

**MARBURY ST. MICHAEL'S
CHURCH**
AND
PARISH MAGAZINE
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2023
JANUARY 2024



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NOVEMBER SERVICES

St Michael's Marbury

5th	9.00 a.m.	HC		
	Readers &		Peter Thomas	Revelation 7: 9-17
	Sidespersons:		Steve Wood	1 John 3: 1-3
12th	10.45 a.m.	Remembrance Sunday		
	Readers &		Harry Paton-Smith	Micah 4: 1-5
	Sidespersons:		Richard Evans	Romans 8: 31-39
19th	11.00 a.m.	MP	Carolyn Paton-Smith	1Thessalonians 5: 1-11
			Tricia Harvey	Matthew 25: 14-30
26th	4.30 p.m.	Christingle Service		

St Chad's Tushingham

2nd	7.00 p.m.	SW All Souls Service
5th	4.30 p.m.	EP
12th	10.45 a.m.	Remembrance Sunday
19th	9.00 a.m.	HC
26th	11.00 a.m.	MP

St Mary's Whitewell

5th	11.00 a.m.	MP
12th	10.45 a.m.	Remembrance Sunday
19th	11.00 a.m.	SW
26th	11.00 a.m.	HC BCP

From the Registers:

Weddings:

27th October 2023

James Philip Hockenhull and Lucy Harriet Mitford

DECEMBER SERVICES

St Michael's Marbury

3rd	9.00 a.m.	HC Readers & Sidespersons:	Anthony Lewis Penny Allington	Isaiah 64: 1-9 Mark 13: 24-37
10th	11.00 a.m.	HC Readers & Sidespersons:	Jean Gregg Sofie Paton-Smith	Isaiah 40: 1-11 Mark 1: 1-8
17th	11.00 a.m.	HC Readers & Sidespersons:	Julie Shaw Harry Shaw	Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 John 1: 6-8, 19-28
18th	7.00 p.m.	Carols by Candlelight		
24th	6.00 p.m.	Crib Service		
25th	9.00 a.m.	Christmas Day Communion		
31st	11.00 a.m.	United Benefice Service at St. Chad's		

St Chad's Tushingham

3rd	4.30 p.m.	Christingle Service
10th	9.00 a.m.	HC
17th	4.30 p.m.	Carols by Candlelight
24th	11.30 p.m.	Christmas Midnight Communion
31st	11.00 a.m.	United Benefice Service

St Mary's Whitewell

3rd	11.00 a.m.	MP
10th	11.00 a.m.	SW
17th	6.30 p.m.	Carols by Candlelight
24th	4.00 p.m.	Crib Service
25th	10.45 a.m.	Christmas Day Communion
31st	11.00 a.m.	United Benefice Service at St. Chad's

From the Registers:

Funerals

7.9.23	Brian Frederick Tucker	died 11.08.23
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JANUARY SERVICES

St Michael's Marbury

7th	9.00 a.m. HC	Readers & Sidespersons:	Richard Evans Steve Wood	Plough Sunday
14th	11.00 a.m. HC	Readers & Sidespersons:	Kath Johnson Diana Thomas	1 Samuel: 3 1-10 John 1: 43-51
21st	11.00 a.m. MP		Trisha Harvey Carolyn Paton-Smith	Revelation 19: 6-10 John 2: 1-11
28th	4.30 p.m. SW	Readers & Sidespersons:	Beryl Fletcher Jane Lunt	Hebrews 2: 14-18 Luke 2: 22-40

St Chad's Tushingham

7th	4.30 p.m. SW
14th	9.00 a.m. HC
21st	9.00 a.m. HC
28th	11.00 a.m. MP

St Mary's Whitewell

7th	11.00 a.m. MP
14th	11.00 a.m. SW
21st	11.00 a.m. SW
28th	11.00 a.m. HC

COFFEE AND CHAT
at The Swan in Marbury
on Tuesday 7th November
and Tuesday 2nd January
from 10.15am to 11.45am.



For the gathering on **5th December** (time to be confirmed)
please book with Diana 663738 or Jane 662910

All our community are welcome to come for coffee and to meet
friends and neighbours - a great way to get to know everyone
in the lovely environment of the Swan.
We look forward to seeing you.

Remembrance and Hope

Dear Friends,

As the nights draw in, and the weather changes to that familiar feel of winter once again, November and December bring us two very different 'seasons' in our church calendar.

November brings the church year to a close where we have an opportunity to reflect on the year that has gone. Three services in this month give us the chance to do this. Firstly, we have our All Souls Service in which we light a candle for those we love, who are no longer with us, and remember them in prayer and reflection. This is followed by our All Saints Service, remembering and celebrating those who so influenced the world through their faith and work for Christ and, finally, on the 12th of November we join in our national Remembrance Service for those who have given their lives through war in service of our country.

When we are grieving, it is often hard to not always be thinking of the person we miss so much, and who has left a very large and empty space in our lives. We have symbols for remembrance, the most obvious one at this time of year is the poppy. At St Michael's we have a Book of Remembrance in which the names of all those who have died in our parish are written. Some of us light candles and place flowers on graves, or visit places where we feel a special connection to those we miss.

As we move into December our new church year begins with the season of Advent. Advent is a season of hope. At the time of the year when the days are at their shortest and the night is at its longest and darkest, a light shines out for us in the celebration of the coming of the Christ child, the carols and services associated with this so familiar to many of us. This is the hope that we have in Jesus Christ, the light of the world. In the hope of Christmas, we are reminded that God loved the world so much that he sent his only Son to be with us; the word Emmanuel means 'God is with us'. Jesus came in human form to guide and teach us, to show us the way to deep peace, truth and life. In the sending of his Son, God has changed the world forever and in our church services we give thanks and sing praises and share in the giving of gifts as a reflection of God's gift to us in Jesus Christ.

May those who remember with sadness be comforted and may the hope of the light of Christ shine in your hearts this Christmas time.

Ali x

PARISH COUNCIL

The September meeting was addressed by a representative of the young people in the village, and Revd. Veronica, speaking about the lack of activities in village, especially during summer. Some young people are too old for play area: there are about 17 under 14 years of age. Suggestions were put forward, including a skatepark, football/basketball pitch in play area, gym equipment. Ideas were well received and will be looked into.

Effluent spreading on fields in the locality was causing unacceptable smell and concerns regarding pollution to water courses. There was detailed discussion and points will be followed up with Cholmondeley, Environment Agency, and United Utilities.

In response to residents' comments about speeds of vehicles, particularly in the village, 20's Plenty stickers would be purchased for displaying on bins each week. Also other permanent warning and deterrent signs would be priced.



A competition was suggested for young people, to provide information on the history and features of interest in the village; these could be displayed in the noticeboard.

Complaints had been made about intrusive lighting on The Swan car-park being left on all night. It was felt that lights should go off when pub closes.

Residents are asked not to park on the footpath outside the front of Swan; this is illegal and very dangerous forcing pedestrians into the road at a junction.

A commemorative "Tommy" statue had been purchased; to be set in churchyard subject to approval by the PCC.

The Clerk was asked to the National Association of Local Councils expressing concerns about the Government's proposed National Development Management Policies which could override Local and Neighbourhood Plans.

The next meeting will be Monday, 13th November. All residents are welcome to attend; however, if you wish to speak at the meeting please contact the Chair or the Clerk beforehand. Public speaking time is limited and only Councillors may take part in discussions/decisions.

Agenda and Minutes can be viewed on the Parish Council website:
www.marburyanddistrict.org.uk

MARBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Marbury has a thriving WI, with over 30 members and a great programme of talks and events planned for 2024! We'll be welcoming speakers and demonstrators covering a really diverse range of topics, from saving endangered species through to line dancing, and at our 96th Birthday meeting in April we'll have - appropriately! - a talk on antiques.

We also arrange various outings during the year - recently 15 members enjoyed a trip to the Lady Lever Art Gallery at Port Sunlight, and in November we'll be tucking into an Afternoon Tea at Nunsmere Hall.

Our meetings are held in Marbury Village Hall on the second Tuesday of every month, except in August when we have an outing. In the winter months with dark evenings (November to March) we meet at 1.30 pm, reverting to evening meetings at 7.30 pm from April to October.

Within the WI there really is something for everyone ! - and new members are always made welcome. If you live in or near Marbury you'll probably see a familiar face, and if you're new to the area it's a great way to make local friends. Come along and give it a try - if you're not sure whether it's for you, simply come as a visitor without any commitment - we'd love to see you !

If you'd like further details please contact our Secretary, Janet Wheeler, on 01948 665189 or email her at janet.wheeler@btinternet.com

WI FUNERAL TEAS

Marbury WI is able to cater for Funeral Teas in Marbury Village Hall for up to 80 people, although this is of course dependent on a sufficient number of WI members being available to prepare food and help on the day. Please contact Janet Wheeler, WI Secretary, on 01948 665981 or by email at janet.wheeler@btinternet.com for further details.

Warm Home Discount

Families are encouraged to check for local cost-of-living support:

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has announced that [more than three million households will be informed that they qualify for the Warm Home Discount](#). The automatic one-off £150 payment will help eligible, low-income customers in England, Scotland and Wales pay their energy bills over the winter.

[The 'It All Adds Up' campaign, is a public information campaign on how to save money on energy bills](#). This includes a collaboration with Amazon Alexa. Advice is available online via the [Help for Households campaign website](#). The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) encourages people to visit their council's website for more information on support available in their area.

DWP has produced a [Household Support Fund awareness week toolkit – which contains social media materials, a downloadable poster, suggested newsletter copy and easy-read guidance to help councils promote the awareness](#).

It All Adds Up campaign:

<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/energy-saving-advice/>

Craft Fair

Marbury Village Hall
Saturday 11th November

Starts at 11.02 am (After 2 min Silence)

Ends at 3.00 pm



Xmas Gifts



Jewellery

Honey

Pictures

Cuddly Toys

Cards

China



Books



Refreshments

Raffle



MARBURY KNIT AND NATTER

group meet
every other
Wednesday at
the Village
Hall, 2pm till
4pm.



Contact Beryl on 01948
664889



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY,

12th November 2023 at 10.45 at
St Michael's.



Christingle

Our Christingle service will be at
St Michael's Church

on **26th November, 2023** at **4.30pm**

We look forward to welcoming families, friends and everyone to our
candle-lit evening service

Hats on to Marbury WI

Earlier this year, the late Mary Jones, a longstanding WI member, read an article in the local newspaper asking if anyone could knit hats and cardigans for premature babies at Leighton Hospital.



Without further ado, she organised a group of adept knitters from the WI to take on the task.

Mary's illness delayed the delivery of the knitwear to the hospital until recently.

Pictured are the finished articles and knitters Janet Wheeler, Barbara Oakley, Norma Pritchard and Beryl Fletcher.

Shunning the limelight Mary was standing with the photographer, Geraint Jones.

An Advent Journey Through Prayer

All are welcome to join us in Church for a short time of reflection and prayer through the Season of Advent

St Michael's Church, Tuesday mornings, 9 am

5th, 12th and 19th December 2023

You may wish to bring your own blanket and hot drink!

VILLAGE HALL



QUIZ NIGHT, Thursday, 9th November, at 7.30 p.m.

Teams of 4: contact Bev Tanner, 666306 BYO drinks and nibbles; prize for winning team. Entry £1.50 per head.



CRAFT FAIR on Saturday, 11th November, 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. A chance to find those ideal Christmas Gifts!

The disco **CHRISTMAS PARTY** is on Saturday, 2nd December. Cost will be £7.50 for adults, £5 for children. Turkey Supper. B.Y.O. drinks/

glasses. Starts at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets from Jill Shakeshaft:
07702 303590



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: WHAT'S ON

NOVEMBER:

- Friday 3rd** **VILLAGE BONFIRE** at The Swan, 6.15 p.m.
- Tuesday 7th** **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.
- Thursday 9th** **QUIZ NIGHT**, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
- Saturday 11th** **CRAFT FAIR**, Village Hall, 11.00 a.m.—3.00 p.m.
- Monday 13th** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**, 7.30 p.m. Village Hall. Members of the Public welcome to attend.
- Tuesday 14th** **W.I. MEETING, 1.00 p.m. Afternoon** Village Hall
AGM before meeting
Speaker: Maddie Ashbrook—Moo and Boom
Competition: a pen
- Saturday 25th** **CHRISTMAS MARKET** at St. Chad's, Tushingham

DECEMBER:

- Tuesday 5th** **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, please book with Diana Thomas (663738) or Jane Lunt (662910)
- Tuesday 12th** **W.I. Afternoon MEETING, 1.30 p.m.** Village Hall
Liz Falding: Christmas Crafts, followed by Cheese, biscuits and mince pies.
- Tuesday 12th** **VILLAGE CHRISTMAS DINNER** at The Swan, 6.30

JANUARY:

- Tuesday 2nd** **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.
- Tuesday 9th** **W.I. Afternoon MEETING, 1.30 p.m.** Village Hall
Seated Yoga with Angharad Allsop

DEFIBRILLATORS, provided by the **Parish Council**, and funded through the **Lottery**, are located in the phone boxes at Marbury, Wrenbury Road, **SY13 4LS**, Gauntons Bank, **SY13 4HP** and at Bradeley Green Pet Stores, **SY13 4HD**

The Community **VETS** is a service for anyone in an emergency situation - lone rescuer - who cannot get to the defibrillator themselves.

If you need help in an emergency, ring 999 and then call the **VETS** number:

Marbury 01948 302103

Norbury 01948 302707

and a local person will respond.

PLEASE make a note of these numbers and keep them handy.



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www.cheshireeasthighways.org
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<http://www.go-too.co.uk>
Flexilink: 0300 123 5110
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Items for the next magazine, February & March, should be submitted to Janet Makin, makinatmarbury@aol.com, by 15th January.