

MARBURY ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

AND

PARISH MAGAZINE

APRIL & MAY 2024



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APRIL SERVICES

St Michael's Marbury

7th	9.00 a.m.	HC		
	Readers & Sidespersons:		Anthony Lewis Jane Lunt	Acts 4: 32-35 1 John 1: 1-2: 2
14th	11.00 a.m.	HC		
	Readers & Sidespersons:		Jean Gregg Trisha Harvey	Acts 3: 12-19 1 John 3: 1-7
21st	11.00 a.m.	SW		
	Readers & Sidespersons		Harry Paton-Smith	Acts 4: 5-12 1 John 3: 16-24
28th	6.30 p.m.	Rogation Service		
	Readers & Sidespersons		Harry Shaw Richard Evans	TBA TBA

St Chad's Tushingham

7th	6.30 p.m.	EP		
14th	9.00 a.m.	HC		
21st	9.00 a.m.	HC		
28th	2.00 p.m.	Rogation Service at Millmore, Nomansheath		

St Mary's Whitewell

7th	11.00 a.m.	MP		
14th	11.00 a.m.	SW		
21st	11.00 a.m.	Rogation Service at Little Green Farm		
28th	11.00 a.m.	SW		

HC – Holy Communion EP – Evening Prayer
BCP – book of Common Prayer MP – morning prayer.

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

MAY SERVICES

St Michael's Marbury

5th	9.00 a.m.	HC		
		Readers & Sidespersons:	Steve Wood Peter Thomas	Acts 10: 44-48 1 John 5: 1-6
9th	4.30 p.m.			St. Chad's Ascension walk; simple refreshments
	5.30 p.m.			Service at Old St. Chad's
12th	9.30 a.m.	MP		MERRY DAYS WEEKEND
		Readers & Sidespersons:	Jean Gregg Trisha Harvey	Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 1 John 5: 9-13
19th	11.00 a.m.	SW		
		Readers & Sidespersons:	Kath Johnson Carolyn Paton-Smith	Acts 2: 1-21 John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15
26th	6.30 p.m.	EP		
			Jane Lunt Sofie Paton-Smith	Isaiah 6: 1-8 John 3: 1-17

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19th	9.00 a.m.	HC		
	7.00 p.m.			Captivated Event
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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.

Parish Letter April/May 2024

All in good time...

The phrase above is all about patience - I've heard it spoken and used it myself many times.

So why do I choose to speak of it today?

I've been reading a book through Lent that has truly helped me come back to my faith in a God who holds all things in His Hands and in His Time. Believe me, it's not easy to come against a culture that believes in the opposite.

As a minister who is employed by the Church of England, I try to keep an open perspective on the church, the world and the times we all live in and through.

We are experiencing a huge shift from an industrial age to a digital age, and it's painful. In just a few decades the world has been turned upside down and it's not over yet! We are adjusting from being an island that inspired the world through its revolutionary industries and ability to produce materials that were in global demand, to a country that seems to have lost its identity completely, as we struggle like a butterfly in a chrysalis to find our way.

But the United Kingdom has suffered like this before, as indeed have so many nations and their people. Generation after generation have faced human good and human not so good, repeated cycles and movements that bring power and ability to either improve the plight of humankind or destroy it.

Throughout history there have been key moments that have brought change, that either cause us to swell with pride at humankind's intelligence or despair in our stupidity.

'ALL IN GOOD TIME', says the God who created everything...

To prove I am a Priest and not a politician, I bring it all back to the heart of what I choose to believe in.

We are not in control - God is! Does this mean we sit back, kick off our shoes and do nothing? Of course not. It means we come back to the one constant foundation that has always held everything together, not the church but God Himself.

The Church, whichever denomination, are people who decide to follow the Son of God as we make our way through our lives, allowing His Spirit to help us try to understand how He is bringing His Creation to the place He knows it can be, and that includes people!

I cannot save the world, I cannot save my family, I cannot save myself, but I don't allow that truth to send me into darkness and depths of despair. For I believe and serve a God who can and does save, who has a plan and a purpose for everything and everyone, and who repeatedly encourages me by promising - *All In Good Time...*

Veronica. x

Revision of St. Michael's Electoral Roll

Are you on the Electoral Roll of St. Michael's ? – and if not, would you like to be? This roll is a list of everyone who can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (this year on 23rd April), and if you're already on the roll, you don't need to do anything.

If you would like to be enrolled, you need to have been baptised, be a member of the Church of England and over 16 years old, and either live in the Parish or have worshipped regularly at St. Michael's for at least six months. If you would like further information please contact our Electoral Roll Officer, Janet Wheeler - janet.wheeler@btinternet.com – before 8th April.

COFFEE AND CHAT
at The Swan in Marbury
On Tuesday 2nd April,
Tuesday, 7th May,
and Tuesday 4th June
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.

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9 Watergate Arcade, Whitchurch. Tel: **01948 665920**

PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting on Monday, 18th March, Borough Councillor Pearson gave updates on road maintenance/repairs in the area. He reminded us that the local Council IS responsible for damage caused to cars from potholes already reported—please continue to use Fix My Street. There was discussion regarding the safety of the A49 which Councillor Pearson had assessed with the authority.

The Clerk will write representation to a meeting with SP Energy Networks to be held at Wrenbury on 27th March, at 12 noon, regarding the frequency of power outages in the area.

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting, on Monday, 20th May at 7.00 p.m., to hear from Community Groups, followed by the Parish Council AGM. 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. Please, also remember that dogs are NOT allowed in the Play Area unless on a lead—always clean up after your dog!



CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX COLLECTION

*The past year was a difficult one for all of us in financial terms - so we were absolutely delighted to find that our 25 box-holders have donated **£812.44** to the Children's Society in 2023! In view of the fact that many of us have become accustomed to using cards and now don't use cash very much, this is an absolutely amazing total – and it's worth noting that there were a lot of notes as well as loose change in the boxes, so a HUGE thank-you to our box-holders for their generosity.*

The Society works to improve the lives of children and young people in the UK who face abuse, exploitation and neglect, and particularly at the moment when home life is increasingly hard (or non-existent) for many, these donations really will make a difference.

If you would be interested in having a box please contact Carol on 01948 663087

St. Michael's Churchyard tidy up Tuesday 30th April 10.15am



We have a fantastic team who undertake mowing, weeding and strimming regularly.

We could do with some help from folk who are willing and able to tidy up the borders and paths in preparation for Marbury Merry Days.

Please bring your own tools!

Your help would be really appreciated.



MARBURY MERRY DAYS - Saturday & Sunday, 11th & 12th May

Merry Days weekend is only a few weeks away - and it will be lovely to see as many of you as possible over the weekend, together with your families and friends.

Please remember that all contributions will be very gratefully received for the following stalls:-

Plants - Sofie Paton-Smith is kindly organising the Plant Stall which has always been a major attraction as well as a major fund-raiser over the years, but of course it has to have plants to sell so please start potting on cuttings, and generally looking out for flowers, fruit or vegetable plants that you would be happy to give.



Cake Stall - Jeanette Lawson (07795 171913 -

jeanettelawson@hotmail.com) has very kindly agreed to co-ordinate arrangements for us this year. Of course, it's very important that we have cakes to sell! If you are willing to do some baking for the stall please let Jeanette know. All contributions will be very gratefully received - sponges, flap-jacks, fruit cake, scones (savoury or sweet) and anything else - but no fresh cream please.



Refreshments - Ursula Stoddart (666109) would love to receive cakes, biscuits and offers of help for the tea tent.

Tombola - prizes to Bev & Frank Tanner (666036) or Carol Sheard (663087) please.

Bric-a-Brac - please bring contributions to the field on Friday evening, or Saturday morning as early as possible.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH IS HOSTING A BELL-RINGING COMPETITION ON 25TH MAY, FROM ABOUT 1.00—3.30. JUST SO YOU KNOW THERE'LL BE VISITING TEAMS FROM VARIOUS CHURCHES, A PRESTIGIOUS EVENT, SOMETHING WELL WORTH LISTENING TO!



Meeting of Parishioners & Annual Parochial Church Meeting

A reminder that the meeting to elect Churchwardens (Meeting of Parishioners) and St. Michael's APCM will be held in Church at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 23rd April. Anyone who is on the Government electoral roll for the Parish and those on the Church Electoral Roll are entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting of Parishioners. The APCM will immediately follow this at about 7.20 pm, and although everyone is welcome to attend, only those on the Electoral Roll of St. Michael's are entitled to vote on the matters discussed. The Church Electoral Roll is revised each year – if you would like to be included on the Roll please contact Janet Wheeler (01948 665981) before 8th April and she will be able to advise you if you are eligible. Nominations to fill vacancies of those retiring from the PCC by rotation are also voted on at this meeting – this year, three members are retiring by rotation, and we have an additional vacancy for the period to April 2027. PCC members are required to be Communicant members of the Church, and the term of office is three years.

If you would like more information about either of the meetings please contact Carol Sheard on tel: 01948 663087, text: 07960 748476 or email – richardandcarol.sheard@btinternet.com .

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



A BIG THANK YOU FROM CHANCE CHANGING LIVES

Thank you for your donation of £388 on 9th February raised by your **Hot Soup Lunch at Marbury Village Hall**. Your support for local people experiencing homelessness, poverty and disadvantage is needed more than ever.

Your generosity helps disadvantaged families to choose the foods they like and need alongside essential hygiene and period products for just £4 each week. Our Community Pantry supports 160 families each week and we depend on donations to keep our fridges, freezers and collection van running.

In addition, we are providing up to 50 people with emergency hot meals each week at our homeless kitchen on a Saturday, alongside the essential health and wellbeing services they cannot access elsewhere. Podiatry, nurse appointments, wellbeing and optometry are given freely.

This support would simply not be possible without your help and donations.

On behalf of everyone associated with Chance Changing Lives, thank you for helping to make a difference to people's lives.

Martyn Johnson, General Manager

VILLAGE HALL

Forthcoming events, please make a note of the dates!

28th April : 3 pm

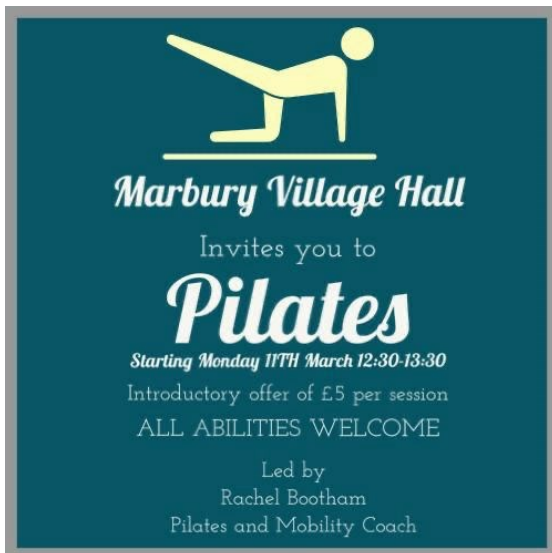
St. George's Day afternoon tea: a quintessentially English tradition to celebrate our patron saint's day. £5 per head for adults, children free, for a very special get-together—the more the merrier!

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, **07749 808308** for dates and hire terms.

MERRY DAYS MEETING – TUESDAY 30th APRIL 2024

The next – and final ! – meeting before the big event itself will be on Tuesday 30th April, at 7 pm in the Village Hall – please put this in your diaries. Even if you haven't been able to get to any of the other meetings please try to come to this one – everyone's welcome, and it's never too late for offers of help!



The American Civil War Society and their followers will be making a welcome return with their battles and displays. The "big bangs" will be on the Saturday, so that dog owners can bring their dogs along on a quieter Sunday for the Fun Dog Show ! Steve Leonard has kindly agreed to judge the Dog Show for us again and of course Merry Days wouldn't be the same without Pinxton Puppets. The very successful Gun Dog Scurry will be run again on both days this year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: WHAT'S ON

APRIL:

- Tuesday 2nd** **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.
Everyone welcome.
- Tuesday 9th** **W.I. 7.30 p.m.** Village Hall
Speaker: Paul Bebb: - Auctioneer (valuations)
Competition: a small antique item
- Tuesday 23rd** **St. Michael's Church APCM**, 7.00 p.m. @ church
- Sunday 28th** **ST. GEORGE'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA**, 3.00 p.m.
MARBURY VILLAGE HALL
- Tuesday, 30th** **MERRY DAYS MEETING**, 7.00 p.m., Village Hall

MAY:

- Tuesday 7th** **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.
Everyone welcome.
- Saturday 11th-
Sunday 12th** **MARBURY MERRY DAYS**
- Tuesday 14th** **W.I. 7.30 p.m. 97th Birthday Meeting** Village Hall
Danni Forrester & Angie Jenkins: Line Dancing
Competition: a hat.
- Monday 20th** **PARISH ANNUAL MEETING**, 7.00 p.m. followed
by the **PARISH COUNCIL AGM**. Village hall.
Members of the Public welcome to attend.

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, who requires help, or who cannot get to the defibrillator themselves.

If you need help accessing the defibrillator, 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.



welcome to

43 YEARS

In aid of St. Michael & All Angels Church

MARBURY

MERRY DAYS

A traditional Country Fair

BBMF Spitfires
x 2 flypast (Sunday)

Saturday
11th and
Sunday 12th
May 2024
Gates open
12.30pm

MAIN
ATTRACTION



Living history camp

Saturday - Skirmishes and load cannon and musket fire. Sunday - Children's army, marching and skirmish displays

AND

**PINXTON
PUPPETS**



PLUS

Grand Draw, Plant Stall, Sweet Stall & Cake Stall, Tombola, Craft and Gift Fair, Bric-a-Brac & Book Stalls, Side Shows & Refreshments

- Glo's Dance Troupe (Saturday)
- Maypole Dancing (Saturday)
- Wirral Pipe Band
- Fun Dog Show (Sunday)
Dresses on the day
- Gun Dog Scurry
- Cheshire Farm Ice Cream
- Children's Activity Area
- Bouncy Castles
- Model Flying Display
- Floral Display in the Church
- Trade Stands
- Classic Cars & Vintage Tractors
- Cygnet Bar
- Climbing Wall (Saturday)
- BBMF Spitfires x 2 flypast (Sunday)

**FREE Car Park - Adults £7.50
Under 16s £1 (free if with an adult)**

Enquiries: 01948 663087 / 07778 604470

www.marburymerrydays.org

Marbury (SY13 4LM) is 3 miles north-east of Whitchurch

The Organisers reserve the right to alter the programme of events

Spitfire photograph courtesy of BBMF



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Potholes 0300 123 5020
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, June & July, should be submitted to Janet Makin, makinatmarbury@aol.com, by 15th May.