

## Sunday Worship

8.00am.	Holy Communion	1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
10.30am.	All Age Worship	1st Sunday
	Mattins	2nd Sunday
	Parish Communion	3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays
4.00pm	Holy Communion	2nd Sunday
6.30pm	Evensong Arley Chapel	3rd Sunday

### Week-day and other activities

Holy Communion on 1st Wednesday in month at 10.30am

Celtic Evening prayer 1st Thursday in month 7.30pm in the Lady chapel

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## St Mary & All Saints Great Budworth

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**Dates for the diary**

**March 2024**

Compline Services during Lent – all welcome to these short and reflective services which will be held each Thursday evening during Lent at 7.00pm in the Lady Chapel.

PCC Meeting – Monday 18th March at 7.00pm in The Old School – tbc.

**Services for Holy Week and Easter**

Palm Sunday – procession from the Parish Hall at 10.15am followed by the Liturgy for Palm Sunday at 10.30am

Maundy Thursday – 1.30pm Great Budworth School Easter Service in Church (tbc)

7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper at 7.30pm followed by The Vigil in Church till 10.00pm.

Good Friday – 2.00pm Meditations on the Cross followed by Evening Prayer at 3.00pm.

Easter Day – 8.00am Holy Communion and 10.30am Parish Communion

**(NB – clocks go forward on Easter Day this year!)**

Sunday 7th April – Church Teas resume in the Parish Hall, Great Budworth, 2 – 4.30pm.

**Parish Magazine Subscriptions**

We should like to remind all of you who have your Parish Magazines delivered, that subscriptions for 2024 are now due, and should be given to the person who delivers your copy each month. The price at £12 per annum (1.00p per copy – which is less than the cost of a first class stamp!)

We should also like to express our thanks to all the distributors who volunteer their time and effort to make sure the magazines are delivered promptly.

Robert Cross

**Rota for Readers,  
Intercessors & Eucharistic Ministers  
March 2024 Year B**

F I R S T  S U N	<p><b>3rd March 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Purple)</b>  <b>8.00am HC BCP</b>                  Exod. 20. 1 – 17 SL457 LL514 L. Entwistle                  1 Cor. 1.1–25 SL460 LL517 S Evans                  John 2 13 – 22 SL461 LL518  <b>10.30am All Age Worship</b>  <b>Special Service Sheet</b></p>	
S E C O N D  S U N	<p><b>10<sup>th</sup> March 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Purple)</b>  <b>10.30am Mothering Sunday Service</b>  <b>Special Service Sheet</b>                  1 Sam. 1. 20 – end SL113 LL126 C Rees                  2 Cor. 1. 3 –7 SL115 LL128 V Walker                  John 19. 25b – 27 SL116 LL130</p>	<p><b>4.00 pm HC CW</b>                  Numbers 21. 4 – 9 LL519 SL461                  Ephesians 2. 1 – 10 LL520 SL463                  John 3. 14 – 21 LL521 SL464</p>
T H I R D  S U N	<p><b>17<sup>th</sup> March 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>  <b>Passion Sunday (Purple)</b>  <b>8.00am HC BCP 10.30am HC CW</b>                  Jer.31.31 – 34 SL465 LL522 J Rees                  Heb.5. 5 – 10 SL467 LL524 J Martin                  John 12. 20 – 33 SL467 LL525                  INT M Cross                  EM S Evans</p>	<p><b>6.30pm EP BCP Arley Hall Chapel</b>                  Psalm 34 1-10                  Exodus 7 8-24 Lord Ashbrook                  Romans 5 12-end Officiant</p>
F O U R T H  S U N	<p><b>24<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday (Red)</b>  <b>10.15 HC CW Liturgy of the Passion</b>                  Isa. 50. 4 - 9a SL471 LL529 S Gray                  Phil. 2. 5 – 11 SL472 LL530 D Hammond                  Liturgy of the Passion Year A                  The Simple entrance: J Rees                  Narrator: K. Hammond                  Jesus: C Rees                  Other: J. Martin                  INT Vicar                  EM S Ollier</p>	
	<p><b>28<sup>th</sup> March Maundy Thursday (White)</b>  <b>7.30pm HC CW</b>                  Exodus 12. 1 – 14 SL145 LL162 V Walker                  1 Corinthians 11. 23 -26 SL147 LL165 M Cross                  John 13. 1 -17 SL147 LL165                  INT K Hammond</p>	<p><b>29<sup>th</sup> March Good Friday</b>  <b>2pm Meditations on the Cross</b>  <b>3pm Evening Prayer</b></p>
F I R S T  S U N	<p><b>31st March Easter Day (White)</b>  <b>8.00am HC BCP 10.30am HC CW</b>                  Isaiah 25. 6 – 9 SL483 LL542 C Rees                  Acts 10. 34 – 43 SL482 LL541 V Walker                  John 20. 1 – 18 SL487LL546                  INT J Rees                  EM S Gray</p>	

## Sidespersons Rota – March 2024

### 1st Sunday 3rd March Lent 3

8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Robert Steele <u>Marian Steele</u>
10.30am	All Age Worship	Anne O'May Rebecca Brierley

### 2nd Sunday 10th March Lent 4

10.30am	Mothering Sunday Special Service	Geoff Taylor <u>Hazel Taylor</u>
4.00pm	Holy Communion CW	Shirley Humphreys

### 3rd Sunday 17th March Lent 5 – Passiontide begins

8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	<u>Pat Hart</u>
10.30am	Parish Communion CW	Robert Cross <u>Anne O'May</u>
6.30pm	Evening Prayer at Arley	xxxxxxxxx

### 4th Sunday 24th March Palm Sunday

10.15am	Procession with palms	Robert Cross
10.30am	Liturgy for Palm Sunday	Maggie Earl

### Maundy Thursday 28th March

7.30pm	Holy Communion & stripping Of the altar and Vigil	Margaret Cross
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### Good Friday 29th March

2.00pm	Meditations on the Cross	Margaret Cross
3.00pm	Evening Prayer BCP	

### 5th Sunday 31st March EASTER DAY

#### **Clocks Spring Forward British Summer Time**

8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Robert Steele <u>Marian Steele</u>
10.30am	Parish Communion	Geoff Taylor Hazel Taylor Anne O'May

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## From the Vicar

In her reflection last month Christina wrote about how early Easter is this year, and about not being ready! I'm sure we can all empathise with her as we seem to be "hurtling" through Lent on our way to Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter! Early or not, we do have the whole of this month to prepare and to get ready – it's just up to us to make the most of the days and weeks in the best ways we can. People often speak about Lent as a time of "giving up" but increasingly I find that it is being seen more as a time of "taking on" – space for both perhaps?

There are, as Christina also mentioned last month, plenty of resources to help us with this (digital and physical), and time is something that all of us can and should think about more carefully, and prayerfully, during Lent and in the approach to Easter. And, as we read, think and talk about, and pray and reflect, on the events of those weeks leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection, we are all I'm sure very conscious of the tragic and heartfelt events continuing to unfold in the Holy Land, affecting Jews, Christians and Muslims – all of us "children of Abraham" and all of us precious in God's eyes. So many families across that region are affected by suffering and grief, and it is so important that we continue to hold them all in loving prayer, and to do what we can to alleviate suffering and to bring relief to those who are in such desperate need.

At Eastertide five years ago now I wrote about the terrible fire which had partially destroyed Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, and I'm sure we've all been aware of the painstaking repair, conservation, restoration and re-building work which has taken place over the last five years. Watching the incredible skill of the craftspeople involved, with their obvious love for the Cathedral and all it stands for, and their pride in their work, has been quite amazing and really uplifting. We were in Paris in the summer of 2019 and of course were unable to get anywhere near the Cathedral, which was

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completely shrouded in scaffolding – but this year, to the great joy of Parisians and the people of France, and across the world, that scaffolding will be dismantled and the beautiful and historic Cathedral properly open again and able to be visited. Out of such disaster.....

On a very personal note, Easter Day this year will be a very poignant time for me as it is the 12th anniversary of my mother's death – but it will be in the joy of the resurrection that I will be remembering her and giving thanks for her long life and love.

“Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed – Alleluia!

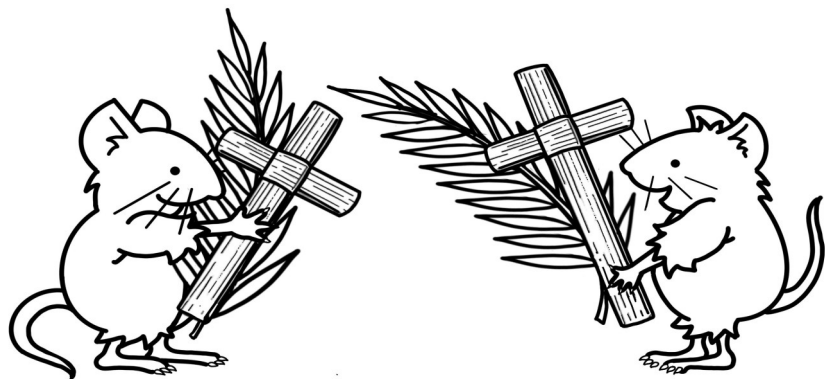
May God's blessing and peace be upon you all this month, and especially, in advance, this coming joyful Eastertide – Happy Easter!

The Revd Alec Brown.

#### From the Registers

**Weddings** – congratulations to Rachel Bean and Taras Iwaniw who were married on 17th February

**Funerals** – rest in peace Steven Hornby, whose funeral took place , at Vale Royal Crematorium on 26th February.



We are available by phone or email if you want to talk to us. We can offer a chat or prayer or both. If you have Facebook, have a look at the church page, @greatbudworthchurch where Christina posts prayers and reflections

We keep you all in our prayers. Stay well.

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All phone calls etc. will be treated with confidence, but may need to be shared with somebody else on the team.

If you don't wish this to happen, please let the person you speak to know at the time of first contact.

Following the Crossword in January's edition I promised a mention for the first correct answer received by email. Well the first correct answer was received from:-

NO ONE!



Articles for April edition send to Rob Cross:

[robcross43@gmail.com](mailto:robcross43@gmail.com) by **22<sup>nd</sup> March** please

Back in October Christina wrote an article in this magazine about the **Eco Church** scheme, about demonstrating the Gospel is good news for God's earth, and about how we express our care for God's world.

Following this we had a meeting of those interested to see how well we are doing already and also if we could use the guidance of the scheme to achieve more. As our building is a historic and listed building we knew we would have constraints on what we could do in this area but we were encouraged in what we already do and decided it would be very possible to achieve a Bronze award under this scheme.

## So What's this Eco Church all about?

Eco Church is a scheme run by A Rocha UK equipping churches to care for God's creation

There are five areas that a church must demonstrate environmental engagement with to receive an award:

Worship and teaching

Management of church buildings

Management of church land

Community and global engagement

Lifestyle

By completing an online survey, churches can be considered for an Eco Church Award at either Bronze, Silver, or Gold level.

## Blessing of same sex relationships in Church

A great deal has been written about this subject over the last year or so, and there has been much talk and debate in General Synod and in our own Diocesan Synod, with more to come. Bishop Mark has written to all clergy across the Diocese about this, and of course the new Prayers of Love and Faith for the blessing of same sex relationships have now been commended for use across the Church of England. Interestingly, Pope Francis has also been proactive, and very positive, in this respect, reminding Roman Catholics (and others) across the world of the inherent dignity and value of every person, notwithstanding their sexuality.

We have had discussion about this subject within the PCC, which is in agreement with the provision of prayers (and in due course stand alone services, which have not as yet been authorised for use within the Church) for couples in same sex relationships, should they seek this from us. We have also discussed the subject at Deanery Chapter meetings, and I am very conscious, and respectful, of the different opinions on this subject held by Christians, and others. Throughout the discussions Bishop Mark has been clear that agreement to make use of the Prayers of Love and Faith, and eventually the stand alone services, does not change the Church's understanding of marriage.

In agreeing with the provision of the prayers, the PCC would also like there to be an opportunity for anyone who wishes to discuss the subject – so please feel free to contact me about this, or to approach me after a Sunday morning service. If enough people would like to discuss this further then we will arrange a short meeting after a Sunday morning service.

The Revd Alec Brown.

# St. Mary And All Saints Church Teas 2024



**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> April to Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**This is a major fundraiser to raise funds for the day to day running of the church.**

## Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who came along to the coffee morning on the 10<sup>th</sup> February, and those who phoned through to sign up for Church Teas for 2024. We have about 4 Sundays left to cover, so if you can help with any of these, or want to know more about it, please speak to Margaret 07732324001 or Maggie 01565 777262.

Teas commence on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April.



# Creation Care

## WWF, Earth Hour

At 8.30pm on the last Saturday in March WWF, Earth Hour invites you to turn off your lights.

Earth Hour is one of the world's largest grassroots movements for the environment, with millions of people in more than 180 countries, switching off their lights to show support for our planet

## Whoop Whoop! (sorry Christina)

St Mary and All Saints has been awarded a Bronze Eco-Church award by A Rocha. The Bronze award is a recognition that the churches have made progress in assessing and changing how they use the land and buildings in their care, as well as how they connect and care for the environment with the local community and in worship. This is a great achievement for us, and a testament to the work of our Eco Team in assessing how we can be greener as Christians



## A Muddy Traipse

Across the wet and muddy fields I slog  
Making my way carefully from bog to bog,  
And wishing that each heavy tread could double  
My total in the tyranny of the daily step count;  
Whilst from the Mere a distant sound of geese reaches me  
And when I finally arrive at the mount  
Overlooking the water far below, a grey heron  
Flies noisily overhead, and the flock of bed and breakfasting sheep  
Look up briefly before returning to the grass,  
and in an instant my weariness is replaced by wonder  
at the beautiful wintry scene unfolding before my eyes,  
while above us all a high flying buzzard,  
In graceful flight and with distinctive call  
Lifts us all in thanks and praise to the skies.



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Marbury Mere, Northwich  
4th February, 2024.

## Giving to Saint Mary & All Saints Church

The PCC accounts for 2023 are being finalised, but it is evident that we have a deficit for the year of £9200. As we all know, costs have risen greatly over the board, none more so than the utility bills, and unfortunately, our income has decreased somewhat.

Our Parish Share for 2024, which we pay to Chester Diocese is £64,985 and this is on top of all other costs including utility bills etc. A continued deficit is unsustainable. If we get to the point of not being able to pay our Parish Share, there is a strong possibility, we won't have a full time Vicar in the future.

We know this is a difficult time for everyone, but we earnestly ask you all to consider your giving, and ask, if you could increase what you give. Some of you have already upped your giving for this year, and we thank you greatly for that.

If you don't give on a regular basis, maybe you would like to do so? Setting up a monthly standing order for St. Mary and All Saints would be very welcome. Please speak to Margaret Cross, Pauline Ridgway or Don Hammond for details.

Also, please consider Gift aid for your giving if you are a taxpayer, it makes a huge difference to our funds as we can reclaim 25% gift aid back on most donations.

Our objective has to be to raise awareness of this and to increase our annual income. The PCC will be holding a finance meeting on Monday 18th March, and there will be further information coming out after that. If anyone has any ideas for fundraising or would like to be involved in raising funds, please contact us.

Thank you. The Rev Alec Brown and Great Budworth PCC

## Great Budworth C of E Aided School News



The children and staff at school have been very busy over the past few weeks with the residential for the oldest class to Menai, a Valentine's Disco, our Open Day and the half term of Forest School! The residential was just amazing with the children trying out so many new things such as gorge walking, canoeing, archery, low ropes, fire lighting and toasting marshmallows. Well done to all who pushed themselves and tried something new and a big thank you to everyone who made it so enjoyable. The weather wasn't always favourable, but it didn't dampen the mood!

Our Forest School sessions run for all the children every Tuesday, on alternate half terms and the children get to go outside and explore nature. They absolutely love learning new things, being creative and the joy of being in the wonderful outdoors. We are so grateful to God for the beauty that we find around us and the resources that we are so blessed to have on our doorstep.

Why not take a look at our social media pages for the school? We are on Facebook and X (formerly known as Twitter) and we post regular updates of what we get up to in school, up coming events and dates as well as our rewards each week. Every Friday we celebrate all the achievements of the week in collective worship. Each class has a Star of the Week, for a whole range of reasons such as working hard, achievements in specific subjects, all round achievement, showing kindness to others, being a good role model and being an amazing person! We also award our Value Award for the week which is a focus on the Christian value that we have been learning about in collective worship – looking for those who are actively living out love, hope, dignity, compassion and joy, to name but a few.

us to improve on- farm efficiency and profitability in a more sustainable way. It's not as if we haven't been doing this since the day dot, but now we need a computer and an algorithm to tell us, anyway we scored very well.

Farmer Rob has been back and taken all the sheep home ready for lambing at the Lambing Shed.

We also took part in the Stretton Young Farmers tractor run. Well done Stretton for organising the charitable event. It was a pleasure to give a little back to the community.

Till next time

Hopefully, we will be in the fields.

Paul Gerrard

*(An illuminating glimpse of the rural idyll? Ed)*



### **30 years since the ordination of women**

It was 30 years ago this month, on 12<sup>th</sup> March 1994, that the first 32 women were ordained as priests in the Church of England. The service was officiated by Bishop Barry Rogerson at Bristol Cathedral.

Bishop Rogerson ordained the women in alphabetical order, so Angela Berners-Wilson was the very first woman to be ordained. She was a university chaplain.

The youngest woman to be ordained that day was aged 30. The oldest was 69. By 2004, ten years on, one of the women priests had died, and 14 had retired.

Bishop Rogerson reckoned it would take 10 years before the first woman would be ordained as a bishop. In the end, it took 21 years.

Then Libby Lane was ordained the first female bishop in the Church of England. She became Bishop of Stockport, a suffragan bishop in the Diocese of Chester.

The first woman to be ordained a diocesan bishop was the Rt Revd Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester, appointed on 26 March 2015

There are currently 25 women bishops in the Church of England.



## Paul Gerrards Farming Diary

It never rains but it pours, literally!

More constant rain means we haven't been on any land. This time last year we were in full swing with Spring operations, ploughing, drilling, applying slurries and fertiliser to the growing crops. This year it won't be happening any time soon.

January seemed to be filled with inspections and tests.

Firstly, it kicked off with the TB test. This is where every cow over the age of 42 days have to adhere to an Annual skin test. Day 1 of the test, two sites are clipped on the neck of the animal. The skin thicknesses at both sites are measured and recorded. Two types of tuberculin, one made from killed *M. bovis* and the other from killed *Mycobacterium avium*, are injected under the outer layer of the skin of the neck at the 'bovine site' and the 'avian site' respectively. On Day 4 of the test, the skin reactions to the two types of tuberculin are measured and compared. When the bovine site reaction exceeds the avian site reaction by more than 4 mm, the animal is declared a reactor under standard interpretation. When the bovine site reaction measures 1-4 mm more than the avian site reaction, the animal is declared an inconclusive under standard interpretation. Fortunately all the animals passed and we are clear.

The second test for me which fell in-between day 1 and day 4 was my annual spraying course to make sure I am still up to date with legislation, chemicals and safe use of chemicals and spraying equipment another tick there also.

The following week we had our farm assurance inspection. This is where we have to comply to a lot of criteria to be able to sell our milk, beef and grains. The farm assurance stands for the RED TRACTOR that you will see on any of your British food packaging. This will tell you that the product has been produced to highest standard of welfare and production from field to fork. Another pass there also.

The following day we had the carbon footprint audit. It measures our performance yields, outputs, how much energy and fertiliser we use etc. What we have fed to our animals, what ingredients are in the feeds e.g. soya. Fortunately we use sustainably sourced soya and minimal amount so that works very well for us. But as a whole soya is very bad. This is aimed to help

A big thank you to Rev. Christina for the treats that she dropped off from Church for the children, to share the love throughout the school community on Valentine's Day – they were very much appreciated by everyone. Mrs Corradine also shared some lovely tokens of appreciation with the staff as a thank you for all their hard work – so a big thank you to our lovely head teacher too!

"Let all you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16 v 14

Susie Ripley

Great Budworth C.E. (A) Primary School

### Thanking two kinds of Mother on 10<sup>th</sup> March

Mothering Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent, is the day for honouring our Mother Church, and has been celebrated since the Middle Ages.

Mother's Day is an annual day to honour our mothers, and it began in America in May 1907.

In the US, Canada, Australia and Mexico, Mother's Day is still held in May. In Britain, Mothers' Day is held on Mothering Sunday, so the two days are often merged in people's minds.

If you ask Google for ideas of how to be nice to your church on that day, you won't find much. But if you want to be kind to your mother that day, you will be spoilt for choice. High on all the lists are suggestions for taking her to lunch, giving flowers, a card, or paying for her to have a day doing something she loves.

Whatever you choose to do, probably the best thing to give your mother must surely be yourself: some time and some love. Remind her of the funny and touching stories of your childhood and thank her for all the things that she did for you. Give her some good company and show her some gratitude. Let her know that you love her and appreciate her.

Remember that the Commandment 'Honour thy father and mother' was the first commandment that came with a promise of blessing on you, if you obey.



## Next Archdeacon of Macclesfield announced

Following a period of discernment, The Bishop of Chester, Mark Tanner, is pleased to announce that the Reverend Jane Proudfoot has been appointed as the next Archdeacon of Macclesfield.

“Jane is currently the Rector of Grappenhall, Priest in charge of Daresbury, and Rural Dean of Great Budworth in this Diocese. Since September, she has been serving as Assistant Archdeacon of Macclesfield.

Jane follows Bishop Ian Bishop, Bishop of Thetford who served as Archdeacon of Macclesfield from 2011 to 2023, and we continue to pray for him as we pray for her.

Jane is originally from East Lancashire. Before becoming a vicar, she was a teacher of Religious Studies at Sandbach and Knutsford high schools, and before then, the first Homelessness officer for Warrington Borough Council.

She is married to Danny and has two grown-up daughters, Rose and Aphra, and a Red Labrador that sometimes answers to the name of Nell.

A big lover of music, Jane enjoys a broad spectrum of genres, including classical, jazz, musical theatre, and folk. She’s also a regular at the annual Creamfields dance festival in Daresbury where she has been leading ‘We are the Church at Creamfields’ since 2017.

Jane became interested in applying for the role when a particular part of the job description spoke to her, "It talked about the archdeacon being the ‘Arch-Pastor’ of the archdeaconry, which I interpreted as being someone who encourages, enables and supports clergy and laity in the archdeaconry, in their mission to reach out to those people who haven't yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ.

“This is an exciting time for Chester Diocese as new approaches to church growth begin to emerge from our Diocesan Vision. It’s great to be joining the senior team as we support clergy and parishes in implementing new and innovative strategies.”

The Chester Diocesan News E-Bulletins can be viewed online at

<https://www.chester.anglican.org/support-services/communications/e-bulletins/>

***We are pleased to say that Jane started her journey here at Great Budworth, where she was a member of our congregation. We wish Jane well, and send all best wishes to her and her lovely family; husband Danny and daughters Rose and Aphra. Jane will be licensed at a service in Chester Cathedral on the afternoon of 28th April 3pm.***