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| 8.00am. | Holy Communion | 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays | |
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| 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 7.00pm in the Lady chapel

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Dates for the diary October

- Wed 2nd 10.30am Holy Communion Common Worship
- Thur 3rd 9.30am 3.00pm Chester Poetry Workshop, The Old School,

7.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

Sun 6th 8.00am Holy Communion BCP

10.30am All Age ANIMAL BLESSING SERVICE

- Mon 7th 7.00pm PCC Meeting in the Old School
- Thur 10th 1.30pm Play and Praise
- Sat 12th 1.00pm Wedding in Church Hattie and Chris
- Sun 13th 10.30am Matins BCP
 - 6.30pm Holy Communion Common Worship
- Thurs 17th 7.30pm Deanery Synod Meeting, St Matthew's Church, Stretton
- Fri 18th 1.15pm Great Budworth Primary School Harvest Service in Church 10.00pm Sponsored Sleep Out in the Churchyard
- Sun 20th 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
 - 10.30am Parish Communion Common Worship
 - 6.30pm Harvest Thanksgiving at St Mary's Chapel, Arley Hall All Welcome
- Thur 24th 1.30pm Play and Praise
- Sun 27th Clocks go back, now on GMT.
- Sun 27th 10.30am Parish Communion Common Worship

2.30pm Forest Church – Marbury

November

Sun 3rd 8.00am Holy Communion BCP

10.30am All Age Worship

4.00pm All Souls Service of Remembrance for those who have died

(there will be list at the back of church towards the end of October if you wish to include the name of a loved one to be remembered at the service)

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Your feedback and snippets you send are important, if there are any comments on the parish magazine or if you would like anything particular in the issue then please let me know.

Articles for November edition send to Rob Cross: robcross43@gmail.com by <u>18thOctober</u> please

Sidespersons Rota – October 2024

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| 6.30pm | Holy Communion CW | Shirley Humphreys |
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| 10.30am | Parish Communion CW | Robert Cross |
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Robert Cross

Maggie Earl

Shirley Humphreys

4.00pm Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Margaret Cross – 07732324001 Pauline Ridgway – 01565 733494 Dear friends,

LM Montgomery once said "I am so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."

I love Autumn – the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. To see the leaves in the trees change into such a patchwork of colours gives me such incredible joy. This then leads to sadness when I see all the leaves on the ground reminding me of the hardship of letting go.

Most of you know that Nathaniel has now started his degree in York and I found it incredibly hard to let go. From the moment he was born, as he grew up and moved onto other adventures, it has always been from the safety of the nest, within sight of the mother ship. He is beyond ready for this next stage in life, but I have found that I am not.

The song, "Let it go" is from the hit film "Frozen" and I quite often quote "St Elsa" who is one of the main characters – I have beatified her. Children at school can, like many adults, hold grudges for years and I explain the concept of letting go and how that can lead to happier lives. If we enjoy the little ways we can make others happy then that can be the secret of being happy yourself.

In Ephesians it says "Make a clean break with all the cutting, backbiting, profane talk. Be gentle with one another, sensitive. Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you."

So October is a good time to let go of negative things in our lives and enable God to come into our whole lives. Perhaps think about letting go of something this October or taking something up. Dave bought me Dr Michael Mosley's book "Just one thing" How simple changes can transform your life. So far, I have bought a house plant, started eating more beetroot and am counting my blessings. Cold showers have not been attempted but I'm making a start.

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October is a great time in church – things happening but not in a manic way. We start with the end of creation tide and our annual pet blessing service and end with All Hallows Eve. It is a reflective time as we move into All Saints and All Souls when we reflect on those we see no longer. For those who listen to Radio 4, you may have heard the interview with Simon Boas, a 46 year old aid worker who received a terminal diagnosis. He wrote a couple of articles which went viral and so before his death he wrote a book called "A beginners guide to dying" It is an amazing book dealing with how he dealt with his impending death and it is incredibly positive. He writes about how talking about his death, preparing for it and accepting it - helped him enjoy life all the more. "I have developed my ability to prioritise important things, Love, kindness, meaning" He wrote how inordinately precious life is. He encourages people to talk about death not in a morbid but a practical way. October is also "Make a will month" - Solicitors will prepare simple wills in exchange for a charitable donation – 50% of Brits do not have a will – another thing to do in October – it lessens your life by not a single moment but is vital.

All of us are in different seasons of life, all of which bring joys and challenges – when we enter new seasons there can be times of happiness, sadness and lament – but we know that God loves us through every season of his wonderful precious journey we call life. Love and blessings

Christina

Forest Church

27th October 2024

2pm under the Oak Structure, Marbury Park

Join us for reflecting, wandering, twitching, making, eating and enjoying nature

Not Church in any conventional sense, just like minded people who love being in nature, making connections with God and each other Dress for the weather

If you want to find out more speak to Christina 07870 687 304

The Wisconsin-based developmental biologist Jeff Hardin often quotes Psalm 139 to express the wonder of embryonic development. *"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb...your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth."* The story of the tidy Hox genes is very relevant to these verses, bringing out the hidden beauty in the process.

The more biologists get to find out about how we came to be born, the more we can say, "*I am fearfully and wonderfully made*"!

Guardian Angels – keeping an eye on us

The teaching of Jesus encourages us to believe in guardian angels. He once said, 'See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.' (Matthew 18:10)

The existence of angels was suggested in various Old Testament texts, Jesus mentioned them explicitly, and the early Christians accepted their existence and work (Acts 12:15).

In England, devotion to the angels, both in Anglo-Saxon times and later, was strong. In modern times, the great American evangelist Billy Graham has written an entire book on the existence and work of angels.

Alcuin described them as intercessors (in the 11th century Leofric Missal); Herbert of Losinga, bishop of Norwich (d 1119) specially praised them, and his contemporary, Reginald of Canterbury, wrote prayers in their honour.

Honorius Augustodunenis (d 1151) clarified the existing belief of the time by asserting that each human soul, when infused into the body, is entrusted to the particular care of a single angel, who protects both body and soul and offers prayers to God.

For many centuries Christendom was satisfied with the feast of St Michael (and all Angels), but the special feast of the Guardian Angels was introduced in Austria, Spain and Portugal in the 15th – 16th centuries. Guardian Angels were then seen as guardians of particular towns or regions, or of each individual. Pope Clement X made the feast day universal in 1607, fixing its date to 2nd October. This series is written by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

Every person was once a sperm and an egg. Those two unique germ cells fused together, and in nine months they turned into a living, breathing, human being. One of the most important stages of this process is when each section of the body, from head to rump, takes on its identity.

In this context, identity means what shape it takes, and which limbs or internal organs grow there: legs or arms, lungs or pancreas, and so on. The source of that physical identity is DNA: the networks of genes that are switched on or off in each segment of the body, making all the proteins that are needed to grow and develop in the right way. The master-genes that

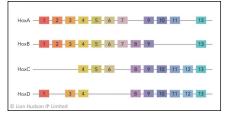
control the whole process are called homeobox, or Hox genes for short.

The most beautiful thing about the process of body patterning is the way it brings the dimensions of time and space together in such a tidy way. The Hox genes are organised into several clusters on the chromosomes, in the order in which they are needed during development *and* the order in which they appear on the body.



As the embryo develops, the cells near the head end activate the first genes in the Hox clusters. The cells just below the head then switch on the second genes in the cluster, and so on. A wave of gene activation passes down the embryo, specifying each section of the trunk in turn.

Once a Hox gene is switched on it can stay switched on in the next few sections of cells, and it is the overlapping activity of the genes which gives each section of the body its proper identity.



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Animal Blessing Service Sunday 6th October 2024

10.30am

Bring your pet along to the service with you and during the service your pet will be blessed (if you wish). If you can't bring your pet along, bring a picture of them.

If you wish a pet who is no longer with you to be remembered, come along and let us know their name, and they will be remembered at an appropriate time in the service.

All welcome.

All pets must be under the control of their owners

(or is it the other way round?)

Great Budworth C of E Aided School News



The start of the new year is always a busy and exciting time. We have had a very happy return to school this September, welcoming new pupils into Nursery & Reception & reorganising our classes to better meet the needs of our children. We held our welcome service this week where, following Jesus' example in Mark's gospel, chapter 10 verses 13 – 16:

¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' ¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

We welcome the children into our Budworth School Family. This is a special service where the children talk about their favourite things about school so far and get to sing their favourite songs. Reverend Alec blessed our new pupils and presented reception children with a bible full of stories about God's Big Story. Reverend Christina also provided each child in school with a crayon to keep in their schoolbag to remind them of how awesome they are and how much they are loved.

The psalmist writes: You are a child of God, you are wonderfully made, dearly loved and precious in His sight. Psalm 139

We are expecting our SIAMs inspection this academic year, and we are so grateful to our FOTS (Friends of the School) who have been working hard over the holidays to create a beautiful new reflection / prayer garden in a corner of the school field, alongside our Forest school area. It provides a new place for children to sit and read or chat, together with activities to help them learn about looking after their spiritual, mental & physical well-being.

Creation Care

October

Contribute to wildlife conservation. Clean bird feeders to prevent diseases spreading to winter migrants. Install a nest box well before breeding season to provide a cosy retreat for small birds during cold winter nights. Prepare to support more birds next year, with more tips at arocha.org.uk/give-a-bird-a-home. As you observe the local birds reflect on this verse, 'I know every bird in the mountains, and the insects in the fields are mine.' Psalm 50:11.

Editor: Canon Paul Hardingham considers the crisis facing Nature

António Guterres (United Nations Secretary-General) has said that we're at 'Code red for humanity: the alarm bells are deafening, and the evidence is irrefutable: greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuel burning and deforestation are choking our planet and putting billions of people at immediate risk.'

At this time of Creationtide, how are we to respond to these climate concerns?

The world belongs to God:

'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it' (Psalm 24:1). The world is not ours, but God's! We are called to share in care for God's world: 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.' (Genesis 1:28). We represent God by governing with the same self-giving generosity that we see in His creation of the earth. This challenges our consumer mindset, that sees the earth's resources as both limitless and existing simply for our needs. For example, the fashion industry uses as much carbon per minute, as a car emits going six times round the world! How can we make a difference in our world?

We belong to Christ:

We also belong to the one who's plan is: 'to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.' (Ephesians 1:10). We can look forward to the time when God will create a new heaven and a new earth and make everything new. Meanwhile, we are called to serve as He serves, caring for the earth and our fellow humans, by living simply, recycling, conserving energy and choosing reusable options.

Craft and Natter

Over the last few months, with lots of chat over cups of tea/coffee and biscuits, we have made hearts, bracelets, cardigans jumpers, hats and gloves. Some of those have been made for ourselves or family members, but quite a few items have been made for charities.

Proposed dates are

 9^{th} / 23^{rd} October

13th / 27th November

We all get a little busier in December so may not be able to meet

All meetings are held in the school Room /Reading room10.30am to 12.30pm. Do come and join us if you can. We would love to see more people and to try different crafts.

Persecution continues in Russia

In Russia, an outspoken Christian preacher is facing trial for posting a question on social media. And in occupied Ukraine, a Christian woman could be jailed for up to ten years for remarks made in a prayer meeting.

'Both cases reflect the rising persecution of Christians in Russia and in Russianoccupied Ukraine,' says Paul Robinson, the CEO of Release International, which supports persecuted Christians around the world.

'Christian leaders have been tortured, disappeared, and murdered for taking a Christian stand, in what looks worryingly like a return to the bad old days of Christian persecution under the Soviet Union.'

Eduard Charov, a Russian preacher with Orthodox and Pentecostal roots, posted online the question: 'Would Jesus Christ have gone to kill in Ukraine?'

He is set to stand trial on charges of discrediting the Russian armed forces and is expecting a prison term. In the meantime, he has been forbidden from leaving his home district or from using the phone or the Internet.

We are so grateful for all the wonderful things FOTS do to help our school.

Our Values for this term are Thankfulness and Kindness: being grateful and thankful for our school, our families and all of the wonderful opportunities we have as well as showing kindness by helping new children to settle in & helping others in our community. We are planning activities to support the NSPCC Kindness challenge at the end of September & will be collecting for the Food Bank as part of our Harvest celebrations.

In our worship, we will be talking about being thankful for all the people who help us in school. The Bible tells us that when St Paul wrote letters to his friends he often began by thanking God for them and all that they meant to him. In his letter to his friends in Philippi, he begins *"Every time I think of you I give thanks to my God." Philippians 1.3*

We have three dates for your diary this month;

Our first **Open morning** of the year will be on **Wednesday 16th October** from 10am until 12noon. If you know anyone looking for a Nursery or Reception place or considering changing schools, please let them know. There will also be an Open morning on the **Monday 9th December**. However, every day is an Open day at Great Budworth so please contact the office on 01606 663690 to arrange an appointment to visit our lovely village school.

On **Thursday 3rd October**, we will be hosting an **Afternoon Tea in aid of MacMillan's** Cancer charity from 2pm until 4pm. As it is also National Poetry Day, the children will be sharing poems with our guests. Please do come along & join us for a special afternoon involving poetry, tea and cake you will be made very welcome.

Then on **Friday 18th October**, we will be holding our **Harvest Service** in Church, starting at 1.15pm. Again, everyone is very welcome to attend as we give thanks for the harvest. This is especially important to us as a rural village school surrounded by the farming community.





Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Arley Chapel

Sunday 20th October 6.30pm

Please join us in the beautiful St. Mary's Chapel at Arley Hall for the harvest service.

You are invited to stay for a glass of wine after the service

"The New Season of the Lite Bite will begin at Comberbach Methodist Church on Thursday 3rd October from 12 noon until 1.30pm. It will continue each fortnight, finishing on the 12th December. Look out for the big blue board outside the Chapel. Please phone 891248 for more details."

From the Registers

Baptism – welcome to Harry Earl who was baptised on 22nd September

Marriage – congratulations to Isabelle Philps and Conor Gay who were married in Church on 7th September, and to Lauren Hamblett and Mike Ellams, and Linda Fayolle and Ian Keay whose marriages were blessed at St Mary's Chapel, Arley Hall on 14th and 28th September respectively.

Funerals – rest in peace David Cross, whose funeral and burial took place on 9th September, and Nancy Cobley, whose cremated remains were interred in Marston Churchyard on 13th September.

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

Forward planning for 2025!

'The Joys and Making of a Rural Parish' Flower Festival

St. Mary and All Saints Church

A Flower Festival, under the leadership of Maggie Earl and team. $12^{\text{th}},\,13^{\text{th}},\,14^{\text{th}}$ July 2025

More details as the planning gets under way.

We will need lots of help with stewards, refreshments etc. So please make a note in your diaries.

We are hoping community groups will be involved with the flower displays. This will be a major fundraiser for our church.



To raise funds towards the cost of holding the Flower Festival, we will be having a **Christmas Wreath Workshop with Maggie Earl.**

This will be in church on Wednesday 4th December 2024

2pm to 4pm. Mince pies and mulled wine or tea and coffee will be served. Booking required.

Book with Maggie Earl or Margaret Cross. These workshops are great fun. Cost: £45/person



The poem I haven't written

The poem that I haven't written yet Is waiting, somewhere, just around the corner Of the field of golden wheat; But as I walk I'm diverted and distracted By the blackberries beckoning to me From the hedges by the field's edge; Succulent and sweet and full Of ripe August sunshine, and my pace slows As I stretch and reach up to pull The thorny branches towards me; And still the subject of the poem eludes me, Till coming to the gate that bars my way I know that all I have to do is let The soft, ripe and luscious blackberries have their say.

© The Revd Alec Brown Marbury Mere, Comberbach 18 th August, 2024.

The Friends of Great Budworth Church

Heritage Afternoon – Saturday 14th September.

Thank you to everybody who came along to the heritage afternoon.

It was a beautiful warm, sunny day, which helped greatly with the trips up the tower. Five groups were escorted up the spiral staircase to the top of the tower, where they could see the surrounding countryside, North, South, East and West.



Looking towards Pickmere Lake, with Jodrell Bank, Bosley Cloud and Shutlingsloe Hill in the distance.



Looking over Marbury Mere with the vegetable fields in the forefront, towards the two chimneys at Winnington works on the left of the picture and beyond to the hills of Beeston and Peckforton. Robert Steele entertained a large audience with a talk on the history of the church.

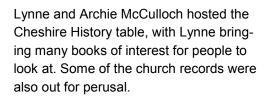


Stephen Reynolds gave a recital on the Renn Organ.

Annette Jones and Roy Kirkpatrick gave talks about the bells, with Roy showing how to toll the bell.

Pauline Ridgway had her craft stall there, thanks to Sarah and Kathryn for helping on that.

Marian Steele manned the 2nd hand book stall.





Rev Alec Brown led a walking tour round the village with a little local history thrown in. Refreshments were served through the afternoon, thanks to Shirley, Jackie, Karen, Kathryn, Alleyne, Jane and all the bakers who provided the cakes.

Finally, thanks to all who helped with the tower trips – Janet Rees and Vicky Walker for taking the bookings, Sarah Rosevear who gave the health and safety talk, Tom Cross, Katy Cross and Dave Westwell who led the groups up and down the tower stairway and Rob Cross who stayed on top of the tower for 3 hours to welcome the groups up and keep order up there!

The whole afternoon had a lovely atmosphere, with lots of people sitting, chatting and enjoying a cup of tea and piece of cake.

Thank you to everybody for a great afternoon.

The Friends of Great Budworth Church

If you would like to become a 'Friend' of the church, please speak to:

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