

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
6.30pm	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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Great Budworth, Lower Wincham, Marbury, Marston, and Pickmere.

Dates for the diary

May 2024

St Mary And All Saints Church

May services and events

Wed 1 st May	10.30am	Holy Communion followed by refreshments.
Thur 2 nd	7.00pm	Celtic Evening Prayer
Sun 5 th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.30am	Rogation Sunday – special service including walk outside Refreshments afterwards
Wed 8 th	10.30am	Craft & Natter in the old school - £2 for church funds
Thur 9 th	2.00pm	Play & Praise in church
	7.30pm	Ascension Day Holy Communion
Sun 12 th	10.30am	Matins BCP – Start of Christian Aid Week
	6.30pm	Holy Communion Common Worship
Sat 18 th	9.15am	Boyd walk with Rev Alec Brown from Antrobus St. Marks
Sun 19 th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP – Pentecost (Whit Sunday)
	10.30am	Parish Communion
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer at Arley Chapel BCP
Mon 20 th	7.00pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting, The Old School And Meeting to elect Church Wardens
Wed 22 nd	10.30am	Craft & Natter in the Old School
Thur 23 rd	2.00pm	Play and Praise tbc
Fri 24 th	12.00pm	Wedding in Church
Sun 26 th	10.30am	Parish Communion Common Worship
	2.30pm	Forest Church venue tbc
June		
Sun 2 nd	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.30am	All Age Worship
Wed 5 th	10.30am	Holy Communion Common Worship
Thur 6 th from	6.00pm	D-Day 80 th anniversary celebration in and around Church (see advert)

You are invited to join The Rev Alec Brown on the annual Boyd Walk (2-3 hours easy walking and with some wonderful views), leaving Antrobus St. Marks Church at 9.30am (meet 9.15am). Walking boots and dress for the weather! Refreshments afterwards in St Mark's – Christian Aid Coffee Morning.

Rota for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers & Intercessors May 2024 Year B

F I R S T S U N	<p><u>5th May The 6th Sunday of Easter (White)</u> <u>8.00am HC BCP</u> Acts 10.44–end LL561 SL500 1 John 5. 1 – 6 LL562 SL501 John 15. 9 – 17 LL563 SL502</p> <p><u>Rogation Sunday</u></p> <p><u>Special Service Sheet</u></p>	<p><u>No Evening Service</u></p>
	<p><u>9th May Ascension Day</u></p>	<p><u>7.00 pm HC CW</u> Acts 1. 1 – 11 LL240 SL213 C Rees Eph. 1. 15 – end LL243 SL216 M Cross Luke 24. 44 – end LL 244 SL217</p>
S E C O N D S U N	<p><u>12th May The 7th Sunday of Easter (White)</u> <u>10.30am Mattins BCP</u> Psalm 1. Page 144 Acts 1. 15–17, 21–end LL564 SL503 J Martin John 17. 6 – 19 LL566 SL505</p>	<p><u>6.30 Holy Communion</u> Acts 1. 15–17, 21–end LL564 SL503 1 John 5. 9 – 13 LL565 SL504 John 17. 6 – 19 LL566 SL505</p>
T H I R D S U N	<p><u>19th May Pentecost Whit Sunday (Red)</u> <u>8.00am HC BCP 10.30am HC CW</u> Acts 2. 1 – 21 LL567 SL506 S Gray Rom. 8.22 – 27 LL571 SL510 S Evans John15.26-27; 16.4b-15 LL572 SL510 INT Vicar EM S Oliier</p>	<p><u>6.30pm Evening Prayer</u> <u>Arley Hall Chapel</u> Psalm 139. 1 – 11 Page 595 Ezekiel 36. 22 - 28 Lord Ashbrook Acts 2. 22- 38 Officiant</p>
F O U R T H S U N	<p><u>26 May Trinity Sunday (White)</u> <u>10.30am HC CW</u> Isaiah 6. 1 – 8 LL573 SL506 J Martin Romans 8. 12 – 17 LL575 SL513 M Cross John 3. 1 – 17 LL576 SL514 INT K Hammond EM S Evans</p>	<p><u>No Evening Service</u></p>

Sidespersons Rota – May 2024

1st Sunday	5th May Easter 6	
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	<u>Pat Hart</u>
10.30am	All Age Worship Rogation Sunday	Anne O'May Rebecca Brierley
Thursday	9th May Ascension Day	
7.00pm	Holy Communion CW	Margaret Cross
2nd Sunday	12th May Easter 7	
10.30am	Matins	Geoff Taylor Hazel Taylor
6.30pm	Holy Communion CW	Shirley Humphreys
3rd Sunday	19th May Pentecost	
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Robert Steele <u>Marian Steele</u>
10.30am	Parish Communion CW	Robert Cross <u>Anne O'May</u>
6.30pm	Evening Prayer at Arley	xxxxxxxxx
4th Sunday	26th May Trinity Sunday	
10.30am	Parish Communion	Robert Cross <u>Maggie Earl</u>
1st Sunday in June	2nd June	
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	<u>Pat Hart</u>
10.30am	All Age Worship	Anne O'May Rebecca Brierley

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From the Vicar

Not wishing to dwell on April showers, I am however drawn almost inexorably to that much quoted piece of weather folklore “Don’t cast a clout till May is out!” but will still be praying and hoping for drier and warmer weather this month, and especially for our farming community, who will all be very much in our thoughts and prayers, and especially as we celebrate Rogationtide, one of the many agricultural/rural festivals we keep in this country parish.

In the middle of the month I will be leading the annual Boyd Walk around part of the Parish of Antrobus which, together with Great Budworth Parish, was the subject of A.W. Boyd’s important work “A Country Parish” which was first published in 1951 as part of the New Naturalist series. Boyd’s work is a joy to read for anyone who loves and appreciates the countryside and its history, culture, customs and wildlife – and 73 years after its publication it is still relevant, as witnessed by the popularity of the annual appearance of the Soulcakiers in the autumn, amongst other things.

Walking all around the Parish, as I do on a regular basis, reminds me in a most physical sense of our relationship with the created order, and of course with the creator God – a theme and subject which Christian writers, thinkers and natural historians have long understood and written about, including The Revd Gilbert White, whose 18th Century seminal work “The Natural History of Selborne” was an important precursor to much of the work and writings undertaken in the 19th Century by natural historians and scientists.

Together with these important rural/countryside celebrations and events, May also sees the celebration of two of the most significant and important festivals/occasions in the life of the Christian Church – Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, and its effects upon them in what must have been such tense and uncertain

Continued over

days following Jesus' resurrection, was one of the key and most pivotal moments in the development and evolution of the Church – from a small group of followers, all Jewish, to a worldwide movement embracing every culture, race and language. And the early Church was keen to establish and adhere to the understanding of God held up to them by Jesus of the Trinity, which clearly troubled some believers over those first few centuries of the Church's life.

There is so much to look forward to in May – from recognising and taking pleasure in our rural setting to rejoicing in the continuing work of the Holy Spirit in us and in churches and believers across the world, as well as reminding ourselves of our understanding and appreciation of the Trinity – and this notwithstanding whatever weather the month brings!

May God bless each one of us in the coming month.

The Revd Alec Brown.

From the Registers

Baptisms – welcome to Beau and Albie McDonough who were baptized on 28th April

Weddings – congratulations to Jessica Stalmach and Thomas Rowlands, and to Jasmine Virk and Chris Walker, and to Grace Hanily and Elias Medjber whose marriages were blessed at Arley Chapel on 3rd, 6th and 27th April respectively.

Funerals – rest in peace Alan Price whose funeral took place in Church on 5th April, and Dorothy Joan Jnauen and David Hodson whose ashes were interred in the Churchyard on 15th and 23rd April respectively, and Jenifer Morton whose Service of Thanksgiving was held in Church on 19th April following her funeral at Vale Royal Crematorium.

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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Articles for June edition send to Rob Cross:

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13th-20th May – Mental Health Awareness week

As this month we observe Mental Health Awareness Week, it would be well worth especially praying for our young people.

The Children's Commissioner for England has recently warned that our nation's children are still facing a mental health crisis, following the isolation and loneliness of the pandemic.

And now, Dame Rachel de Souza warns that too many of these children are being kept waiting "far too long" for professional support. She found that, of the 949,200 children and young people referred to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) in 2022-23, more than 270,000 children and young people are still waiting to be seen.

Dame Rachel says: "This generation of children has experienced uniquely uncertain and challenging times. Some have spent some of their most formative years isolated and indoors, fearful they or their loved ones may catch a deadly virus.

"They have felt the squeeze of a cost-of-living crisis, and they are keenly aware of the pressure their parents are under. They are constantly bombarded by negative news, of wars and climate catastrophe. And an increasing number are exposed to the harmful impact of social media, cyber bullying, and online exploitation."

She continued: "Against this backdrop, it is not surprising that we continue to see the number of children experiencing poor mental health at persistently high levels."

Sunday 5th May – All Age Worship Rogation Sunday Service 10.30am



Join us for this special service during which we take a walk in the village and down to the school field. We give thanks for creation and ask for blessings on the land and the growing crops and for the unity of our local communities. All welcome Refreshments after the service

(you may remain in church during the walk if you wish)

Time to pray for your church wardens

O Eternal God... enlighten with Thy Grace the Wardens of this church, and so rule their minds and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek Thy Holy Will... Amen.

O Lord, ...we beseech Thee to bless all who, ...give themselves to the service of their fellow worshippers. Endue them with wisdom, patience and courage to strengthen the weak and raise up those who fall... that they may worthily minister in Thy Name to the suffering, the friendless and the needy... Amen

(Prayers from the C of E)

Churchwardens have a vital and historical role in the life of the church. They are elected by the parish, not just the members of the church. Anyone in the parish can vote for them, not just people on the church's electoral roll.

So, if you want to be a churchwarden, just invite your neighbours on the day of the parish meetings in church!

Wardens used to have a significant role in the wider life of the parish with responsibilities for charity, poor relief and even bridges and roads.

Their church duties today include:

- Maintaining order and decency in the church and churchyard, especially during the time of divine service

- Being entrusted with the property of the church

- Having a duty to cooperate with the vicar

- Encouraging parishioners in practice of "true religion"

Quite a job! These are their legal duties, but I also like the prayer above as it reminds us to pray for them to seek God's will, not theirs or ours, but God's, and to strengthen the weak and encourage the fallen.

They may feel most of the time that they are weak and have fallen, but they are equipped with our support and prayers to look after other people who need strength or support - which is probably most of us at times!

environmental issues around the world and ways that they impact on our daily lives. The children will have the opportunity to think about how small actions can have a big impact on the rest of the world, whether for good or for bad.

The bible also teaches us how to care for the environment and how, as custodians, we should treat and respect it for future generations. We hope to instil in the children a love of the world around us, awe and wonder at God's creation, a real sense of belonging to the world and how we can help care for the world around us. "The world and all that is in it belong to the Lord; the earth and all who live on it are his. He built it on the deep waters beneath the earth and laid its foundations in the ocean depths". Psalm 24 v1-2.

Susie Ripley

Great Budworth C.E. (A) Primary School

Creation Care

May

Say no to the mower. Mowing your lawn less and letting parts grow long saves you time and helps give nature a home. If you want to make an even bigger impact on wildlife, wait to mow your lawn or a section of it until August to support even more animals.

Would you like to contribute to citizen science and get to know what (and who!) lives in your church's green space, the Eco team wish to sign up to take part in Churches Count on Nature (8-16 June 2024). Why not help out?

For more eco-tips, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email: arocha.org.uk/wild-

Great Budworth C of E Aided School News



Summer term is now in full swing at school and although the name of the term suggests that we are in summer, unfortunately the weather doesn't even seem to have noticed it is spring! Whilst writing this article, this week, there has been beautiful sunshine followed swiftly by hail stone showers followed by more beautiful sunshine and really cold temperatures... I don't think the weather can make up its mind!

This half term is always busy (although when is there ever a quiet term in school?) as the oldest children will be sitting assessments in school and we have all the lovely summer activities to look forward to and plan for. We continue with all the busyness of learning, exploring and being inspired by the world around us. Forest school has resumed for all the children as they get a chance to learn outdoors each week with our Forest school teacher, Mr Holland. It is amazing what they create each week and how much they learn from what is on our doorstep.

Following on from this, our overarching topic for the school, through the literacy texts we use and the topics that we will be exploring further, is the Environment and how we are custodians of our world. Each class has their own text that they will be looking at such as "The Journey Home" and "Tidy", for our younger children and "Alba the Hundred-Year-Old Fish" and "The Brilliant Deep" for the older children. We will also explore

Saturday 18th May The Boyd Walk

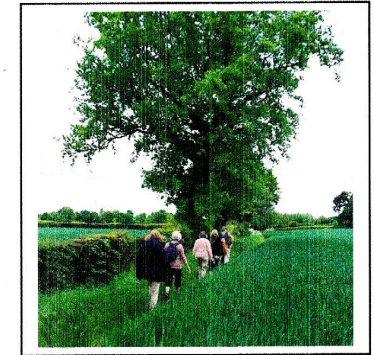
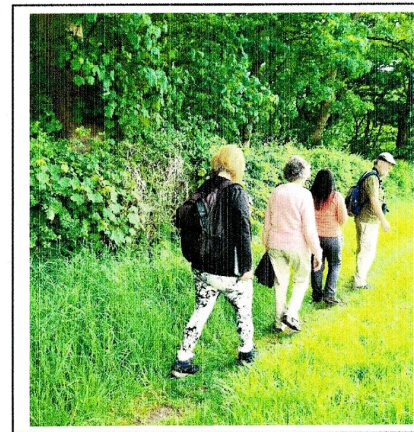
Join The Rev Alec Brown
For the annual Boyd Walk.

2 1/2 hours starting at
St. Mark's Church,
Antrobus.

Meet 9.15am for
9.30am at St. Marks.

Variety of walking terrain
Including road, fields, tracks. (maybe
some stiles)

Walking boots or strong shoes
recommended.



Finish back at St. Marks where you can enjoy a cup of tea and piece of cake.

Raising funds for
Christian Aid.
All welcome.

St Mary and All Saints Church, Great Budworth

6th June, 2024 – 80th anniversary of D- Day

We will be marking the 80th anniversary of D-Day through the evening of 6th June, and everybody is invited to come along. It will all be happening outside between the church and the Old School, unless of course it pours with rain, and then we will be inside the church and Old School.

Programme for the evening:

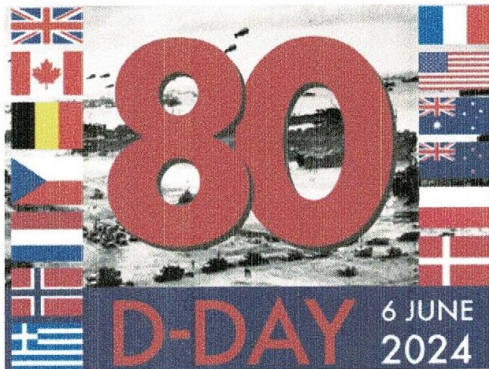
6.00pm – bar open outside the Old School (or inside, depending on the weather) in the Churchyard, and music courtesy of Calico and friends

6.30pm Peal of Bells (around 30 mins) and burgers/bangers and baps (£10 for a burger or a sausage bap and with a drink of your choice from the bar, £7.50 for children under 16, with a soft drink) from the George & Dragon, music. Tickets are only required for the food, these will be available from Sunday 5th May. Margaret 07732324001, Karen 01606 891397

8.30pm D-Day Anniversary Service in Church

9.00pm – gathering outside Church with lighted candles/lanterns for the national beacon lighting at 9.15pm

10.00pm – depart.



April showers

In the midst of so many April showers

The sun finally came out

And stayed, at least for a while,

But ever mindful of May just around the corner

There will not be a casting of any clout;

And in the warm sunshine the butterflies and buzzing bees

Tell a welcoming story of spring

And what might be in store for us all

In this most unusual of years,

And the slowly drying paths and fields

Are good for walkers and shepherds and farmers,

and dogs and cows and sheep as well

As we all look forward to the coming months;

But as for what they hold in store, only God can tell.

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