

The Parish Church of St. Wilfrid, Mobberley



October 2021

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Church Diary for October 2021

Fri. 1 st	Church Decorating Harvest Supper	9.30 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Sat. 2 nd	Gift Day	10.00 a.m.
Sun. 3rd	Harvest Festival	
	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Harvest Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.
	Harvest Songs of Praise	6.30 p.m.
Mon. 4 th	School Harvest Flower Distribution	9.15 a.m. 10.00 a.m.
Wed. 6 th	Said Holy Communion Coffee Morning	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu. 7 th	Doorway	7.30 p.m.
Sat. 9 th	Church Open	12.00 p.m.
Sun. 10th	Patronal Festival	
	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	All-Age St. Wilfrid Service	10.00 a.m.
	Choral Evensong	6.30 p.m.
Mon. 11 th	Mobberley Scouts AGM PCC Standing Committee	6.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m.
Wed. 13 th	Dedication of 'The Beacon' by Bishop Mark Said Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m.
Thu. 14 th	Bishop Sam's Welcome Service (Stockport)	7.30 p.m.
Sat. 16 th	Church Open	12.00 p.m.
Sun. 17th	The 20th Sunday after Trinity	
	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Sung Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.
	Choral Evensong	6.30 p.m.
Mon. 18 th	Wedding Preparation Meeting	7.30 p.m.
Wed. 20 th	Said Holy Communion Coffee Morning	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Sat. 23 rd	Church Open	12.00 p.m.
Sun. 24th	The Last Sunday after Trinity	
	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Choral Matins	10.00 a.m.
	Choral Evensong	6.30 p.m.
Wed. 27 th	Said Holy Communion Coffee Morning	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Sat. 30 th	Messy Church	10.00 a.m.

Sun. 31st

All Saints' & All Souls'

Said Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist for All Saints' Day

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

8.30 a.m.

10.00 a.m.

6.30 p.m.

Harvest Help Needed

Harvest is almost upon us so please make a note of the following dates, activities and requests for help.

Harvest Supper

If you are able to help serving or washing up please contact Julie. The supper will be followed by our topical quiz and tickets, £10 for adults and £6 children, will be on sale from the start of September.

Church Decorating

The church will be decorated for Harvest on Friday 1st from 9.30 a.m. We would love it if you could volunteer to help with either a floral arrangement or with a more traditional Harvest display of fruit and vegetables. If you haven't been involved before do not feel you need to have had previous experience. The decoration is a group activity which is sociable and fun, and newcomers are very welcome.



A list will be up in church soon or else call Liz Bridgford.

Weekend Refreshments

Refreshments will be available all day until 4 p.m. The church will also be open for visitors and for viewing on Sunday 3rd from 1.00 p.m. until 4.00 p.m. If you are able to help by baking and donating cakes or biscuits and in serving refreshments, please contact Jean.

Harvest Flowers

At Harvest we ask worshippers to bring a gift of cut flowers that are distributed around the parish as a Harvest gift from all at St. Wilfrid's. There will be a sheet in church from the start of September for the names and addresses of those who you would like to receive a gift of Harvest flowers.

The flowers will be distributed on Monday 6th October and help will be required so please do join us in spreading a little Harvest cheer

The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

It goes without saying that the last 20 months have been very trying, added to which, alongside the ongoing problems caused by Covid, we now have problems with our power supplies, a natural gas shortage, and a CO₂ problem that is likely to affect food production.

With all this going on it might seem a bit of a struggle this year to feel thankful. Those 'good gifts around us' may seem in very short supply. It is certainly true that all these things have, and will continue, to put a crimp in our lifestyles but we mustn't lose perspective. Without wishing to diminish the very serious effects these things have on some people we still live peaceably with our neighbours, the vast majority of us have a roof over our heads, have access to plentiful food and fresh water. We received a decent education and enabled our children to do the same. We have access to publicly funded health care and can exercise, entertain and socialise as we wish.

We might consider all these things as basics, and most of them are categorised as basic human rights, but that doesn't alter the fact that many of these are unknown to millions, billions even, of people around the world, and to have most, if not all, is the privilege of the very few.

One of the things our faith does is give us a global perspective. When God, in Jesus, called people to himself he called them also to one another. There are lots of questions regarding the Creation and pre-history stories in the Bible however what they consistently reveal is a story of division. Of Adam and Eve leaving God's presence in Eden, of the rending of the relationship between Cain and Able; all of which culminates in the story of the Tower of Babel telling how the common language of the world was sundered into many languages which meant people could no longer communicate and so drifted ever further apart.

The mission of Christ is the reversal of that process, of returning people to one another and to himself as the whole family of God. How we understand this is one of the themes explored in the current exhibition at Chester Cathedral (more about this in the magazine). If we struggle to give thanks for the great privileges, we enjoy then we are a long way from the brothers and sisters we are called to serve, and a long way from the God in whose footsteps we walk.

Yours in Christ,
Ian.

Welcoming Bishop Mark



We still talk of Bishop Mark as being the 'new' Bishop of Chester although he has, of course, been in post for well over a year. Unfortunately, due to pandemic he hasn't had the opportunity to get out and about as much he would like but that is all about to change. Over the next 12 months Bishop Mark, along with Bishops Sam and Julie, will be touring the Diocese on Deanery, and Parish, visits.

I am delighted to say that Bishop Mark will be visiting Mobberley on Wednesday 13th October as part of his Deanery visit. Due to Covid we won't be organising any 'open house' Deanery event at this time so this will be the one opportunity for most of you to come and meet him.

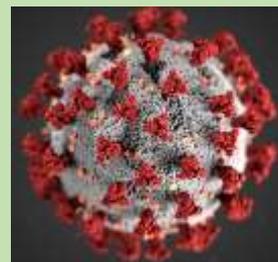
Whilst with us Bishop Mark will be officially opening and dedicating The Beacon and staying with us as we celebrate Communion. He will then be going to Mobberley Primary School for a flying visit before continuing his tour of the Deanery.

Visit by Bishop Mark

Wednesday 13th October
9.30 a.m. at The Beacon

Covid Update

The Faith and Worship group met on the 22nd September to review the relaxation of Covid measures that we introduced at the start of September and to further review the measures that are still in place.



The recommendations of the Faith and Worship Group have now gone to the PCC members but unfortunately the PCC response will be too late for this magazine deadline so please check out the weekly e-Bulletin for the announcement of any changes.

If you don't receive the weekly e-Bulletin please send the Rector an email and he will add you to the mailing list. This is the best way of ensuring you are totally up to speed with what is happening at St. Wilfrid's.

Patronal Festival

On the **10th October** we shall be holding only our second All-Age service in 20 months when we celebrate the life of St. Wilfrid, our parish's patron saint.



Wilfrid was born around the year 663 in the North East to what is assumed to have been a noble family. As a teenager Wilfrid fell out with his stepmother and he left and joined the court of King Oswiu (Oswy) of Bernicia. Under the patronage of the Queen, Wilfrid went to study at Lindisfarne for a few years before moving to Canterbury where he came into contact with missionaries from the continent. From there he went on pilgrimage to Rome, the first British native ever recorded having done so. On his return he stayed in France for around 3 years during which time he became a member of the clergy.

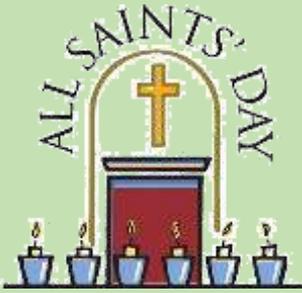
Because of his continental experience Wilfrid became an important bridge between the two missionary branches of Christianity, the Celtic form which had arrived in Scotland from Ireland and which was moving south through the works of monks and the foundations of monasteries and the Catholic form started in the south of the country which was gradually moving north, establishing Dioceses and Parishes.

As well as the different models of how to be the Church these two branches, crucially, used two different ways of working out the date of Easter and this came to a head in Northumbria where King Oswiu followed the Celtic model and his wife and son the Catholic. This meant when one half of the family were observing the strict Lenten fasts the other half were celebrating Easter with feasting and revelry. It was agreed that this issue, and various others, should be addressed at a Church meeting, or Synod, to be held at Whitby Abbey in 664 and at that meeting, with Wilfrid's support, the Catholic 'party' won the day. As a reward for this Wilfrid was made Bishop of York. Wilfrid, however, had broken his relationship with King Oswiu, who favoured the Celtic model of church, and this caused many years of dispute although on Oswiu's death Wilfrid grew in influence until he claimed ecclesiastical authority over all the northern parts of Britain including, of course, what we now call Cheshire.

Wilfrid was a flawed man, he lacked humility and enjoyed the trappings of his office, yet scripture reminds us that we hold the gifts of God in broken vessels, and Wilfrid also had many gifts. He had a burning desire to spread the gospel message, he loved music and introduced song into English worship, (he requested a singing master from Kent which is how Eddi enters his story). Wilfrid was also an educator and started numerous schools both religious and secular.

Wilfrid is a very human saint, one with whom we can easily relate, and a reminder of how the grace of God is at work in all of us.

All Saints' & All Souls' Day



On the 31st October we shall marking two special occasions in the life of the church, All Saints' and All Souls'. It is our Christian hope that, for those who have died in the faith of Christ, in death life is changed, not taken away. So, we can celebrate all those who have gone before us with joy and expectation knowing that death is not the end and that we are united by the unbreakable thread of God's love.

We mark All Saints' on the morning with our celebration eucharist as we recall those, who through their lives, enriched the life of the whole Church. In the evening we commemorate the faithful departed, remembering those whose quieter ministry and witness spoke to us personally, reflecting the light and life of God and encouraging us to walk in the way of Christ.

There is a list on the noticeboard for the names of those you would like to recall at our All Souls' service. If you are still hesitant about coming to church please drop me an email and I will add their names to the list.



All Saints' and All Souls' Day Sunday 31st October

Sung Eucharist for All Saints, 10.00 a.m.
Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, 6.30 p.m.

Church Fair Raffle & Tombola



The **Church Fair** will take place on **Saturday the 20th November** from 10-2pm at the Rajar with refreshments being served at The Beacon.

For the fair we need some nice Raffle Prizes. If you have anything that you think might be suitable please contact Jean as soon as possible so we can get the tickets printed.

We also need smaller prizes for the Tombola stall, please bring them to church or contact Ian and he will collect them from you.

Constant Stream

One of the big developments Covid has brought with it, and one that is unlikely to go away any day soon, is the great leap forward in communication technology. I wrote in the magazine some time ago that if somebody had told e at the start of 2020 that by the December of that year we would be live-streaming services from the church I wouldn't have believed them. Yet here we are, every Sunday live streaming our main service via Zoom and looking to expand the services we share. However, it isn't just Sunday services, we have also lived-streamed weddings and funerals all around the globe including to Ecuador and Australia.



Those of you who attend on a Sunday will know that our setup is all a bit 'Heath-Robinson', and those who join on Zoom will also know that it doesn't always go smoothly, especially if for some reason we have had to change something. To that end the PCC are investigating permanently installing Audio-visual equipment which will be integrated into the existing sound system and the screen. This is likely to be quite expensive to do properly so, as ever, there is a fine balance to be found between purpose, functionality, cost and, of course, aesthetics.

I welcome comments from all congregation members but particularly those who join or have joined us via our live stream. Aside from the occasional human mistakes, like forgetting to switch the computer audio on so you can hear, I know there are bigger issues, particularly regarding the sound, that we are looking in to and hoping to address.

The one thing that is certain is that we cannot continue with the system we currently use.

Global Images of Christ:

Challenging Perceptions at Chester Cathedral



This is a landmark exhibition of over 40 enlightening works of art, sculpture and images from artists such as Mark Cazalet, Peter Eugene Ball and Lorna May Wadsworth to challenge our perceptions as to how Jesus Christ and other people of faith are depicted by people of different ethnicity, race and colour.

The exhibition runs until the 30th October from 10 a.m. – 6.00 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Entry is free and for further information contact Chester Cathedral.

Wilfra Tarts

In the first week of August there is a procession honouring the life of Saint Wilfrid. This takes place in Ripon, where Wilfrid served as Abbot. In the parade the 'Saint' is led around the town on his horse, accompanied by floats, musicians, dancers and general merry-making.

During the procession cakes were originally baked in the town and placed on front steps and window-sills for passers-by to help themselves. The cakes (also known as Wilfra Tarts) are essentially cheese and apple turnovers in style.



Ingredients

12 oz (330g) shortcrust pastry
1 lb (16 oz/450g) peeled and thinly sliced cooking apples
Three tablespoons of golden syrup (3 oz (85g) of Demerara sugar can be substituted, if preferred)
3 oz (85g) Wensleydale cheese, grated

Method

Roll out a rectangle of pastry around 6" (15cm) x 4"(10 cm)

Cover the pastry with the sliced apples

Top the apples with the syrup, then the grated Wensleydale cheese



Cover with the another strip of pastry slightly smaller than above. Seal the edges, trim off excess pastry, make a small hole in the centre.

Repeat the process until all the pastry is used

Bake the tarts/turnovers in a moderate oven (gas mark 4/350F/180C) until the pastry is golden brown (around 40 minutes).

Can be eaten hot or cold.

Perhaps some of you might volunteer to cook some up and we can all share them after our Patronal Festival service on the 10th October. Let me know if you fancy giving them a try.

Ian

From St. Wilfrid's Registers for September



Baptisms

5 th	William Alexander Davidson	Sandeman Crescent, Northwich
12 th	Olivia Charlotte Davies	Bucklow Avenue, Mobberley
26 th	Riva Harriet Pickup	Edenfield Road, Mobberley



Weddings

19 th	Fabian Ashurst & Jessica Britland	Wood Lane, Mobberley
25 th	Joshua Northover & Grace Jung	Great Oak Square, Mobberley



Wedding Blessing

11 th	Paul Jordan & Eleanor Caldwell	The Avenue, Alderley Edge
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Funerals

20 th	Ronald Joseph Whild	Mereheath Park, Knutsford	Church
20 th	David G (Sam) Naylor	Summerfield Rd, Mobberley	Vale Royal
28 th	Eileen F Puddicombe	Ashworth Park, Knutsford	Church
28 th	Suzanne N Darbyshire	Hassall Road, Sandbach	Church

Remembrance Sunday

This takes place on Sunday 14th November. We expect the church to be busy on this day so recommend those who feel anxious or vulnerable attend just the Act of Remembrance which will take place at the War Memorial at 11.00 a.m.