

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 7.00pm in the Lady chapel

Play & Praise 1.30pm 2nd and 4th Thursdays (apart from School holidays)

Forest Church 4th Sunday in month 2.30pm (but not August or December)

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St Mary & All Saints Great Budworth

Serving Arley, Aston-by-Budworth, Comberbach, Crowley, Great Budworth,
Lower Wincham, Marbury, Marston, and Pickmere.

St. Mary & All Saints Church

Services & Events

August

Sat 1 st	12.00pm	Service of Blessing at Arley
	2.00pm	Wedding in church
Sun 2 nd	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.30am	All Age Service – refreshments afterwards
	1.15pm	Walk with a purpose from GB church –Comberbach
Wed 5th	10.30am	Holy Communion CW—refreshments afterwards
Thur 6th	7.00pm	Celtic Evening Prayer
	7.30pm	Discussion group with refreshments
Sun 9th	10.30am	Matins BCP
	6.30pm	Holy Communion CW
Wed 12th	10.30am	Craft & Natter in the Old School tbc
Sun 16th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.30am	Holy Communion CW
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer BCP at Arley Chapel
Fri 21st	2.00pm	Service of Blessing at Great Budworth
Sun 23rd	10.30am	Holy Communion CW
	2.30pm	Forest Church – NO FOREST CHURCH IN AUGUST
Wed 26th	10.30am	Craft & Natter in the Old School tbc
Sun 30th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.30am	Holy Communion CW

No Forest Church in August – Forest Church returns on 27th September in the Quiet Garden at Great Budworth

Sidespersons Rota – August 2026

<u>1st Sunday</u>	<u>2nd August TRINITY 9 - proper 13</u>	
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Robert & Marian Steele
10.30am	All Age Worship	Anne O'May Rebecca Brierley

<u>2nd Sunday</u>	<u>9th August TRINITY 10 – proper 14</u>	
10.30am	Matins BCP	Margaret Cross <u>Robert Cross</u>
6.30pm	Holy Communion CW	Shirley Humphreys

<u>3rd Sunday</u>	<u>16th August TRINITY 11 – proper 15</u>	
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	<u>Pat Hart</u>
10.30am	Family Communion CW	Anne O'May <u>Robert Cross</u>
6.30pm	E. Prayer at Arley Chapel BCP	xxxxxxxxxxxx

<u>4th Sunday</u>	<u>23rd August TRINITY 12 – proper 16</u>	
10.30am	Parish Communion	Anne or Rob Maggie Earl

<u>5th Sunday</u>	<u>30th August TRINITY 13 – proper 17</u>	
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	<u>Pat Hart</u>
10.30am	Parish Communion CW	Margaret Cross Robert Cross

<u>September</u>		
<u>1st Sunday</u>	<u>6th September TRINITY 14 - proper 18</u>	
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Robert Steele <u>Marian Steele</u>
10.30am	All Age Worship	Anne O'May Rebecca Brierley

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Rota for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers & Intercessors

August 2026

Year A

1st Sun	<u>2nd August 9th Sunday after Trinity Lammas (Green)</u> <u>8am HC BCP</u> Isaiah 55. 1-5 SL288 LL324 Romans 9. 1-5 SL289 LL325 Matt. 14. 13-21 SL290 LL321 <u>10.30am All Age Service</u>	<u>No Evening Service</u>
2nd Sun	<u>9th August 10th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</u> <u>10.30am Matins BCP</u> Psalm 85. 8-13 J. Martin 1 Kings 19. 9-18 SL293 LL330 K. Arlitt Matt.14. 22-33 SL296 LL3	<u>6.30pm HC CW Arley</u> 1 Kings 19. 9-18 Romans 10. 5-15 Matt. 14 22-33
3rd Sun	<u>16th August 11th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</u> <u>8am HC BCP 10.30am HC CW</u> Isaiah 56. 1,6-8 SL293 LL330 L. Entwistle Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32 SL295 LL332 S. Evans Matt. 15. 21-28 SL296 LL333 INT M. Cross EM S. Evans	<u>6.30pm EP BCP</u> Psalm 90 2 Kings 4.1-37 Acts 16. 1-15
4th Sun	<u>23rd August 12th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</u> <u>10.30am HC CW</u> Isaiah 51. 1-6 SL299 LL336 K.Arlitt Romans 12. 1-8 SL300 LL337 J. Martin Matt. 16. 13-20 INT Officiant EM S. Ollier	<u>No Evening Service</u>
5th Sun	<u>30th August 13th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</u> <u>8am HC BCP 10.30am HC CW</u> Jeremiah 15. 15-21 SL310 LL348 S.Evans Romans 12. 9-end SL311 LL349 L.Entwistle Matt. 16. 21-end SL312 LL350 INT Officiant EM S. Evans	<u>No evening service</u>

Dear friends,

"Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." (Mark 6:31)

August has long been associated with holidays, lighter evenings, and a slightly slower pace of life. While not everyone is able to take time away, there is wisdom in recognising our God-given need for rest. In a world that often measures our worth by how busy we are, Jesus offers a different invitation: to pause, to breathe, and to be renewed in God's presence.

Throughout the Gospels, we see Jesus withdrawing from the crowds to quiet places to pray. He knew that rest was not a luxury but a necessity. It was in those moments of stillness that he remained rooted in his Father's love and purpose. We, too, are invited to make space for God amid the demands of everyday life.

Rest is more than simply stopping work. It is about allowing our minds, bodies, and spirits to be refreshed. Sometimes that may mean spending time with family or friends, reading a good book, sitting quietly with a cup of tea, or simply enjoying a few moments of peace without feeling guilty for doing "nothing."

August also offers us the wonderful gift of God's creation. Whether we are walking through the countryside, tending a garden, sitting in a local park, or simply watching the changing skies from our window, nature has a remarkable way of drawing us closer to its Creator. The psalmist reminds us, *"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."* (Psalm 19:1)

There is joy to be found in paying attention to the small things: the song of a blackbird in the early morning, the scent of lavender in bloom, the laughter of children, the beauty of a sunset, or the quiet hum of bees among the flowers. These simple gifts remind us that God's grace surrounds us every

day, often in ways we can easily overlook. We can find heaven in the ordinary.

Perhaps this month we might challenge ourselves to slow down just enough to notice those moments of joy. They may not solve every problem or remove every worry, but they can gently remind us that we are deeply loved by the One who created this beautiful world and called it good.

As summer unfolds, may we receive God's invitation to rest—not as an escape from life, but as a way of living it more fully. May we discover fresh hope in quiet moments, renewed strength for the days ahead, and grateful hearts that delight in the beauty of God's creation.

May the peace of Christ be with you all this August, and may you find rest for your soul, joy in the ordinary, and renewed wonder in the world around you.

With every blessing,

Christina

From the Registers

Baptism – welcome to Charlie William Earl who was baptised on 5th July.

Weddings – congratulations to Samantha Clarke and Matthew Gilbert, whose Service of Blessing took place at St Mary's Chapel, Arley Hall on 4th July

Funerals – rest in peace Geoffrey Mellor, whose funeral and burial took place on 16th July,
and Rod Bowman, whose burial took place on 20th July.

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.

The views of our contributors are, of course, entirely their own, and do not necessarily represent those of the P.C.C., the Editor, members of the congregation or parishioners in general.

Articles for September 2026 edition send to Rob Cross:

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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.

Provide fresh water in your garden

With a couple of extended heat waves and no rain for weeks is your garden providing for nature?

Water is vital for birds' survival. As well as drinking it, bathing helps birds keep cool. A source of clean water is a great way to entice them to your garden.

A wide shallow dish (we don't want any accidents) is fine, you can also buy a hanging, standing or wall-mounted ornamental bird bath for your garden.

Only use tap water to fill it and change the water every day, giving the container a good clean at least once a week.

A pond is a great addition to your garden if possible and is bound to be popular with more than just birds, so add a sturdy bit of wood or stones to help

Our favourite butterfly

The colourful peacock butterfly is our favourite, according to a recent poll.

The butterflies, with their striking colours and 'eye-spots' designed to fend off predators, beat 59 other British species in the vote run by Butterfly Conservation.

More than 20,000 votes were cast across the UK, with a rainbow of colourful species making up the top five.

The orange-tip butterfly came a close second to the peacock, followed by red admirals in third, holly blues in fourth and the bright yellow brimstone butterfly in fifth.

Butterfly Conservation, a wildlife charity, declared a "butterfly emergency" in 2024 as numbers recorded during the annual count fell to a record low.

Confirmation

What a joyful day we had on 28th June. Bishop Julie, the Bishop of Birkenhead baptised Kathryn and then confirmed her with Izzy and Chloe from Antrobus St Mark's. We had an augmented choir, a range of different styles of hymns and so many people present to support the candidates. Bishop Julie preached from Matthew 10 about how Jesus promises his disciples rewards but also they are warned of the dangers too of following Christ. She reminded us that as Disciples we represent the full presence and power of Christ. She spoke of the joy whenever she baptises and confirms anyone and seeing them choose to follow Christ day by day. Our prayers are with Kathryn, Izzy and Chloe as they continue to follow Christ.



"Walking with a Purpose"

Join us on 2nd August 1.30 at St Mary's as we do a circular walk to Comberbach Chapel. Dress for the weather and wear strong shoes. Some of you may never have visited the chapel and it is such a beautiful building. The original building was from 1817 and rebuilt in 1879-1880. If you would just like to visit the chapel join us at 2.30 for tea and cake

12th August will be the first total solar eclipse in mainland Europe since 1999

On that evening the Moon will pass between the Earth and the Sun, blocking sun-light for over two minutes. Some areas like northern Spain, Greenland and Iceland will experience a total eclipse, but here in the UK there will still be a partial eclipse which will be our most dramatic solar eclipse since 1999

The Moon will obscure between 90% and 95% of the Sun, creating a deep partial eclipse. The event will occur in the early evening, just before sunset, and will peak between 7:05 PM and 7:15 PM BST. See below

Manchester	begins 6:16	Max 7:11 PM	Ends 8:02 PM	sun coverage ~92%
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Europe won't see a total eclipse again until 2090.

The evening eclipse also coincides with the peak of the Perseid meteor shower. Once the sky gets fully dark (*after 11 PM*), the Perseids are expected to peak, making it an incredible double feature of stargazing if the weather is clear.

Crucial Safety Warning

You must use certified ISO 12312-2 eclipse glasses for the entire duration of the event. Because it is a partial eclipse, the Sun is never fully covered.

Looking directly at it, even during the peak phase, can cause permanent eye damage or blindness. Regular sunglasses are **not** safe, and you should never look at the eclipse through a camera, phone, or binoculars without a dedicated solar filter

Or make a pinhole projector

Using 2 pieces of paper or card, make a small hole in one and hold it so as to project an image of the sun and the eclipsed portion of it onto the second piece.

Solar Eclipses are coupled with a Lunar eclipse, (*where the moon moves into the shadow cast by the earth*) separated by two weeks. In this case a partial lunar eclipse will be visible in the UK on the 28th August with its peak at 05.12am. At this time the moon will be very low on the horizon so you need to have a clear view of the western horizon to see it.

'Strong Christian presence in elite football' - new research

75 per cent of professional football clubs across England and Wales have Christian players in their first-team squads.

That is according to a recent study commissioned by Christians in Sport. The study, supported by Eido Research, also revealed the extent of Christian activities taking place within elite football:

75 per cent of clubs within the top six tiers of men's football include Christian players. 40 per cent of clubs regularly host events such as Bible studies and prayer meetings. From a 90 per cent response to the study from Premier League clubs, half reported regular Christian gatherings. More than a third of these activities are player-led.

The research was based on feedback from 134 clubs (164 clubs were contacted). Dr Graham Daniels, general director of Christians in Sport and a former footballer at Cambridge United, said: "Christianity is not disappearing from professional football; it is far more present than most people realise."

Christians in Sport, whose vision is 'reaching the world of sport for Christ', celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

Ukraine church leaders decry 'sacrilegious' war

Ukrainian church leaders have accused Moscow of attempting to revise "historical narratives" by attacking their country's ancient Christian sites, after two more Orthodox cathedrals were damaged in Russian strikes.

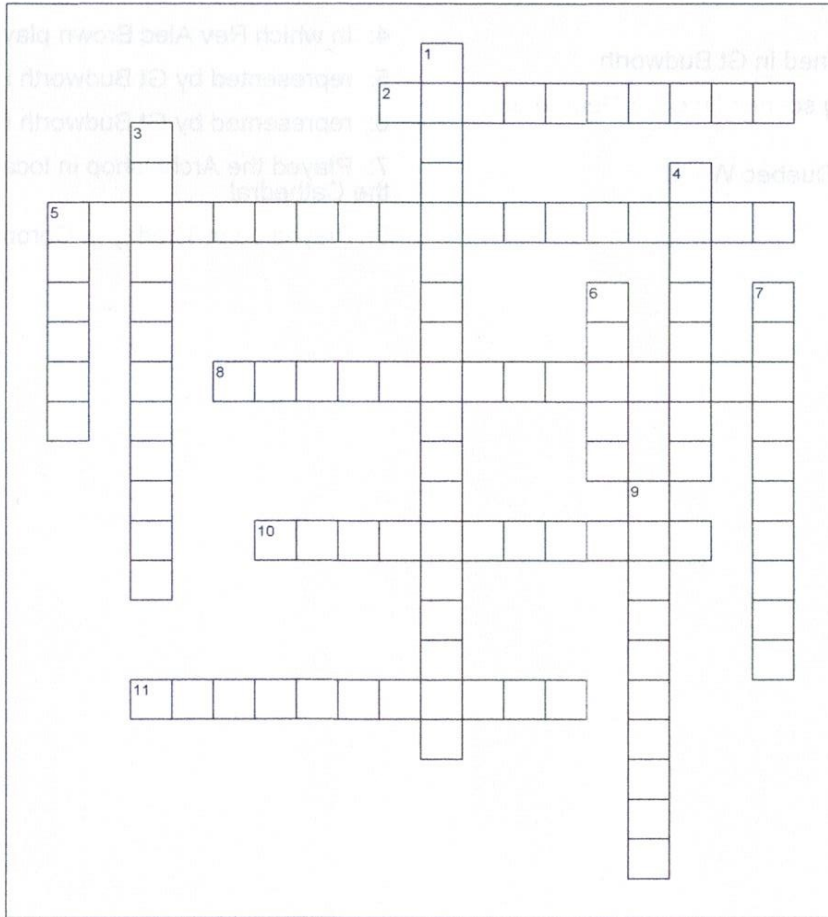
"The ancient Kievan state, whose history they seek to appropriate, has never been part of their historical or spiritual identity," the Greek Catholic Primate, Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, said.

"While we pray for the conversion of all who destroy our holy places, this tragedy has again shown how this war is truly sacrilegious — a war in which ideals are destroyed, moral principles violated, and the name of God blasphemed."

Metropolitan Epiphany (Dumenko), the Primate of Ukraine's independent Orthodox Church, said that he also believed that Moscow hoped to "erase historical truths". The strike on Dormition Cathedral, in the 11th-century complex, recalled the Nazi bombing of St Paul's Cathedral in London.

"It was not in Moscow but in Kyiv that the foundations of a Christian state were laid — not in Moscow but in Kyiv that St Sophia has stood for over a thousand years," told a Greek newspaper at the weekend. "Moscow seeks to erase this historical truth — this is why it attacks and destroys everything which exposes it."

Fame in Great Budworth



across:

- 2: Man in a White Suit
- 5: A previous Vicar of Gt Budworth Baptised this famous playwright
- 8: World Premier screened in Gt Budworth
- 10: Spy drama featuring scenes filmed in George and Dragon
- 11: TV movie filmed in Quebec Wood

down:

- 1: Female lead in Gt budworth World Premier
- 3: Dame in Dear Ladies
- 4: In which Rev Alec Brown played the vicar at a funeral
- 5: represented by Gt Budworth in War of the Worlds
- 6: represented by Gt Budworth in Our Zoo
- 7: Played the Archbishop in local production of Murder in the Cathedral
- 9: Played John Thorley in Coronation Street

St Mary & All Saints

Autumn Fair

Fundraiser

In the churchyard

Bring your chairs or rug

Saturday 5th September

3pm – 8pm

Heritage talk, organ recital (in church)

Band, bar, bangers (charges)

Tea & cake

Music by 'Calico'

Stalls, raffle,

Tower trips £5

Teddy Bear Zip line £2

(bring your cuddly toy along – not too big though)!

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25th Anniversary

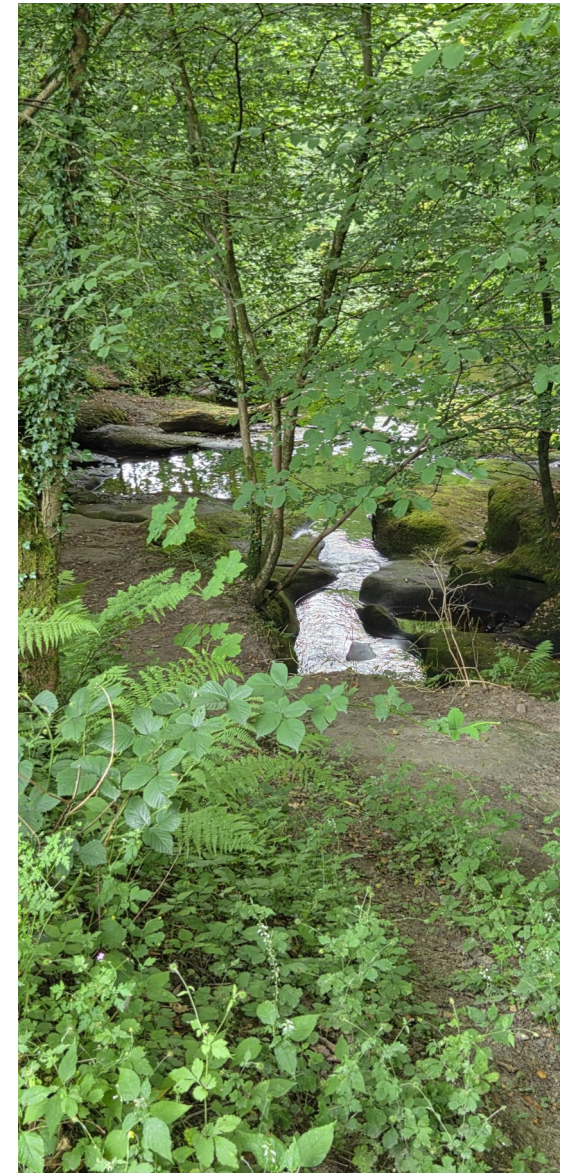
We celebrated the 25th Anniversary of Alec's licencing as Vicar of St. Mary & All Saints on Sunday 5th July, with a quick glass of fizz and nibbles after the service. Alec became our vicar on 4th July 2001, and as he said,

'there has been a lot of water under the bridge since then'.

We give thanks for the ministry, care and service Alec has given to this parish and beyond since he arrived at St. Mary's. He has over the years been part of many parishioners' lives, either in happy times or sad times or just as someone to talk to; as well of course as leading the normal services. He has officiated at so many baptisms, marriages and funerals, he will have touched a lot of lives.

We must also thank Alec's family, Audrey his wife and Benjamin and Jacob, their sons for supporting Alec over this time.

It was a worrying time all round in 2018, when Alec had a major heart attack, but with brilliant support from Christina and others, we managed to carry on, until after a quadruple heart by-pass and a sensible recovery time, Alec came back full time as our vicar. Alec also did a long stint as the Rural Dean, 10 years, the longest we think for Chester Diocese. We could go on, but will leave all that for when he eventually retires, whenever that maybe! Thank you Alec.



Tolkien Trail



Whalley Abbey



In the Quiet Garden



Walking with Bishop Mark



Friends of Great Budworth Church summer outing

The annual outing of the Friends of Great Budworth Church took place on a relatively cool summer's day on 18th July, and began with a guided tour of Blackburn Cathedral, which was extremely interesting. The tour guide was very good and was extremely knowledgeable about the Cathedral and its very "colourful" history, with controversies a plenty and a multitude of very strong characters! Interestingly, some of the most striking stained glass in the Cathedral was by the artist Linda Walton, who designed two of the windows in Great Budworth Church – the beautiful creation window above the South Porch and the window in the Vestry.

After refreshments in the Cathedral's cafe we continued on to Whalley Abbey for lunch and a walk around the beautiful Abbey grounds, beside the Ribble River, and the ruins of the Cistercian monastery, which was built and consecrated in the mid-14th Century and dissolved in the 16th Century, with the last Abbot being hanged for treason following the Pilgrimage of Grace in 1536. Whalley Abbey is now an Anglican Retreat Centre and is a wonderful place of spiritual refreshment and grace. It is also part of the Pilgrim Places in the North initiative, and well worth a visit.

The final part of the outing took place outside Hurst Green, a small and beautiful village not far from the Abbey, and famous for the Tolkien Trail. The famous author visited this part of Lancashire often and it provided much inspiration for *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*.

Some of us followed one of the paths of The Tolkien Trail – The Forest Path – which was supposed to be just under 2 miles in length but with poor signage and poor mobile phone reception we managed to take a few wrong turns and the walk turned out to be a bit longer!

The final part however, along a stream with waterfalls and pools and under a beautiful canopy of trees could have been straight from The Shire! Unfortunately no hobbits were seen!

All in all it was a wonderful outing enjoyed by all, with 20 people taking part, and on a beautiful summer's day – where to next year is now the question!

The Revd Alec Brown.

Blackburn Cathedral

