


MARBURY ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

AND

PARISH MAGAZINE

FEBRUARY & MARCH 2024



 He is
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FEBRUARY SERVICES

St Michael's Marbury

4th	9.00 a.m.	HC BCP		
	Readers & Sidespersons:		Steve Wood Peter Hunter Johnston	Colossians 1: 15-20 John 1: 1-14
11th	11.00 a.m.	HC		
	Readers & Sidespersons:		Jean Gregg Penny Allington	2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 Mark 9: 2-9
14th	7.00 p.m.	ASH WEDNESDAY, ST. CHAD'S		Psalm 51: 1-18 Matthew 6: 1-6,16-21
18th	11.00 a.m.	SW		
	Readers & Sidespersons		Anthony Lewis Harry Paton-Smith	Genesis 9: 8-17 Mark 1: 9-15
25th	4.30 p.m.	EP		
	Readers & Sidespersons		Harry Shaw Julie Shaw	Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 Mark 8: 31-38

St Chad's Tushingham

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14th	7.00 p.m.	ASH WEDNESDAY, ST. CHAD'S		
18th	9.00 a.m.	HC		
26th	11.00 a.m.	MP		

St Mary's Whitewell

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25th	11.00 a.m.	SW		

From the Registers:

Funeral:

A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving took place on 23rd November 2023 in Memory of Hugh James Megarrell, a good friend to so many.

Rest in Peace Hugh...

MARCH SERVICES

St Michael's Marbury

- 3rd 9.00 a.m. HC
Readers & Peter Thomas Exodus 20: 1-17
Sidespersons: Dians Thomas John 2: 13-22
- 10th 11.00 a.m. SW MOTHERING SUNDAY
Readers & Trisha Harvey TBA
Sidespersons: Sofie Paton-Smith TBA
- 17th 11.00 a.m. MP
Readers & Beryl Fletcher Jeremiah 31: 31-34
Sidespersons: Richard Evans John 12: 20-33
- 24th 11.00 a.m. SW PALM SUNDAY
Anthony Lewis TBA
Harry Shaw TBA
- 28th MAUNDY THURSDAY 6.30 for 7.00 p.m. Agape Supper @ St. Chad's
- 29th 2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. GOOD FRIDAY
Reflective Prayer and readings at St. Chad's
- 31st 6.30 A.M. EASTER SUNDAY Sunrise Service & Easter Breakfast
11.00 a.m. HC
Readers & Carolin Paton-Smith Acts 10: 34-43
Sidespersons: Peter Hunter Johnston John 20: 1-18

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Parish Newsletter Feb/March '24

'A Friend,' says the Wise Man, 'is the medicine of life.'

Medicine may meet our physical needs but perhaps these days medicine is too easily relied upon to meet other wounds, in our soundness of mind or general well-being?

In 1143, Aelred, Abbott of Rievaulx (A North Yorkshire Abbey), wrote, 'what happiness, what security, what joy to have someone to whom you dare to speak on terms of equality as to another self; one to whom you need have no fear to confess your failings; one to whom you can unblushingly make known progress you have made in the heart and before whom you can place all your plans!'

We need Friends...

Friendship brings something into our lives that nothing else can. In every necessity a friend's service, words, actions, understanding and love can raise our spirit more than any other pick me up!

Wise council from a loving friend can bolster dark thoughts that can break us, upholding our belief in our humankind.

The Post Office Workers who suffered such injustice needed 'a friend', someone who understood their circumstances and someone who cared enough to do something. Often, it takes just one other person to change things.

Jesus had friends. Some of them loved Him so much that they fell headlong into a relationship with Him that blew their character wide open, and they began to see their own shortcomings quickly. Some of them doubted His words and their journey with Him was slower, as they took time and effort to truly understand Him. One of His friends betrayed Him, never fully seeing who He was and why He was!

Human friends can come and go for various reasons, interrupting our lives as they bring us genuine care and momentary relief, just like those who were in Jesus's friendship circle. For at the darkest moment of Jesus's life - every one deserted Him.

Our humanness tests us in so many ways. And if we learn from our experiences along the way, perhaps our friendship with others becomes a stage in our thinking and being that assists us in seeing the love and understanding of each other, and of God Himself, who created us in His own image. In being a friend to others, we become the friend of God.

'I no longer call you servants,' Jesus said to his disciples, 'because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father, I have made known to you.' (John 15:15).

It was on the cross that Jesus' friends realised just how much He loved them. They watched from afar as He breathed his last, His arms outstretched, as if to say I love you this much. They witnessed His burial, and went back to their business without Him, but a relationship with God is like no other. Jesus came back, and overcame death itself to be with them forever, to lead them, guide them and mentor them as only a true and loving friend can...

Is that the kind of friendship you need?

Veronica. X

COFFEE AND CHAT
at The Swan in Marbury
On Tuesday 6th February,
Tuesday 5th March
and Tuesday 2nd April
from 10.15am to 11.45am.



All our community are welcome to come for coffee and cake 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.



I would like to say a huge thank you to all those who supported and gave so generously to the Poppy Appeal.

The amount Collected was
£153.30

Thank you all so much.
Lynda Bebbington

Mothering Sunday:

St. Michael's will hold a Mothering Sunday service at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday, 10th March; we invite everyone to come and join us for this special service where we give thanks to God for our special Mums.



PARISH COUNCIL

Borough Councillor James Pearson attended the meeting on Monday, 8th January and heard of the many complaints from residents about the state of local roads. He sympathised, whilst realising that C.E., like most other Authorities, had limited funds to direct to repairs. However, he promised to hold C.E. to account and asked that people persist in reporting faults. Two representatives from Wrenbury P.C. also attended; it was agreed to work on a Pan-Parish basis to co-ordinate responses. When repairs are carried out, if they are not to a satisfactory standard, these should also be referred back to C.E., as works are carried out by contractors and their work can then be monitored.

PCSP Sharon Jones also attended the meeting; she will endeavour to visit a community event in the Village Hall to hold an informal surgery.

The next meeting will be Monday, 18th March. 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

Again, residents are asked not to park on the footpath outside the front of Swan; this is illegal, and is very dangerous as it forces pedestrians into the road at a junction.



FRIDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY AT 12 NOON:

A WARM-PLACES SOUP LUNCH at Marbury Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to share time and company, enjoying delicious home-made warming soups for lunch. Please do join in!

Donations would be appreciated as these will be given to a charity based in Crewe which supports homeless, vulnerable and disadvantaged people, and has a strong connection through a local volunteer.

MARBURY WILDLIFE, AND A SPRING NATURE WALK

Spring is a season of arrivals and new starts, but in the natural world it is a time for saying goodbye, as well as saying hello. The Pink-footed Geese that have graced the skies and fields around Marbury throughout the winter will soon be heading back north to Greenland, and the flocks of Redwings and Fieldfares that have been clacking and chattering along our



hedgerows for the last few months will be making their way back across the North Sea to Scandinavia. As we say goodbye to our winter visitors, we look forward to saying hello to Spring's new arrivals. We may be a little early yet for Swallows and Martins, but the Warblers will soon be making their way in, and we will be hearing the cheery call of the Chiffchaff, which will be part of our village soundtrack throughout the summer. Weather permitting, we are planning another of our Marbury Nature Walks on Saturday March 9th, starting from the

Village Hall car park at 9.30am. We will spend an hour or two looking around the village and into the fields to see whether we can find any newly arriving species to give us a promise of summer!

THE MARBURY AND DISTRICT HELPLINE TRUST

Should you feel that the Trust may be able to help you, or anyone you know, then please contact:

Revd Veronica Green at the Vicarage or on

01948 663758 vicar@stmichaelsmarbury.org

Or one of the Trustees who are :-

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**MARBURY MERRY DAYS – SATURDAY & SUNDAY,
11TH & 12TH MAY 2024**

The next Merry Days meeting will be on Tuesday, 13th February at 7 pm in the Village Hall – please come if you can. We really do need fresh ideas and offers of help.

In particular, we need volunteers to run the Bacon Bap Stall following the retirement of Joan & Brian Crump, and to help with the Cake Stall – Jeanette Lawson is happy to organise this but needs helpers over the weekend. Both these Stalls are very profitable areas for us so, if you're able to help, either come along to the meeting or let Richard Sheard know as soon as possible.

MARBURY KNIT AND NATTER group meet every other Wednesday at the Village Hall, 2pm till 4pm.
Contact Beryl on 01948 664889



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The Community **VETS** is a service for anyone in an emergency situation— not only for the Defibrillator but for any other similar sort of emergency, e.g., a fall and unable to obtain help.

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.

Lent and Easter Services and Events

Ash Wednesday: February 14th 7pm Service of Holy Communion and Ashes at St. Chad's, Tushingham.

Lent Bible Study at the home of Carolyn and Phil Wort, Prospect House, Horseman's Green SY13 3DY. Tuesday Evenings from February 20th through to and including March 19th. 6.30pm for a simple soup supper, study at 7pm - 9pm. Details from Revd. Veronica.

Mothering Sunday: March 10th - 11am Service of the Word with Revd. Veronica.

Palm Sunday: March 24th - 11am Service of the Word with Ali Hunter Johnston.

Agape Supper at St. Chad's, Tushingham on Maundy Thursday March 28th 6.30pm for 7pm. Join us as we gather to remember the events of Jesus' last Meal sharing a soup supper followed by a reflective talk and prayers to finish at 9pm.

Good Friday: March 29th 2pm - 3pm Reflective Readings and Prayers at St. Chad's.

Easter Sunday: March 31st Sun Rise Service at 6.30am @ St. Michael's on the Terrace, followed by a simple Easter Breakfast in church.

Easter Family Communion at 11am with Revd. Mike Rogers, as the Joy of Easter is celebrated.



Reflective Prayer is held every Tuesday Morning now at St Michael's at 9.30am. Tea/Coffee and Space to Rest in God.

Advance Notice: There will be a Service of Confirmation with the Bishop of Birkenhead, Bishop Julie, for our Benefice this year on Sunday November 24th @ 4.30pm at St. Michael's. Please contact Revd. Veronica for further details.

VILLAGE HALL

Friday, 9th February at 12 noon: A warm-places soup lunch. Everyone is welcome to share time and company, enjoying delicious home-made warming soups for lunch. Donations will be given to a charity based in Crewe:



The charity supports homeless, vulnerable and disadvantaged people, providing a hot meal and support from volunteers. With aid from sponsors and donors this community pantry in Crewe assists people from all backgrounds who are struggling with food poverty and financial difficulties, helping them manage their finances and gain access to services.

Other forthcoming events, please make a note of the dates!

-28th March : 7pm

Easter bingo & fish supper: One of the most popular village events



28th April : 3 pm

St. George's Day afternoon tea: a quintessentially English tradition to celebrate our patron saint's day

7th September : 2pm - 5 pm

Treasure hunt : a treasure hunt around the village area, on foot, for the whole family.

9th November: 11am - 3 pm

Craft fair: Don't buy your Christmas presents until you've seen what's available here—so much choice.



THE VILLAGE HALL IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE HIRE. Please contact Penny Allington, 01948 664900 for dates and hire terms.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: WHAT'S ON

FEBRUARY:

- Tuesday 6th** **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.
Everyone welcome.
- Friday 9th** **WARM SPACES-SOUP LUNCH** 12.00 noon Village
Hall Open to all; donations welcome for charity.
- Tuesday 13th** **W.I. Afternoon MEETING, 1.30 p.m.** Village Hall
Speaker: Nikki Barroclough: - Ditsy Rose, Bringing
Crafts to Life. Competition: a handmade item

MARCH:

- Tuesday 5th** **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.
- Saturday 9th** **NATURE WALK**, starting VH, 9.30 a.m.
- Monday 18th** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**, 7.30 p.m. Village
Hall. Members of the Public welcome to attend.
Please contact the Chair or Clerk if you wish to
speak at the meeting.
- Tuesday 12th** **W.I. Afternoon MEETING, 1.30 p.m.** Village Hall
Speaker: Peter Turner -The slight of mind
Competition: pack of cards.
- Thursday 28th** **BINGO, FISH & CHIPS supper**, Village Hall,
7.00 p.m. Contact Jill, 07702 303590 before 21/3.
Tickets £7.

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**

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



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www.cheshireeasthighways.org

Bus services: FIX MY STREET: APP
Go-Too: 0300 123 5103
<http://www.go-too.co.uk>
Flexilink: 0300 123 5110

Crimestoppers (you can call anonymously) 0800 555 111

Childline 0800 1111

Samaritans 116 123

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Items for the next magazine, April & May, should be submitted to Janet Makin, makinatmarbury@aol.com, by 15th March.