

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH**  
*AND*  
**PARISH MAGAZINE**  
***FEBRUARY 2018***



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- 6th                    **STORYTIME**, St. Michael's Church, 6.30 p.m.
- 12th                   **W.I. MEETING**, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.  
Speaker: Roger Brown      Jazz Pianist  
Competition:      Bowl of Spring Bulbs
- 20th                   **MERRY DAYS MEETING**, 7.30 p.m., Village Hall
- 28th                   **COFFEE & CHAT: LUNCH** at The Cotton Arms,  
Wrenbury. 12.30 p.m. Contact Jane Lunt, 01948 662910

The ***Women's World Day of Prayer Service***, will be held this year at Waverton at 2.00 pm, on **Friday, 2nd March**. The theme will be 'All God's Creation is very good' and it has been put together by the Women of Suriname, the smallest country in South America.  
All are welcome to attend — including Men!!

Each issue  
25P

**Churchwardens:**

**Jane Lunt (662910)**

**Diana Thomas (663738)**

## FEBRUARY SERVICES

### ST. MICHAEL'S, MARBURY

- 4th 9.00 a.m. HC CW  
 Readers & Val Taylor Prov 8: 1, 22-31  
 Sidespersons: Jane Lunt John 1: 1-14
- 11th 11.00 a.m. HC CW  
 Readers: Richard Evans 2 Kings 2: 1-12  
 A/P Hunter Johnston Mark 9: 2-9  
 Sidespersons: Sue Evans A/P Hunter Johnston
- 14th 7.00 p.m. **ST. CHAD'S**, Ash Wednesday HC CW  
 Psalm 51: 1-17  
 John 8: 1-11
- 18th 11.00 a.m. SW \*  
 Readers Tricia Harvey Gen 9: 8-17  
 & Sidespersons: Tony Lewis Mark 1: 9-15
- 25th 4.30 p.m. Evensong BCP  
 Readers: Tricia Harvey Gen 17: 1-7.15-16  
 Carolin Paton-Smith Mark 8: 31-38  
 Sidespersons: Philip Bebbington Carolin Paton-Smith

Services marked \* will be lead by visiting clergy or lay readers.

### ST. CHAD'S TUSHINGHAM

- 4th 4.30 p.m. EP BCP  
 11th 9.00 a.m. HC BCP  
 14th 7.00 p.m. Ash Wednesday HC CW  
 18th 9.00 a.m. HC CW  
 25th 11.00 a.m. Family HC

### ST. MARY'S WHITEWELL

- 11.00 a.m. HC CW  
 6.30 p.m. EP BCP  
 11.00 a.m. Family Service  
 11.00 a.m. SW \*

## February letter;

Yes, they're in the shops already - Easter Eggs are bloomin' everywhere!

But whatever we might think about the retailers' urgency to sell, sell, sell - this year Easter is early and we **should** be thinking about and making preparations right now... this is why we have the Season of Lent!

Lent marks a pivotal point in the history of the church, when Jesus prepared to give himself up as a sacrifice. Tradition has it that we mark the 40 days of Lent by giving something up, but what if it could be more than that? What if Lent were to become a preparation for a lifetime of big-heartedness?

Over the coming weeks, beginning Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup>, we'll be looking at the Book of James in our services at church and thinking about his call to 'Live out our lives of faith'. It will be a challenge as we hear James' views about hearing God's word and acting on it!

The glory of the Easter message, that follows so quickly the great Christmas News of God With Us, and his death and resurrection, which changed everything forever, is an amazing gift of generosity and one with which we need to engage...

So, go on, accept the challenge, come and join us for some thought provoking reflections through the Sundays of Lent, and let this Easter be a celebration like no other before....

For it's all about creating a movement of love and generosity...something this world needs so very much...

Yours as ever,  
Revd Veronica

## Lent 2018

This year, beginning on Tuesday, 20th February, and for the four subsequent Tuesdays in Lent, the Revd. Mike Rogers will lead a series of talks on the Lord's Prayer – praying it, meaning it, living it. As part of this, there will be an opportunity to experience, what will be for some, a different way of praying, namely contemplative prayer. So often, our prayer consists of us talking to God; how often do we give God a chance to reply? Contemplative prayer involves just that, listening in silence.

Each session will be held in St. Chad's Tushingham at 7.30pm, will last about 30 minutes, and is planned to take the form of a 10 minute address from Mike, followed by 10 minutes of contemplative prayer, and ending with the office of Compline, a short said service which is used to end the day in a religious community. We shall then leave the church in silence reflecting on what we have heard and on what we have said.

You are most welcome to join us for all or any of the sessions.

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

The Agenda on 11th January included topics arising from previous meetings — Highways, and the Whitchurch Joint Cemetery Board.

The purchase of defibrillators for Marbury and Norbury was proceeding; the Clerk and Chair were meeting with CHALC to further the Transparency Code process.

A few responses had been received from families regarding the Play Area and it was agreed a small group project would work best: grants may be available.

Some road markings had been repainted; the Clerk would be meeting Highways to make a further inspection and Councillors were asked to report problem locations to the Clerk. A request for School Lane and Norbury to be added to the gritting route was made (again) as it is a public and school bus route. A proposal was made that a speaker from Highways be asked to attend a future Parish Council meeting.

A letter of apology had been received from United Utilities regarding the commercial extraction of water from the village's mains supply and assurance had been given that this would not happen again.

There was much discussion voicing concerns that Whitchurch Town Council were to take over the running of the cemetery following the disbandment of the Whitchurch Joint Cemetery Board. The precept paid by the Parish Council to the WJCB entitles residents of the Parish to make use of the cemetery.

Early in 2016 an application was made to reinstate the bridleway running from Hollins Lane to Wirswall; the Parish Council responded, expressing residents' concerns about the practicality and safety of the route. Cheshire East recently advised that historical evidence warranted the route's status as a bridleway, therefore, if the PC did not withdraw its objections to the legal status, it could become liable for costs incurred in any further process. Concerns about safety were not grounds for objection; safety was a matter for maintenance, or even the temporary or permanent closure or diversion. It was agreed that the Clerk should withdraw the letter of objection.

The precept for the forthcoming year was discussed; it was agreed that, in view of anticipated necessary spending, the precept be set at £6,000.

The police have been running Operation Shield to protect against rural crime, particularly theft of farm equipment.

## STORYTIME

Stories, song and prayers.

...dress code - pj's with our teddy bears....

...followed by hot chocolate, marshmallows & cookies.



**Tuesday, 6th February, 6.30 p.m.—“Guess How Much I Love You”**

There will be no **COFFEE AND CHAT** in church this month.  
We are meeting for lunch at the Cotton Arms at Wrenbury  
on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 12.30p.m.



If you would like to join us could you let Jane Lunt know, on  
01948 662910, by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, so we can give  
The Cotton an indication of numbers.

We look forward to seeing you.

## Church Flowers 2017

The new Flower Rota is now in the Church Porch.

If you would like to provide the Altar flowers, perhaps in remembrance of a loved one or, for a special occasion, please add your name to the list. Also, it would help share the load of those who arrange the flowers so regularly. If you don't feel able to arrange the flowers, but would like to provide some, please contact Jane Lunt, 662910, who will organise this for you.



## A Big Thank You

The Vicar, Churchwardens and P.C.C. would like to offer a big thank you to everyone who continually contributes to our church, its maintenance and upkeep, in so many different ways, using valuable time, talents, skills, and money.

As a result of such generous and dedicated giving we have a wonderful place for our church family and friends to worship.

Visitors come to our church and churchyard and are overwhelmed by its location and beauty. We thank God for giving everyone these different gifts for us to use for his purpose of sharing his message.

## VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

*Bingo and Fish & Chips 22nd March*

*Barn Dance*

*Quiz Night*

*19th October*

*5th November*



*Tickets for all events from Committee Members:*

Clare Hollins (Chair)	01948 663783
Jill Shakeshaft (Secretary)	01948 666221
Janet Makin	01948 665724
Carol Sheard	01948 663087
Sue & Hugh Megarrell	01948 665273
Jan & Tony Gibbs-Murray	01948 663649
John David	01948 666065
Teresa Macleod	01948 667325
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**Bookings;** Penny Allington 01948 664900

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### **MMD MEETING – TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2018, 7.30 PM, VILLAGE HALL**

Please make a note of the date and come along to the meeting to discuss activities and the programme for Merry Days which is now a little over three months away.

Many of you will know that Gary and Tracey Thorns will no longer be able to run the Cake Stall with Jane Eaton this year. For several years now, the Cake Stall has been a major attraction and money-spinner for Merry Days, and I'm sure I speak for everyone in giving Gary, Tracey and Jane a huge thank-you for everything they've done.

On a similar note, I'm sorry to tell you that the "Bacon Bap Team" - Clare Hollins, Jill Shakeshaft, and Sue & Hugh Megarrell – will be taking a well-earned rest this year, after nine years! Again, on behalf of everyone, may I thank them for all their hard work – feeding villagers and visitors, filling the air with enticing smells and raising a lot of money for the church.

These two gaps leave us with a call for volunteers to organise and help run these two activities, which together can raise £2,000 every year. If you are interested, or know someone who would help, could you please contact me and, if possible, come along to the meeting.

Richard Sheard

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## Useful phone numbers and contacts for residents

Vicarage	663758
Parish web-site	<a href="http://www.parishmag.org">www.parishmag.org</a>
Clerk to Parish Council	663750 (Geraint Jones)
Village Hall Bookings	664900 (Penny Allington)
<i>Doctors:</i>	
Bridgewater Practice	01948 662097
Wrenbury Surgery	01270 780210
Shropdoc	0333 222 66 55
Travel information	<a href="http://traveline.info">traveline.info</a>
Cheshire East Information	0300 123 5500
Mobile library	0300 123 5018 Every 3rd Thursday, afternoons
Citizens' Advice Bureau	0800 630 0762
Police, non-emergency	101
Police, emergency	999
Police Officer Nicky Berry	<a href="mailto:nicola.berry@cheshire.pnn.police.uk">nicola.berry@cheshire.pnn.police.uk</a>
PCSO 7149 Sharon Jones	<a href="mailto:sharon.jones@cheshire.pnn.police.uk">sharon.jones@cheshire.pnn.police.uk</a>
Nantwich Police Web Site	<a href="http://www.cheshire.police.uk">www.cheshire.police.uk</a>
To report litter	0300 123 5011
Environmental Health	0300 123 5015
Dog Warden	0300 123 5021
Social Care and Health	0300 123 5010
Potholes	0300 123 5020 <a href="http://www.cheshireeasthighways.org">www.cheshireeasthighways.org</a>

### **Defibrillators** are located at:

the phone box @ Ravensmoor x roads; The Black Bear, Whitchurch; The Civic Centre, Whitchurch; Sainsbury's, Whitchurch; Tesco, Whitchurch; Swimming Baths, Whitchurch, Cholmondeley Arms.

If you have information which would be helpful to others please e-mail them to: [\*\*\*makinatmarbury@aol.com\*\*\*](mailto:makinatmarbury@aol.com) for inclusion in the next magazine.

News and articles with diary dates for

**MARCH 2018**

please to Janet Makin, on 01948 665724 or, *preferably*, by

e-mail to: [makinatmarbury@aol.com](mailto:makinatmarbury@aol.com) by **15th FEBRUARY.**

Other **queries or advertisements** to Tricia Harvey on 01270 780646  
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