation to consider standing, holding elections is a sign of a healthy church.

Each year we present an Annual Report which you can collect at the meeting which details all the things that have taken place over the previous 12 months.

Although no longer APCM business, we do need people to stand as Sidesmen and Sideswomen. Particularly after Covid the numbers of people able to do this has fallen which puts greater responsibility on those few who do. If you would like to stand as a Sidesman or Sideswomen, to greet people as they enter church and be a welcoming face to newcomers, please speak to either John H or Carole Critchley, your Churchwardens.

The Sun Dances

It was widely held in the Gaelic tradition that the Sun danced in the sky Easter Sunday morning. Various methods were employed to experience it. A 19th century account, collected from Barbara McPhie of Dreimsdale, Scotland by antiquarian Alexander Carmichael, tells of her experience;

'The glorious gold-bright sun was after rising on the crests of the great hills, and it was changing colour- green, purple, red, blood red, white, intense-white, and gold-white like the glory of the God of the elements to the children of men. It was dancing up and down in exultation at the joyous resurrection of the beloved Saviour of victory. To be thus privileged, a person must ascend to the top of the highest hill before sunrise, and believe that the God who makes the small blade of grass to grow is the same God who makes the large massive sun to move' (trans. From Scots Gallic).



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He Is Risen

Whatever may be thought of the Gospel records, it cannot plausibly be maintained that they were written by men who did not believe these things, nor that they did not write down what they were told by men and women who believed they had seen some of them with their own eyes. Clearly, too, Jesus' life was not so successful in a worldly sense that his teaching was likely to survive because of the impact of his ethical message alone. He had, it is true, especially attracted many of the poor and outcast, as well as Jews who felt that their traditions or the forms of behaviour into which they had hardened were no longer satisfactory. But these successes would have died with him had his disciples not believed that he had conquered death itself and that those who were saved by being baptized as his followers would also overcome death and live for ever after God's judgment. Before a century had passed, this message was being preached throughout the whole civilized world united and sheltered by the Roman empire.

J.M. Roberts, a secular historian, 'The Penguin History of Europe'

Ghana Update



Although we were unable to meet in person I was able to speak to Archbishop Cyril at some length in February. I raised with him my very deep concerns over the support of Anglican Church in Ghana for the Ghanaian Family Values and Sexual Rights Bill that has been so roundly condemned elsewhere in the worldwide Church, a subject I also raised with Bishop Oscar, the new Bishop of Kumasi who I did meet in person last month.

I won't go into the details of the bill as they have been covered extensively previously in this magazine.

Archbishop Cyril acknowledged that mistakes had been made and that a statement of support for the Bill was made by the Council of Bishops in Ghana before the full content of the Bill was made public. They believed, at that point, that the Bill sought simply to make same-sex marriages illegal (which is a little confusing as they already are).

Since the publication of the Bill in full the Archbishop has made several statements that the more extreme elements in the Bill, particularly those that seek to criminalize people for being LGBTQ+ and those who advocate on their behalf, should be removed and he is adamant, after many months of lobbying, that the Bill will not be passed in its current form, if at all.

Against that background however there are reports that violence against the LGBTQ+ community in Ghana has escalated alarmingly since

I was very critical of Archbishop Cyril and the House of Bishops last year and I still think it lacked judgment to so publicly support a Bill they had not seen; however, I believe he has at no little risk to himself been working hard to ensure this Bill never sees the light of day and I wish him every success. Please keep the Archbishop in your prayers in these difficult and troubling times.

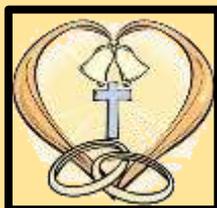
Ian

From St. Wilfrid's Registers –



Baptisms in March

13th Ivy Julie Watson Latham Hall, Clay Lane, Hale
 27th Amelia Sophina Camille Doodson Summerfield Rd, Mobberley



Weddings in March

11th Scott Stevenson & Sadie Cunliffe Manchester Rd, Castleton, Roch.
 19th Robert Smith & Phoebe Sayell Appleby Crescent, Mobberley



Funerals in February

28th Diana Marie Barber Eden Mansions, Styal Alt. Crem

Funerals in March

1 st	Geoffrey Stewart Kirk	Ancoats Lane, Great Warford	Church
10 th	Alan Cleary	Appleby Crescent, Mobberley	Church
11 th	Anne Marjorie Bailey	Townfield Rd, Mobberley	Church
21 st	Kathleen Gibson	Ashfield NH, Macclesfield	Church
24 th	Sandra Everall-Arkwright	Holmes Chapel Road, Toft	Church

Year's Mind in April

Edward Leech Catherine Mais Ann Brindley Kenneth Holt Toby Fryer Anne Caveney Brian Axten Dorothy Hulme George Way Dorothy Hadfield Yvonne Frayling Kenneth Oldham Derek Parmenter Beatrice Mason George Waite Khanikhah Guy	Frances Smith Kenneth Walker Peter Speakman Anthony Dolan Marjorie Bayley William Daniel Agnes Green Harry Turner Averilda Street Bessie Morris Laura Hender Sandy Storey Frank Butler Edith Harpham Albert Virgo Charlotte Morley	Wayne Southern Nancy Acton Rosalind Haller Joseph Fox Eliza Clarke Ian Sellars James Bowler William Mason Margaret McKeand Marjorie Bell Robert Ward Geoffrey Deakin Frances Walker Louisa Finch Ralph Croxall
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