

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

**DECEMBER 2019
JANUARY 2020**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 4th **DEC** **STORYTIME**, at The Vicarage, 6.30 p.m.
- 6th **COFFEE MORNING**, Civic Centre, 9.30—12.00
BORDER SINGERS' CONCERT, St. Michael's Church, 7.30 p.m.
- 8th **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**, St. Michael's Church, 11.00 a.m.
- 10th **W.I. CHRISTMAS SOCIAL MEETING**, Village Hall, **7.30 p.m.**
Competition: Quiz
- 13th **CHRISTMAS PARTY**, Village Hall, tickets from the Committee
- 15th **CAROL SERVICE**, 6.30 p.m., St. Michael's Church
- 19th **CAROL SINGING**, Marbury & Hollyhurst, meet 6.30 at The Swan
- 2nd **JAN** **COFFEE & CHAT** at The Swan, 10.30 a.m.
- 13th **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**, 7.30 p.m., Village Hall
- 14th **W.I. MEETING**, Village Hall, **1.30pm (Afternoon)**
Speaker: Sarah Evans A year in the Falklands
Competition: Island Photograph
- 22nd **OSTEOPOROSIS SCAN**, Village Hall: contact Beryl Fletcher
- Fridays **YOGA CLASSES**, Village Hall, 9.30 a.m. Mixed ability.
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Each issue

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Churchwardens:

Jane Lunt (662910)

Diana Thomas (663738)

DECEMBER SERVICES

ST. MICHAEL'S, MARBURY

- 1st 9.00 a.m. HC BCP
Readers & Richard Sheard Romans 13: 11-14
Sidespersons: Tricia Harvey Matthew 24: 36-44
- 8th 11.00 a.m. CHRISTINGLE
Readers & Sofie Paton-Smith T.B.A.
Sidespersons: Jean Gregg T.B.A.
- 15th 6.30 p.m. CAROL SERVICE
- 22nd 11.00 a.m. CRIB SERVICE
- 24th 11.30 p.m. MIDNIGHT COMMUNION
Readers: Penny Allington Isaiah 52: 7-10
Jane Lunt Hebrews 1: 1-12
John 1: 1-14
Sidespersons: Penny Allington & Richard Sheard
- 25th No Service at Marbury
- 29th 11.00 a.m. United Songs of Praise at St. Chad's Tushingam

ST. CHAD'S TUSHINGHAM

- 1st 5.00 p.m. Christingle
- 8th 9.00 a.m. HC BCP
- 15th 9.00 a.m. HC CW
- 22nd 4.00 p.m. Carol Service
- 24th 3.00 p.m. Crib Service
- 25th 9.00 a.m. Family Christmas Communion
- 29th 11.00 a.m. United Songs of Praise

ST. MARY'S WHITEWELL

- 11.00 a.m. HC CW
- 6.30 p.m. EP BCP *
- 11.00 a.m. Christingle
- 6.30 p.m. Carol Service
- 5.00 p.m. Crib Service
- 10.45 a.m.

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

JANUARY SERVICES

ST. MICHAEL'S, MARBURY

- 5th 9.00 a.m. HC CW
Readers & Steve Wood Ephesians 3: 1-12
Sidespersons: Anthony Lewis Matthew 2: 1-12
- 12th 11.00 a.m. SW PLOUGH SUNDAY
Readers: Harry Paton-Smith Isaiah 55: 6-11
Richard Evans Matthew 6: 25-34
Sidespersons: Harry Paton-Smith & Sue Evans
- 19th 11.00 a.m.
Readers & Tricia Harvey 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9
Sidespersons: Jean Gregg John 1: 29-42
- 26th 4.30 p.m. EP BCP *
Readers & Mary Jones 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18
Sidespersons: Geraint Jones Matthew 4: 12-23

ST. CHAD'S TUSHINGHAM

- 5th Worship @ 7
12th 9.00 a.m. SW Plough Sunday
19th 9.00 a.m. HC CW
26th 11.00 am. SW *

ST. MARY'S WHITEWELL

- 11.00 a.m. HC CW
6.30 p.m. SW
11.00 a.m. SW *
11.00 a.m. Family HC

In memory of...

Irene Perks...Irene lived with husband Michael for over 30 years at 1, Yew Tree Cottages, Norbury. A former employee at Leighton Hospital, Irene's caring nature reached out to many in our community and within their own family...may she now find herself in God's rest and care.

Pray for Michael in his loss please. x

*Nigel and I would like to thank everyone for their continued support to us as a family, to St. Michael's and to our community...may we take this opportunity to wish you all the 'Peace and Joy' of God's love this coming Christmas...
Veronica & Nigel x*

WE HAVE RECENTLY LAUNCHED A CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE.

If you have Facebook please give us a 'like'. Simply search for 'Marbury Church' or 'St Michael's Church, Marbury' to find us.

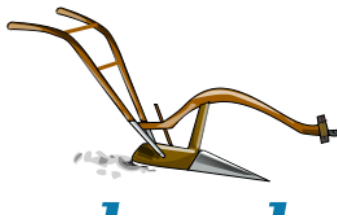
COFFEE AND CHAT



Our next Coffee and Chat will be at The Swan in Marbury on Thursday, 2nd January, at 10.30a.m.

All our community are welcome to come for a coffee and to see friends and neighbours. It is a great way to get to know everyone in the lovely environment of the Swan.

We look forward to seeing you.



ADVANCE NOTICE:

Please join us for our Plough Sunday Service on January 12th, at 11am, as we welcome Guest Speaker Helen Rutter from the Cheshire

Agricultural Chaplaincy Team...

STORYTIME

Story Time - Wednesday December 4th, 6.30pm at The Vicarage... As Advent approaches join Revd Veronica, Becca and the team as they create an Advent Window at The Vicarage—all are welcome to see their handiwork throughout Advent as we share the joys of the Christmas story...

No Story Time in January - a trip to the Panto instead...



CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING AT WHITCHURCH CIVIC CENTRE – FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Please come and support the Coffee Morning in aid of the church at the Civic Centre on the morning of Friday 6th December – from 9.30 am to 12 noon. As well as tea / coffee and biscuits, there will be the usual raffle, tombola and bric-a-brac stalls – all with a Christmas feel !



Christingle

Our Christingle service will be at
St Michael's Church
on Sunday, 8th December at 11a.m.

**This Service will be led by Revd. Veronica Green.
We look forward to welcoming everyone.**



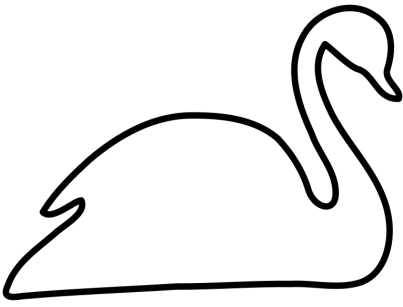
ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MARBURY

**A CONCERT OF SEASONAL MUSIC BY
THE BORDER SINGERS**

Border Singers' Christmas Concert - Friday 6th December

If you haven't yet bought or reserved your tickets for the concert (£7.50) please get in touch with Carol (663087) or Jane (662910) as quickly as possible. It will start at 7.30 pm, and the ticket price includes a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie afterwards.

The Border Singers gave us a wonderful performance last year, and it was such a happy evening, so please come along and support us. You're guaranteed to leave feeling that the Christmas season has begun!



CHRISTMAS AT THE SWAN

Sunday, 8th December: Carols & Christmas jumper competition. Join us for Christmas carols in the bar from 7pm, with prizes for the best Christmas jumper, judged by Reverend Veronica Green.

Saturday, 14th December: Wreath-making workshop with Soil & Fleurs: Class starts at 10am and will take 2 hours to complete, with a 2 course meal following which is included in the ticket price of £55 per person.

To book on the course contact Sofie at Soil & Fleurs marburyhall@gmail.com

Our village Christmas dinner will be on Tuesday, 17th December. 6.30pm arrival for sit down at 7pm.

2 course traditional Christmas meal, £18 adults, £11 children.

Roast Turkey with all the trimmings, and Christmas cake with Christmas pudding ice cream & brandy & bay sauce, Coffee and mince pie.

Vegetarian option also available.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available from now at the bar. Tickets cannot be bought over the phone.

For any information on the event please call 01948 522860

Christmas Day Drinks: The pub will be open 11.30am—2.30pm

Boxing Day Lunch: Pub open from 12pm—4pm

New Year's Eve: Live music from 8.30pm from Lee Gordan, food served until 9.30pm.

OSTEOPOROSIS SCAN

MARBURY W.I. have arranged the chance for residents to take part in an Osteoporosis Scan on Wednesday, 22nd January, at the Village Hall. There are still places available if anyone wants to take advantage. The cost is £20. Please contact Beryl Fletcher by phone, 01948 664889 or e-mail: beryl.fletcher@btinternet.com.

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CAROL SINGING IN MARBURY

Join us Carol Singing around Marbury on **Thursday, 19th December**, meeting in front of **The Swan** at 6.30p.m. Wrap up warm and come and have a really enjoyable time. We will be singing initially in the village and then going on to the Hollyhurst area - weather permitting. Share Christmas fellowship, the more the merrier! All budding musicians would be really welcome.



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MARBURY SY13 4LN DECEMBER 2019 - SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday 1st December

9 am - Holy Communion

Wednesday 4th December

6.30 pm - StoryTime for youngsters

Friday 6th December

Coffee Morning - Civic Centre, Whitchurch

7.30 pm - Border Singers Christmas Concert (tickets - £7.50)

Sunday 8th December

11 am - Christingle Service

7 pm - Carol Singing in The Swan (Christmas jumper competition)

Sunday 15th December

6.30 pm - Carol Service

Thursday 19th December

6.30 pm - Carol Singing around Marbury village, then Hollyhurst

Sunday 22nd December

11 am - Crib Service

Tuesday 24th December

11.30 pm - Midnight Communion Service

(No service at St. Michael's on Christmas Day - Christmas Family Communion Services at 9 am at St. Chad's, Tushingham, and 10.45 am at St. Mary's, Whitewell)

**Please contact Rev. Veronica Green (01948 663758),
Jane Lunt (01948 662910) or Diana Thomas (01948 663738)
for further information**



VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY, 13TH DECEMBER: **CHRISTMAS PARTY**
7.00 p.m.
Adults £7.50, Children £5.00

**Including Festive Refreshments,
B.Y.O. drinks**

For tickets contact any member of the Committee.

Jill Shakeshaft (Secretary)	01948 666221
Janet Makin	01948 665724
Jan & Tony Gibbs-Murray	01948 663649
John David	01948 666065
Marian Turnbull (Chair)	01948 662489
Flick Ashton	01948 666893
Beryl Fletcher	01948 664889
Hannah Adamson	01948667673
Bookings; Penny Allington	01948 664900
Treasurer: Hannah Owen	07791 712504



Please ! -

act in a responsible manner and clean up after your dog - Footpaths, grass verges near people's houses, public areas - it's ***horrid***, even when it's hidden! No-one wants a nasty surprise....

The grass outside the Village Hall is particularly bad; please do **not** allow your dog to foul this area.

A December love story...

Two thousand years ago, we are told, a star appeared in the East. Certain wise men understood this to mean that a baby had been born who was to be King over all the world. What was that star? Was it a comet? We don't know, but stars then and today, have always been considered lights to steer by...

The story goes that these wise men were guided to Bethlehem, to one who was to be called the Light of the World.

A wealth of myths and legends, songs and stories have grown around this biblical narrative, the majority of us grow up with its images; in fact the story leading up to the birth of the child and his revelation to the world, from Advent to Epiphany, are a kind of super-history.

Whatever the precise historic details of what happened all those centuries ago, and however much scholars, believers or agnostics vary in their opinions, this story still speaks powerfully and truthfully to us today...

Saints, poets and great thinkers from age to age have expressed their insights for us to explore and think on; inspiring us as we tell the exquisite story of God's love for his people.

'There appeared a man named John, sent from God; he came as a witness to testify to the Light, that all might become believers through him. John was not the light; he came to bear witness to the Light. The real Light, which enlightens every man, was coming into the world...

He was in the world, but the world, though it owed its being to him, did not recognise him.

He entered his own realm, and his own would not receive him.

But to all who did, to those, he gave the right to become Children of God...

So the Word became flesh, he came to dwell among us, and we saw his glory, such befits the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth...' (based on John 1: 6-14)

This tale of the past unlocks the meaning of now - and the future...

A story of love, worth telling again and again...

Christmas Blessings to one and all...

Rev Veronica. x

PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on Monday, 11th November.

The ongoing issue of the road damage at Wirswall was raised; it was agreed to ask Roy Cooke, from Cheshire East Highways, to attend a meeting to address residents' concerns.

Funding for the refurbishment of the Play Area had been impossible to source; a loan from the Public Works Loan Board was agreed in principle. Repayment would be funded by a slight increase in the Precept. It was proposed to hold a short open meeting to give details to residents before the next meeting on 13th January.

Chris Wheeler volunteered to speak to Wrenbury regarding the action they undertook to instigate their Neighbourhood Plan as it was agreed that the Plan was essential for Marbury.

Some response had been received regarding the Selecta DNA kits and it was agreed to order 25 kits with signs at a cost of £10 per household.

It was agreed to submit "no comment" regarding Planning Application 19/5165N for The Granary, Swanwick Green.

It was noted that the A49 would be closed at Bickley crossroads between 18th-23rd November and it was suggested that this could be a suitable time to make changes to the white-lines at Bradeley Green. The meeting agreed to co-opt Andy Ashton as a Councillor for Marbury.

The next meeting will be on Monday, 13th January, 2020.

The public and press are welcome to attend.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

For information on Parish Council matters, including agendas, minutes, Planning Applications, visit:

www.marburyanddistrict.org.uk

News and articles with diary dates for

FEBRUARY 2020

please to Janet Makin, on 01948 665724 or, *preferably*, by e-mail to: makinatmarbury@aol.com by **15th JANUARY.**

Other **queries or advertisements** to Tricia Harvey on 01270 780646 or by e-mail to: trishaharvey50@gmail.com

Useful phone numbers and contacts for residents

Vicarage	663758
Parish web-site	www.parishmag.org
Clerk Parish Council	LisaTiplady clerk@marburyanddistrict.org.uk
Parish Council web-site:	www.marburyanddistrict.org.uk
Village Hall Bookings	664900 (Penny Allington)
Village Hall web-site:	www.marburyvillagehall.co.uk
<i>Doctors:</i>	
Churchmere Practice	01948 320044 (Bridgewater)
Wrenbury Surgery	01270 780210
Out of hours	Dial 111 — NHS
Travel information	traveline.info
Mobile library	0300 123 5018 3rd Thursday, p.m.
Citizens' Advice Bureau	0800 630 0762
Police, non-emergency	101
Police, emergency	999
Police Officer Nicky Berry	nicola.berry@cheshire.pnn.police.uk
PCSO 7149 Sharon Jones	sharon.jones@cheshire.pnn.police.uk
Nantwich Police Web Site	www.cheshire.police.uk
Cheshire East Information	0300 123 5500
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 www.cheshireeasthighways.org

Defibrillators are located at:

phone boxes @ Wrenbury Road Marbury & Gauntons Bank, Norbury; Ravensmoor x roads; The Black Bear, Whitchurch; The Civic Centre, Whitchurch; The Bull Ring, 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***

More useful phone numbers and contacts:

Cheshire East Fire & Rescue Service	01606 8687000
Crimestoppers (you can call anonymously)	0800 555 111
Cheshire East Council	0300 123 5500
Childline	0800 1111
Red Cross	0844 871 1111
Samaritans	116 123
Alzheimer's Society	0300 222 1122
The Silver Line	0800 470 8090
NHS Choices	www.mhs.uk

PARISH COUNCILLORS to contact for local matters:

MARBURY

Janet Makin	1 Heath Lane, Marbury,	SY13 4NE	01948 665724
Chris Wheeler	The Old Smithy, Marbury	SY13 4LS	01948 665981
John David	Rowan Hse, School Ln, Marbury	SY13 4LH	01948 666065

NORBURY

John Gibbins	The Mount Farm, Norbury,	SY13 4HT	01948 663734
Philip Shakeshaft	The Croft, Norbury,	SY13 4HS	01948 666221
Rob Perry	Chair: Pear Tree Farm, Norbury,	SY13 4HZ	01948 666350
Marian Turnbull	Ginger Cottage, Swanwick Green,	SY13 4HL	07949 784308

WIRSWALL

Joe Briggs	Wood Farm, Wirswall,	SY13 4LF	01948 663733
Fiona Wilson	2 Bradeley Gn Cottages	SY13 4HE	07801 928925
Peter Chapman	Greenbank Farm	SY13 4HD	01948 662131

CLERK, PARISH COUNCIL:

Lisa Tiplady clerk@marburyanddistrict.org.uk 07788 288015

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BOROUGH COUNCILLOR:

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MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT:

VACANCY !!