

## Sunday Worship

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| 8.00am.  | Holy Communion        | 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays |
| 10.30am. | All Age Worship       | 1st Sunday             |
|          | Mattins               | 2nd Sunday             |
|          | Parish Communion      | 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays |
| 6.30pm   | Holy Communion        | 2nd Sunday             |
| 6.30pm   | Evensong Arley Chapel | 3rd Sunday             |

## Week-day and other activities

Holy Communion on 1st Wednesday in month at 10.30am

Celtic Evening prayer 1st Thursday in month 7.00pm in the Lady chapel

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# St Mary & All Saints Great Budworth

Serving Arley, Aston-by-Budworth, Comberbach, Crowley, Great Budworth,  
Lower Wincham, Marbury, Marston, and Pickmere.

## Diary for August

Sunday 3rd 10.30am All Age Lammas Service  
 Monday 4th 7.30pm PCC Meeting, The Old School  
 Wednesday 6th 10.30am Holy Communion, with refreshments afterwards  
 Wednesday 20th 7.00pm Churchyard Committee Meeting, The Old School  
 NO FOREST CHURCH IN AUGUST

Monday 1st September 7.00pm Friends of the Church Committee Meeting, The Old School

### Flower Festival

A huge THANK YOU to Maggie Earl and her dedicated and incredibly hard working team, and all the groups participating from across the whole Parish, including Antrobus as well, for the beautiful Flower Festival – words are inadequate, but the flowers, and the number of visitors, said it all! THANK YOU!

The Revd Alec Brown.

Vicar of the country parishes of Great Budworth and Antrobus.

## Flower Festival Peoples choice Results

1st Great Budworth & Antrobus Schools, Teddy bears picnic

Based on “If I were a butterfly”

2nd Sue Ollier, Trish Bate, Judy Shepherd and Jane Gerrard.

Based on “All things bright and beautiful”

3rd Cheshire Floral Friends – Reaseheath College, Maypole

Based on “Lord of the Dance”

You will be pleased to know that £6500 was raised for church funds and £1026 for the Concert charities.

## Rota for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers & Intercessors August 2025 Year C

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup></b><br><b>Sun</b> | <b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> August Trinity 7 (Green)</u></b><br><b><u>Proper 13</u></b><br><b><u>8am HC BCP</u></b><br>Ecclesiastes 1.2 12-14; 2.18-23<br>Colossians 3.1-11<br>Luke 12.13-21<br><b><u>10.30am All Age Worship</u></b> <b><u>Lammastide</u></b>                                     | <b><u>No Evening Service</u></b>   |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b><br><b>Sun</b> | <b><u>10th August Trinity 8 (Green)</u></b><br><b><u>Proper 14</u></b><br><b><u>10.30am Matins</u></b><br>Genesis 15.1-6 <b>S.Evans</b><br>Psalm 33.12-end<br>Luke 12.32-40 <b>L. Entwistle</b>   | <b><u>6.30pm HC BCP</u></b><br>Genesis 15.1-6<br>Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16<br>Luke 12.32-40      |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b><br><b>Sun</b> | <b><u>17<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 9 (Green)</u></b><br><b><u>Proper 15</u></b><br><b><u>8am HC BCP</u></b> <b><u>10.30am HC CW</u></b><br>Jeremiah 23.23-29 <b>S.Evans</b><br>Hebrews 11.29-12.2 <b>J.Rees</b><br>Luke 12.49-56<br><b>INT M.Cross</b><br><b>EM S.Evans</b>               | <b><u>6.30pm EP BCP Arley</u></b><br>Psalm 119.17-24<br>Isa 28.9-22<br>2 Corinthians 8.1-9 |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>Sun</b> | <b><u>24<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 10 (Green)</u></b><br><b><u>Proper 16</u></b><br><b><u>10.30am HC CW</u></b><br>Isiah 58.9b-end <b>L.Entwistle</b><br>Hebrews 12.18-end <b>C Rees</b><br>Luke 13.10-17<br><b>INT J.Rees</b><br><b>EM S. Ollier</b>                                     | <b><u>No Evening Service</u></b>   |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>Sun</b> | <b><u>31<sup>st</sup> August Trinity 11 (Green)</u></b><br><b><u>Proper 17</u></b><br><b><u>8am HC BCP</u></b> <b><u>10.30am HC CW</u></b><br>Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18 <b>J.Martin</b><br>Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16 <b>C.Rees</b><br>Luke 14.1,7-14<br><b>INT Officiant</b><br><b>EM S.Ollier</b> | <b><u>No Evening Service</u></b>   |

Sidespersons Rota – August 2025

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>             | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> August</b>    | <b>TRINITY 7 - proper 13</b>             |                  |
| 8.00am                                   | Holy Communion BCP              | Pat Hart                                 |                  |
| 10.30am                                  | All Age Worship                 | Anne O'May                               | Rebecca Brierley |
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| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>             | <b>10<sup>th</sup> August</b>   | <b>TRINITY 8 – proper 14</b>             |                  |
| 10.30am                                  | Matins BCP                      | Geoff Taylor                             |                  |
|  |                                 | <u>Hazel Taylor</u>                      |                  |
| 6.30pm                                   | Holy Communion CW               | Shirley Humphreys                        |                  |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>             | <b>17<sup>th</sup> August</b>   | <b>TRINITY 9 – proper 15</b>             |                  |
| 8.00am                                   | Holy Communion BCP              | Robert Steele                            |                  |
|  |                                 | <u>Marian Steele</u>                     |                  |
| 10.30am                                  | Family Communion CW             | Anne O'May                               |                  |
|  |                                 | <u>Robert Cross</u>                      |                  |
| 6.30pm                                   | E. Prayer at Arley Chapel BCP   | xxxxxxxxxxxx                             |                  |
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| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>             | <b>24<sup>th</sup> August</b>   | <b>TRINITY 10 – proper 16</b>            |                  |
| 10.30am                                  | Parish Communion                | Richard Smith                            |                  |
|  |                                 | Maggie Earl                              |                  |
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| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>             | <b>31<sup>st</sup> August</b>   | <b>TRINITY 11 – proper 17</b>            |                  |
| 8.00am                                   | Holy Communion BCP              | Pat Hart                                 |                  |
| 10.30am                                  | Parish Communion CW             | Margaret Cross                           |                  |
|  |                                 | Robert Cross                             |                  |
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| <b>September</b>                         |                                 |  |                  |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>             | <b>7<sup>th</sup> September</b> | <b>TRINITY 12 Creation 1 – proper 18</b> |                  |
| 8.00am                                   | Holy Communion BCP              | Robert Steele                            |                  |
|  |                                 | <u>Marian Steele</u>                     |                  |
| 10.30am                                  | All Age Worship                 | Anne O'May                               |                  |
|  |                                 | Rebecca Brierley                         |                  |
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Dear friends,

This time last year, during one of Alec`s sermons, Maggie had a vision. She was looking round church and thought that a flower festival would be a lovely idea in church. She gathered a team and the theme was agreed upon, “The Joys of a Rural Parish” and it was decided that everyone would choose a hymn as the theme for their arrangements. A whole range of individuals and groups agreed to take part and the enthusiasm just kept growing. Regular meetings were held and jobs shared out. A concert was planned together with a Songs of Praise service. There was to be an art exhibition and Jane agreed to do a history exhibition. The George and Dragon agreed to get involved and many volunteered for stewarding, serving teas and tower tours.



The community came together in quite a wonderful way and over the 3 days, 100's of people visited the festival and were overwhelmed by the various displays. It was to be a fundraiser for church funds but it was so much more than that. People were so interested about what goes on in our church and there were many fruitful conversations. The church was drawing people in from so many places – seeing so many people in and around church – it seemed like the church was at the very heart of things. It was an utterly joyful event. Our building is beautiful at the best of times, but it was “heavenly” – in the words of one of the visitors.

At the music event, we had such a range of talent volunteering their talent to raise funds for St Luke`s and WF for Ukraine, singers, pianists, a flautist, a trumpeter, we had a folk vocalist and comic songs and such a wide range of ages came to listen. Again it was so joyful.



We are so thankful to everyone who came along and the many people who took part in a range of ways.



We have so much to be joyful about at St Mary's and St Mark's.

We are blessed with the most extraordinary people who are part of our church family, we have the widest range of service types from BCP to Forest Church, we have two fabulous church schools – who won the people's choice at the festival for their teddy bears extravaganza in the Lady Chapel and we have a building that has been soaked in prayer over the centuries which draws people closer to God.....what brings you joy at St Mary's?

Our buildings are incredible so if at any time you have a vision or thoughts as to how they could be used then please let us know. I read a book about how village churches thrive which was challenging, and in the autumn, we hope to get together as a parish to look to the future. What are we doing well? What do we do badly? Are there groups we do not reach? How is our welcome? How can our church building engage visitors who have questions about faith So many questions. Your prayers would be valued together with your input

We also pray for all teachers and staff as they take time out – what you do is extraordinary so take time for you this summer. For those children who are leaving us and moving to high school you go with our love and prayers.

It has however been such a busy time for all of us that there should be some time for rest. Jesus was often found asleep – even in the middle of a storm. It is the summer time – an ideal time for rest. Don't feel you always have to be busy – be like Jesus – take naps.

Love Christina



Your feedback and snippets you send are important, if there are any comments on the parish magazine or if you would like anything particular in the issue then please let me know.

**The views of our contributors are, of course, entirely their own, and do not necessarily represent those of the P.C.C., the Editor, members of the congregation or parishioners in general.**

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We are available by phone or email if you want to talk to us. We can offer a chat or prayer or both. If you have Facebook, have a look at the church page, @greatbudworthchurch where Christina posts prayers and reflections

We keep you all in our prayers. Stay well.

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If you don't wish this to happen, please let the person you speak to know at the time of first contact.

## The vicar who won Wimbledon

Ninety years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> August 1935, John Hartley, the British tennis player, died. He was the only clergyman ever to win Wimbledon and was World Number One in both 1879 and 1880 – winning Wimbledon both years.

The Revd John Thorneycroft Hartley was born in 1849 in Wolverhampton and was well connected: his parents were both from Staffordshire industrial business families, and he married Alice Lascelles Murray, daughter of the 4th Earl of Mansfield and a granddaughter of Henry Lascelles, 3rd Earl of Harewood. They had no children.

He won the 1879 Gentlemen's Singles title against Irish champion Vere St Leger Goold in three sets on 15<sup>th</sup> July, retaining his title the following year. But in attempting the hat-trick in 1881 he lost the shortest ever men's final, 0-6, 1-6, 1-6, in 37 minutes. He was said to have been ill at the time.

Hartley had become a priest in 1873. He was firstly curate of Christ Church, Southwark, and then became vicar of Burneston, a village in North Yorkshire, from 1874 to 1919. In 1891 he became Rural Dean of East Catterick, and later he was Honorary Canon of Ripon Cathedral.

As an amateur, he received no cash for his Wimbledon wins, and in the course of his first finals win he caught a train to Yorkshire so that he could do his duty and take his services at Burneston on the Sunday. Not only that, but he stayed with a dying parishioner until he passed away on the Monday – the day of the semi-finals. A rain delay helped him to get back to London in time.

At the Golden Jubilee Championships in 1926 he received a silver medal from Queen Mary as one of 34 surviving champions.

I would just like to express my appreciation of the love, care, concern and prayers shown by so many to myself, Margaret and our family after my recent medical episode.

Robert





## The Joys of a Rural Parish comes to Fruition

Not sure where to start but there are so many thank-yous I can't name them all individually but I was overwhelmed by the response from all the village and parish that were keen to take part once I had explained my vision!

Planning started by a small but incredible team, and things started to happen during the past year so many meetings and cups of tea. .

The day for arranging suddenly came upon us and the fun, laughter and comradery in the church was amazing, it was a joy to see so many filling the church with flowers and all the props. What we didn't expect was the 30 degrees sunshine - although this brought the visitors out it was hard work watering, spraying and more watering - I don't think Tig was ever seen without her watering can! Thursday afternoon came when everybody was finishing the displays - what a transformation inside and outside the church - the wonderful Maypole suddenly came to life in the church yard and the pub was dressed, including a garland of hops lay across the door. The reading room was transformed into an art gallery with quite an array of paintings. The vintage tractor parked proudly by the gate to entice visitors in.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> arrived and the doors were open at 10am

## Eco Christmas

Inspiration for parishes to run their own parish wreath making session or eco-ideas to take to a community Christmas Fair

Date and time

Sat, 6 Sep 2025 10:00 - 15:30 BST

Location

Diocese of Chester

5500 Church House, Daresbury park, Daresbury Warrington WA4 4GE

About this event

Event lasts 5 hours 30 minutes

The Day will include

- ☐ Sustainable wreath or swag demonstration
- ☐ Alternative sustainable wreath ideas
- ☐ Ideas for sharing the Christmas Story in your wreath making session
- ☐ Baby Jesus Rocks or Nativity Rocks ideas – like a community treasure hunt.
- ☐ Sustainable Christmas Tree Decorations – ideas for joining in with a Christmas Tree festival
- ☐ Eco-ideas for a Church/School/Community Christmas Fair
- ☐ Opportunity to share your own ideas.

Please bring your own lunch. Tea and Coffee will be provided.

You can book through Eventbrite

# Creation Care

## The unlikely helper of red squirrels

Red squirrels have found a surprising friend in their fight to survive against grey squirrels. It is the elusive pine martin, who is a natural predator of *all* squirrels.

Now a recent study by Queen's University, Belfast, has found that pine martens are increasing, and that they kill more grey squirrels than red squirrels. This is because red squirrels are naturally wary of pine martens, and so avoid them. Grey squirrels, on the other hand, do not know to fear pine martens, as they are not native to the UK.

It is good news for the beleaguered red squirrels, who have been nearly wiped out since their larger North American cousins arrived in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Most red squirrels these days are confined in small populations in Scotland, Anglesey and the Isle of Wight.

Christina thought some of you maybe interested in the following events

## Eco Church Celebration

Sat, 4 Oct 2025 13:30 - 17:00 BST

Location: Chester Cathedral

Saint Werburgh Street Chester CH1 2DY

About this event

Event lasts 3 hours 30 minutes

Programme of Events

1.30- 2.00pm Arrival

2.00pm Cheshire Wildlife Trust 'A focus on the Eco Church Survey'

2.45pm Tea and Coffee

3.00pm Eco Church inspiration for your parish

2.00pm-3.45pm Outside activities

4.00pm Photograph

4.15pm Special Evensong

You can book through Eventbrite

prompt; the children from Great Budworth School were our first visitors and ran into see their absolutely wonderful teddy bears picnic display in the Lady Chapel. Visitors continued to pour in through out the 3 days from far and wide and often came back for a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> visit. The Tower tours proved very popular on such a wonderful (but hot) day, you could see all over the Cheshire plain.

The final day started with our wonderful Songs of Praise - a very emotional service as we all finally had time to sit down for an hour and take in what we had actually achieved.

One of my high lights was being able to cut roses direct from the fields at Curbishley's Roses and Arley Hall and Gardens.

My worries and sleepless nights were all worth it, the Parish did us proud. I am humbled at the kindness generosity and happiness this flowers festival has brought out in people - I truly am grateful and proud of all who took part, and the visitors who came to see all for the running's of a rural parish !

Huge Thank you to everyone.

Final figure will be announced as soon as it all been counted

Sincere thanks

Maggie

(No, I am not doing another)!



## The Flower Festival and a Weekend of Great Budworth Teas

What a weekend we had, the church looked magnificent with all of the exquisite flower arrangements.

Thanks to the wonderful team of ladies serving teas in the Parish Hall, and also to everyone who generously gave such beautiful and delicious cakes to be served.

I cannot thank you all enough for all your help in making the weekend a success and so enjoyable.

Love to all,

Susan

(Susan Ollier – team leader for teas over the weekend)







## The joys of a Rural Parish

The joys of a rural Parish are many and varied  
and are there for all to see,  
whether in tractor, field and furrow, cow and tree;  
and the business that goes on behind the scenes  
is a story waiting afresh to be told  
in hymns and verse and rhyme,  
in art and, of course, in flowers bright and bold  
and of almost every shape and colour and kind;  
but also, and perhaps especially, in the lives  
of ordinary folk like you and me;  
in all our work and our dealings one with another  
both seen and unseen, across our communities,  
in joy and sorrow, hardship, pain and success  
when it all comes together, and all of us to bless.

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Great Budworth Flower Festival,

Cheshire

10<sup>th</sup> July, 2025.





## God in the Sciences

### Keeping Calm in the Storm

One of the most famous stories about Jesus is the calming of the storm (Luke 8:22-25). Of course, anyone could say that the wind stopped suddenly of its own accord, but the disciples were not fooled. They had seen a number of these ‘coincidences’ in Jesus’ ministry, and they weren’t about to ignore this one. Jesus had calmed the waves with only His words. Wasn’t this an act of God? Who else could be in complete control of creation?

Jesus dealt graciously with the very pressing and practical issue of the raging storm before He did a bit of teaching, asking His followers “Where is your faith?” It’s not surprising that they were scared, given the circumstances, but clearly Jesus expected better of them. He had already been teaching them for some time, and clearly knew they were ready to trust Him.

In similar circumstances, Christians often do several things in quick succession. We start by panicking and being afraid. After a while we might remember what we know about God’s character and pray for help, trusting that whatever happens He will help us to handle it. Most often, we don’t get the storm-calming effect when we ask for it, but battling on with faith and God’s help is much easier than trying to keep going in a panic.

‘Peace’ in this kind of situation is a very active holding on to what we know about God. The difference between trusting and not trusting can be like night and day in terms of stress levels. I have found that it can make the difference between unmanageable stress and something that stretches me and teaches me something new.

Knowing some science can help us to trust God. A Being who created the whole universe, sustaining the wonderfully creative processes that produced diverse life on earth, must be both extremely powerful and extremely wise. The God who can both calm the waves and walk on them must be in complete control of the things He made. When this knowledge goes hand in hand with experience of God’s intimate love for us and care for us in every situation that we find ourselves in, I am reassured that He’s got things in hand.

I will always need help from others to pray faithfully in stormy situations, but hopefully I’ve seen enough now not to panic for too long.

Time (and my closest friends) will tell!

*Dr Ruth Bancewicz, who is based at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge, writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.*