

# The Parish Church of St. Wilfrid, Mobberley



September 2022

# Church Diary for September 2022

Thu. 1st	The Beacon Drop-In Doorway	10.00 a.m. 7.45 p.m.
Sat. 3rd	Men's Breakfast The Beacon Drop-In	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.
<b><u>Sun. 4th</u></b>	<b><u>The 12th Sunday after Trinity</u></b>	
	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Sung Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.
	Choral Evensong	6.30 p.m.
Tue. 6th	The Beacon Drop-In Everyday Faith Workshop	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Wed. 7th	Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu. 8th	The Beacon Drop-In Doorway	10.00 a.m. 7.45 p.m.
Sat. 10th	PCC Away Day Wedding Blessing	9.30 a.m. 5.30 p.m.
<b><u>Sun. 11th</u></b>	<b><u>The 13th Sunday after Trinity</u></b>	
	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	All-Age Pet Service	10.00 a.m.
	Choral Evensong	6.30 p.m.
Tue. 13th	Beacon Drop-In Victory Hall TDC	10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.
Wed. 14th	Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu. 15th	The Beacon Drop-In Faith & Worship Group	10.00 a.m. 7.45 p.m.
Sat. 17th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
<b><u>Sun. 18th</u></b>	<b><u>The 14th Sunday after Trinity</u></b>	
	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Sung Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.
	Choral Evensong	6.30 p.m.
Mon. 19th	PCC	7.45 p.m.
Tue. 19th	The Beacon Drop-In Wedding Rehearsal	10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.

Wed. 21st	Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Sat. 24th	The Beacon Drop-In Church Open	10.00 a.m. 12.00 noon
<b>Sun. 25th</b>	<b><u>The 15th Sunday after Trinity</u></b> Said Holy Communion Morning Prayer Choral Evensong	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.
Tue. 27th	The Beacon Drop-In	10.00 a.m.
Wed. 28th	Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu 29th	The Beacon Drop-In Doorway	10.00 a.m. 7.45 p.m.

## Annual Pet Service



Our annual service of the Blessing of the Pets takes place on Sunday the 11th September. We include this service within our celebration of harvest, which began with the keeping of Lammas Day and ends with our Harvest festival at the start of October.

Amongst all the 'good gifts' that God has bestowed on us there are few so precious as the pets we treasure and which so enrich our lives.

This is a slightly shorter service than normal, even for an All-Age Service, and within it the pets are brought to the front to receive a blessing. Please be aware that the majority of the pets brought are dogs which can make the church a stressful environment for some cats and other animals of a nervous disposition.

**Blessing of the Pets**  
**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September**  
**10.00 a.m.**

# The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

Whilst looking around Grassington Parish Church (I think) there was, on the wall an ancient memorial plaque to a lady which read something like, 'Sacred to the Memory of *Agnes Little*, died 22nd March 1487, buried 27 March 1488'. When I first read it I thought something dreadful had happened to her, that perhaps she was been lost in a cave or down a well for a year. It was only later that I realised that in Western Europe new year was celebrated not on the 1st January but on the 25th March, the Feast of the Annunciation. This is why (after later tinkering) the tax year still ends on the 3rd April. It seems so normal for us that the 1st of January is the start of the year, but there isn't any real reason for it.

To me, September always has something of a new year feel to it, and not just because I am married to a teacher. This doesn't make sense in terms of the life of the Church, in the liturgical calendar we are drifting slowly though 'Ordinary Time', still a long way of from the explosion of activity in November.

But, whilst that might be true of the normal Liturgical year, it doesn't reflect what is happening 'on the ground'. Following the slow months after Easter, from September onwards we find ourselves undertaking a continuous journey from the thanksgiving of our Pet Service, the Festivals of Harvest, St. Wilfrid and All Saints, through the sombre commemorations of All Souls' Day and Remembrance Sunday through to the crowning celebration of Christ the King and, with the start of the official Church year, the anticipation and excitement of Advent.

As you are no doubt aware, the PCC are holding an Away Day on the 10th September to consider our steps as we move on from Covid, and what we shall be discussing is about how we can bring more people along on this journey with us. The last couple of years have been reminiscent of being on a route march, constantly plodding on, trying to adapt to ever changing conditions, planning for things that might either not happen or be radically changed.

I dearly hope that as we move into the autumn of this year it truly can be a fresh, new, start. That we might travel on in hope rather than in fear, with excitement rather than trepidation, and with our energies renewed. Let us make this September, as we look forward to all that lies ahead, truly be a happy new year for us at St. Wilfrid's and for the whole of our community of Mobberley.

Yours in Christ,  
Ian.

# Covid & Beyond



Has Covid come to an end? Will it ever end? How do we move forward in a post-Covid world? What have we learned over the last 2½ years? When I first came to St. Wilfrid's the church here was in the midst of some quite drastic change, one of which was a change to both our service patterns and to our liturgy. One of the things I was tasked with was to develop a pattern of services that would refresh and re-energise our worship. It wasn't easy but over 12 or so months we created a new pattern of worship that has remained largely unchanged and is still the pattern we follow today. The question is, particularly in the light of what has taken place over the last couple of years, should we?

Our congregation and membership is very different from what it was 15 years ago, society is very different from what it was 15 years ago, and our church resources both for good and ill are very different. Does our current pattern, style and even place of worship still meet the needs of our regular congregations? Does our pattern and style of services speak to, and meet the needs of, those who attend only irregularly? Also, how do we speak to, and meet the needs of, the vast majority of people in Mobberley who never come to church or perhaps do so only at Christmas? These are questions that, if we take them seriously, involve very complex issues such as what is the purpose of the Church, what is the purpose of worship, what role does worship play in Christian mission and outreach?



To help us explore these topics the PCC will be undertaking an Away Day to the Diocesan Retreat House at Foxhill, Frodsham on **Saturday the 10th September** to pray, think and talk through the above questions and, I suspect, many more also. We do not know the answers to these questions and there is no ulterior motive, agenda or predetermined goal other than to ensure our worship is an acceptable offering to God, feeds those who attend and, hopefully, appeals more to those who don't but to whom we are called to both serve and witness. If you wish to join in the discussion please contact John Grainger.

# Everyday Faith



Everyday Faith is an initiative across the Church of England to enable the whole people of God to live out the Good News of Jesus confidently in all of life, Sunday to Saturday.

Everyday Faith is about where and how we encounter God as we go about our lives. Where is God during our daily lives? How do we find God in the fullness of everyday life?

*'That's where it's all at. Being a Christian isn't about going to church on a Sunday. It's about being there in the real world, being consistent'*

Faith is connecting with the God who holds all things together. So, faith is found in our joys and cares, in our challenges and conflicts as we lean into God's presence and guidance. Faith informs our thinking and our actions as we discern how God might be using us in his work. Faith is an ongoing encounter with God. Faith is our everyday existence with the God who holds all things together.

*"I think because we have been sustained in doing things that are beyond our strength, I know that God is with us"*

Everyday Faith is a series of reflections, prayers and real life stories, such as the ones highlighted, to help all Christians in their own vocation and ministry find and follow God in everyday life.

*'I spend a lot of time talking to God and asking for his guidance, help and support, and also thanking Him for the good things'*

There will be an Everyday Faith roadshow for the Knutsford and Bowden Deaneries held at **St. Peter's, Hale on Tuesday 6th September at 7.30 p.m.** This roadshow is open to anybody and everybody so do come and join us.



Our last Messy Church before we break up for the summer is on **Saturday 25th June** at 10.00 a.m. when we will be looking forward to Lammas Day, the offering of the first-fruits of the harvest

Living in the countryside it is clear that harvest is a season, not just a day and so at St. Wilfrid's we celebrate the whole period of harvest beginning with Lammas, taking in our service of thanksgiving for pets in September and concluding with our Harvest-Home in October.

Join us for some arts and crafts, a few songs, stories and above all, fun and fellowship with other young families in the village.

# Harvest at St. Wilfrid's

There are lots of ways in which, by giving just a little time and effort, you can help make this our best Harvest celebration ever.

## Harvest Decorations



There are three times in the year when the church is fully decorated and one of those times is harvest. Alongside the corn decorations we, of course, have the beautiful, autumnal coloured, flower arrangements. If you can assist in producing any kind of harvest display, floral or otherwise, then please put your name on the list in church, for more information or advice please speak to Liz Bridgford, her number is on the back of this magazine. The church will be decorated for harvest on Friday 4th October from 9.30 a.m.

## Harvest Supper

Our annual Harvest Supper will take place at the Cricket Club on Friday 4th October at 7.30 p.m. This is a great and very friendly occasion and is followed by a quiz. Tickets cost £10 for adults and £5 for children, we will enjoy a traditional hot-pot supper and there will be a bar. Tickets on sale now.

## Harvest Refreshments

The church will be open for visitors on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October between 10.00 and 4.00 and on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October between 1.00 and 4.00. During these times refreshments will be served. If you are able to help by baking and donating cakes or biscuits and in serving refreshments please contact Jean 873890.



## Harvest Flowers



It has been our custom to send a gift of Harvest flowers to people around the parish. If there is anybody you know who might appreciate a bunch of flowers please put their name and address down on the list in church, or contact the Rector. Please remember also to bring a bunch of flowers with you to any of our Harvest services.



# **The Laurence Singers**

## **Harvest Concert**

**St. Wilfrid's Mobberley**  
**Saturday 1st October**

Come and join us for an excellent evening's entertainment with the brilliant Laurence Singers.



With varied works from 'Dashing Away with the Smoothing Iron' arr. Goff Richards to Mozart's 'Ave Verum', stopping off at Brecht and Weill's 'Mack the Knife' and Rutter's 'The Keel Row' along the way.

With other works by the likes of Karl Jenkins, Saint-Saens, Leroy Anderson and Rachmaninov there is something for everybody to enjoy.

**Harvest Concert**  
**St. Wilfrid's Mobberley**  
**Saturday 1st October**  
**7.30 p.m.**

**Tickets £10 inc. light refreshments**

# Mobberley Methodist Church

## Welcome their New Minister



Following the departure of the Rev. Scott Manning in the spring there is a new minister with responsibility for Mobberley Methodist Church. The new minister is the Rev. Nick Thompson who along with his wife Pam, have recently moved into the area. Nick will be living in Alderley Edge and will be living in the manse there whilst the manse of Faulkners Lane will continue to be let.

There will be a service welcoming Nick and Pam to Cheshire and to the Alderley Edge and Knutsford Circuit at Alderley Edge Methodist Church on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 7.30pm. This will be a service of Holy Communion and the preacher will be the Chair of District, the Rev Dr, Andrew Lunn.

