

MARBURY ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

AND

PARISH MAGAZINE

APRIL & MAY 2026



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APRIL SERVICES

St. Michael's Marbury

5th	6.15 a.m.	EASTER DAY Sunrise Service & Dawn Breakfast		
	11.00 a.m.	Family HC		
	Readers & Sidespersons:	Penny Allington Kathy Johnson	Acts 10: 34-43 John 20 1-18	
12th	11.00 a.m.	SW		
	Readers & Sidespersons:	Carolyn Paton-Smith Diana Thomas	Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 John 20: 19-31	
19th	9.00 a.m.	HC		
	Readers & Sidespersons:	Peter Thomas Steve Wood	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 Luke 24: 13-35	
26th	11.00 a.m.	HC		
	Readers & Sidespersons:	Sue Evans Trisha Harvey	Acts 2: 42-47 John 10: 1-10	

St. Chad's Tushingam

3rd	2-3.00 p.m.	GOOD FRIDAY		
5th	9.00 a.m.	HC		
12th	9.00 a.m.	HC		
19th	4.00 p.m.	Church at Four		
26th	9.00 a.m.	HC		

St. Mary's Whitewell

2nd	6.00 p.m.	Agape Service		
5th	11.00 a.m.	HC		
12th	11.00 a.m.	SW		
19th	11.00 a.m.	SW		
26th	11.00 a.m.	SW		

St. Wenefrede's Bickley

5th	11.00 a.m.	HC		
12th	11.00 a.m.	MP		
19th	11.00 a.m.	HC		
26th	11.00 a.m.	SW		

St. Nicholas's Chapel

26th	6.00 p.m.	EP		
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HC – Holy Communion EP – Evening Prayer
BCP – book of Common Prayer MP – morning prayer
SW - Service of The Word

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

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MAY SERVICES

St. Michael's Marbury

3rd	6.00 p.m.	EP			
	Readers &		Julie Shaw	Acts 7: 55-60	
	Sidespersons:		Harry Shaw	John 14: 1-14	
10th	9.00 a.m.	SW			
	Readers &		Trisha Harvey	Genesis 8: 13-22	
	Sidespersons:		Diana Thomas	Romans 8: 18-25	
17th	9.00 a.m.	HC			
	Readers &		Harry Paton-Smith	Acts 1: 6-14	
	Sidespersons:		Beryl Fletcher	John 17: 1-11	
24th	11.00 a.m.	HC			
	Readers &		Penny Allington	Acts 2: 1-21	
	Sidespersons:		Anthony Lewis	John 7: 37-39	
31st	11.00 a.m.	HC	UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE @ ST. MARY'S		

St. Chad's Tushingam

St. Mary's Whitewell

3rd	6.00 p.m.	EP OSC	3rd	11.00 a.m.	HC
10th	9.00 a.m.	HC	10th	11.00 a.m.	SW Little Green Farm
17th	4.00 p.m.	Church@4	17th	11.00 a.m.	SW
24th	9.00 a.m.	HC	24th	11.00 a.m.	SW
31st	11.00 a.m.	HC	UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE @ ST. MARY'S		

St. Wenefrede's Bickley

St. Nicholas's Chapel

3rd	9.00 a.m.	HC			
10th	11.00 a.m.	MP			
17th	11.00 a.m.	HC			
24th	11.00 a.m.	SW		6.00 p.m.	EP
31st	11.00 a.m.	HC	UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE @ ST. MARY'S		

14th ASCENSION DAY: WALK & PICNIC
@ CHOLMONDELEY CASTLE GARDENS 4.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m.

Funeral :

Dennis Tucker died 28th January, funeral 17th February.

Dance then, wherever you may be...

'Our senses are constantly bombarded, and yet we miss most of what happens around us. It goes by us, past us, over our heads. We attend only to a fraction, a tiny fraction, of what we might.

Then something strikes us. We don't know why, but we are paying attention and this thing, event or reality or whatever, begins to matter. This is a blessing: this thing, whatever it is, that is drawing us out of ourselves. Melting our loneliness and forging some kind of connection, making a pathway for sharing with others.'

'Rain, for instance' says Stephen Cherry, 'I always disliked the sound of rain, it reminded me of schooldays and wet breaks inside the classroom, until someone suggested that that it's drumming sound was a kind of music, a dance even, and that I should listen to it.'

It is suggested, from a psychological view, that our way of responding to things is *fight* or *flight*, but recently two new words have been added to this concept about the human condition: *freeze* and *fawn*. These interesting words represent two other ways of responding that perhaps reflect today's pressures, culture, and society. *Freeze* amounts to being numb and immobilized, where you cannot think or act. *Fawn* is about our wanting to avoid conflict, ensuring safety by appeasing or complying and sacrificing our own needs to keep the peace.

I suggest the greatest threat to our well-being and good health in our time is the condition of our minds. The brain is the hard drive of our body, and it is beaten to death every day by the amount of information we believe we are to take in. None of us can escape.

The story of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, asking his closest friends to walk through this journey to the cross alongside him, is a beautiful example of this for all involved. The disciples could not stay awake with him and eventually flee from the impending danger of the Romans. And we are told that Jesus Himself, sweat drops of blood so tangible was the fear of what was coming.

Easter is the time we celebrate the Hope that Jesus brought and continues to bring us all!

He overcame fear—not by flight, not by freezing or fawning, but by **love, grace, and understanding**. God became one of us—one of His created beings—and now, as a fully thinking, feeling, experiencing person, He has made a way to rescue us.

Body, mind, and spirit: learn to dance. Allow your spirit to engage with the life God promises you. The truth will set you free—to dance your way through life.

Easter Blessings to all...

Revd. Veronica. X

MERRY DAYS MEETING – TUESDAY 28th APRIL 2026

The next – and final ! – meeting before the big event itself will be on Tuesday 28th 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 Sealed Knot and their followers will be making a welcome return with their displays of skirmishes between Cavaliers and Roundheads. 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 which Steve Leonard has again kindly agreed to judge for us. Of course Merry Days wouldn't be the same without Pinxton Puppets, and the display of classic cars promises to be bigger and better than ever this year.

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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All requests for grants will be dealt with in strictest confidence and it would be helpful if requests were related to the Trust's objectives.

An Alpha course is running during Spring, on Thursdays, in March and April.

If you would like to find out more please contact Revd. Veronica.



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MARBURY MERRY DAYS - Saturday & Sunday,
9th & 10th 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 - 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 taking cuttings, and generally looking out for flowers, fruit or vegetable plants that you would be happy to donate. Please bring your pots etc. to the field (outside the Tea Tent at the Vicarage end!) on Friday evening or early Saturday morning.

Cake Stall - Jeanette Lawson (07795 171913 - jeanettelawson@hotmail.com) and Meryl Zawistowicz (07966 179732 - welcome@brightwater.com) have very kindly agreed to co-ordinate arrangements again 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 or Meryl 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 top end of the Tea Tent on Friday evening, or Saturday morning as early as possible. We have no stock at all for the stall and this year we're starting from scratch - so your unwanted items and books will be even more welcome than usual!

and finally ! - Kathy Johnson is having a pre-loved home goods and clothing stall and will be delighted to receive items in good condition (clothes clean and pressed please!). Please ring Kathy to arrange drop-off - 07770 338070.

MOBILE LIBRARY every 3 weeks at
Holtridge, Pear Tree Farm; 2.30-2.50
Norbury, Gauntons Bank; 3.00-3.20
Marbury Village Hall; 3.45-4.00

Thursday, 2nd, 23rd April, 14th May.



Prayers in a Summer Garden

You are invited to join us again this summer for our 'Prayers in a Summer Garden'. We have six dates and six different gardens to visit within the Benefice, more details to follow! You will be very welcome to come and share in this experience of reflection and prayer while enjoying the beauty of God's (and our hosts) creation. We will be meeting at 7.45 for 8.00 pm, do please come along, the dates are below for you to put in your diaries, and you are very welcome at one or all or somewhere in between! The venues will be given in the next issue of our Parish Magazine.

Monday 15th June Tuesday 30th June Wednesday 15th July
Thursday 30th July Friday 7th August Saturday 22nd August

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 on Sunday 26th April, after the morning service starting at about 12.15 pm. Anyone who is on the register of local government electors for the Parish and those on the Church Electoral Roll are entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting of Parishioners. The Annual Meeting will immediately follow this at about 12.30 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.

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 .

PILATES: *Mondays,*
12.30—1.30 p.m.
at The Village Hall:
£7 per session.
All abilities catered
for.



**MARBURY KNIT
AND NATTER** group
meet every other
Wednesday at the
Village Hall, 2pm till 4pm.

Contact Beryl on 01948 664889



**THE VILLAGE HALL IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR
PRIVATE HIRE.** Please contact Penny Allington,
07749 808308 for dates and hire terms.



Saint Michael and All Angels, Marbury

CELTIC MORNING PRAYER

Tuesday Mornings 9.30 – 10.30

Our Prayer is based on Morning Prayer of the Northumbria Community

Reading ~Reflection ~Silence ~Prayer

A space to breathe, to be still, to rest, to listen...

Please come and join us whenever you can.

You will be warmly welcomed

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MARBURY CALENDAR FOR 2027

A reminder that we're planning to print a Marbury Calendar for 2027, featuring of course photographs of our lovely village and the wildlife we see. So keep snapping – we'll need Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer photos. Details of where and when to send them will be announced in the June/July 2026 Parish magazine.

Village Emergency Telephone System (VETS) -
for defibrillator or other community emergency:
First ring **999** then Marbury: 01948 302103
Norbury: 01948 302707



Information provided by Able Community Care, Norfolk.

Shopmobility Centres offer mobility equipment which can be hired, to enable people with mobility problems to shop more easily, in the local area. Equipment can include: mobility scooters, powered and manual wheelchairs, rollators, etc.

The majority of centres are registered charities. It is advisable to book equipment in advance, and you can find details of the 120+ locations on their website www.shopmobilityuk.org. Some locations have Accessibility Parking.

For an older person who needs support of any kind to remain as independent as possible, the first thing to do is to contact Social Services and ask for a free Care Needs Assessment.

Following an assessment, Social Services may make an appointment for an Occupational Therapist (OT) to visit before deciding what aids or adaptations are needed. Social Services can provide free equipment and funds for minor adaptations up to £1000 in England and Wales. For major adaptations, it may be possible to apply for a Disabled Facilities Grant, if you are eligible.

If you receive a suspicious call about your bank account or finances, hang up immediately and dial 159. This free service, now available to 27 UK banks and building societies, covering over 99% of UK current accounts, connects you directly to your bank's fraud team, helping protect you from financial scams.

Fraudsters often create a sense of urgency, pressuring you to move money or share personal details quickly. Remember - your bank will never ask you to transfer money to a 'safe account' or pressure you into making immediate decisions.

If in doubt, always hang up and call 159 to verify whether the call was genuine. Since its launch in 2021, over one million calls have been made to 159 so taking a moment to check could save you from significant financial loss.

Pharmacy First is an NHS England initiative whereby you can walk into your local community pharmacy and ask for a private consultation with a pharmacist. They can assess symptoms, give advice, and, in some cases, provide NHS treatment — all without needing to see a GP first.

This is especially helpful for: Older adults needing quick advice; Families with children who are unwell; Carers supporting relatives.

There are over 10,000 participating pharmacies in England, meaning most local pharmacies can offer this service.

Just go in and ask: “Can I have a **Pharmacy First** consultation, please?”

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: WHAT'S ON

APRIL:

- Thursday 2nd** **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Holtridge, Gauntons Bank and Marbury Village Hall
- Tuesday 7th** **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.
Everyone welcome.
- Tuesday 14th** **W.I. MEETING, 7.30 p.m., VILLAGE HALL**
Speaker: Tina Saunders An Embroiderer's Tale
Competition: A Piece of Embroidery
- Thursday 23rd** **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Holtridge, Gauntons Bank and Marbury Village Hall
- Tuesday 28th** **MMD FINAL MEETING**, 7.00 p.m. Village Hall

MAY:

- Tuesday 5th** **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.
Everyone welcome.
- Sat/Sun, 9th/10th** **MARBURY MERRY DAYS**
- Tuesday 12th** **W.I. MEETING, 1.30 p.m., Village Hall**
99th Birthday Meeting
Speaker: Peter Duncalfe - A Vet's Life
Competition: Animal Toy
- Thursday 14th** **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Holtridge, Gauntons Bank and Marbury Village Hall
- Tuesday 2nd JUNE** **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.

COFFEE AND CHAT at The Swan in Marbury

on
Tuesday, 7th April,
Tuesday, 5th May,
Tuesday, 2nd 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.

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

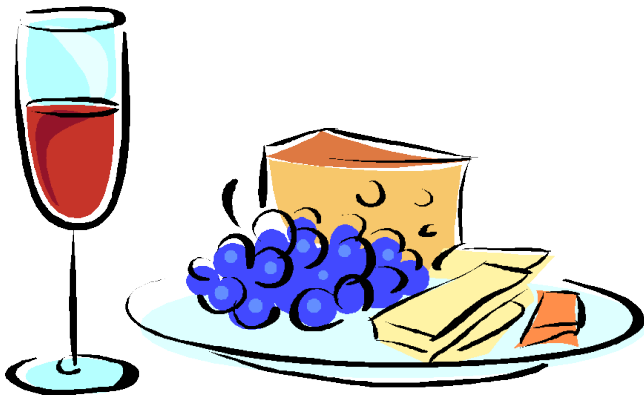
PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting on Thursday, 19th March, heard an update on C.E. activities regarding highways matters in the parish, provided by Borough Councillor James Pearson. Ongoing areas of concerns were discussed.

Nigel Green and Lyndon Jones were co-opted on to the Parish Council, filling vacancies created by the resignations of John David and Tracy Leese Wright.

Quotations for the replacement of the P.C. noticeboard were considered; it had been agreed to re-locate this to the Village Hall grounds. A bench, for walkers, had been suggested for the canal bank, near to Steer Bridge; unfortunately the Canals & River Trust cost would be £4,000.

Residents are welcome to attend meetings; 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



VILLAGE HALL

Save the date!

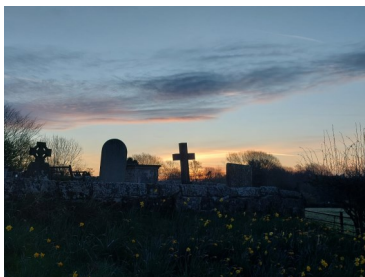
Thursday, 30th April.

CHEESE & WINE evening

Marbury Village Hall.

£10 per person

Contact Marian on 07949 784308 for tickets



EASTER

Easter Services: Join us at St. Michael's for Easter Breakfast as we welcome the dawn of Easter, Sunday, April 5th at 6.15 a.m., and later as Revd. Mike Rogers shares Holy Communion on this most

special of days at 11 a.m.

Don't miss the real Joy of Easter...x

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 or 07773 196887
 101 for non-emergency Police contact

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 trace.cheshireeast.gov.uk

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 Childline 0800 1111
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