

Sunday Worship

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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Diary for September

Mon 1st	7.00pm Friends of GB Church Committee Meeting, The Old School
Wed 3rd	10.30am Holy Communion, followed by refreshments 7.00pm Commissioning Service for the new Rural Dean at St Thomas' Church, Stockton Heath – all welcome
Thurs 4 th	7.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer
Fri 5 th	1.00pm Wedding
Sunday 7 th	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 10.30am All Age Worship
Tues 9th	11.00am St Mary's Chapel, Arley Hall – Mass with Fr Paul – all welcome
Wed 10 th	10.30am Craft & Natter in the Old School
Thurs 11 th	1.30pm Play and Praise in church
Friday 12 th	1.30pm Wedding
Sat 13th	2.00pm – 5.00pm Heritage afternoon in Church (more details inside)
Sunday 14 th	10.30am Matins BCP 6.30pm Holy Communion <i>Common Worship</i>
Mon 15th	7.00pm PCC Meeting, The Old School
Sunday 21 st	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving Service 6.30pm Evening Prayer BCP Arley Chapel
Wed 24 th	10.30am Craft & Natter in the Old School
Thurs 25 th	1.30pm Play and Praise in church
Sunday 28 th	10.30am Parish Communion <i>Common Worship</i> 2.30pm Forest Church Great Budworth – Meet in The Quiet Garden (or church if weather very wet)

October

Sunday 5 th	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 10.30am Animal blessing Service Bring along your pet for a blessing during the service.
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Parish Magazine Delivery

We would like to update our records of who has the magazine delivered (or would like to).

please contact Robert Cross, robcross43@gmail.com

Rota for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers & Intercessors September 2025 Year C

1st Sun	7th September Trinity 12 (Green) 8am HC BCP Deuteronomy 30. 15 – end Philemon. 1-21 Luke 14. 25-33 LL983 SL881 HB348 LL984 SL882 HB349 LL986 SL884 HB349 10.30am All Age Worship	No Evening Service
2nd Sun	14th September Trinity 13 (Green) 10.30am Matins BCP Exodus 32.7-14 Psalm 51. 1-11 1 Timothy 1. 12-17 J. Martin J. Rees LL988 SL886 HB350 Page 198 LL990 SL888 HB351	6.30pm HC BCP Exodus 32. 7-14 1 Timothy 1. 12-17 Luke 15.1-10 LL991 SL888 HB351
3rd Sun	21st September Trinity 14 (Green) Harvest Thanksgiving 8am HC BCP 10.30am HC CW Amos 8. 4-7 1 Timothy 2. 1-7 Luke 16.1-13 S. Gray J. Martin LL993 SL891 HB352 LL995 SL892 HB352 LL995 SL892 HB353 INT M.Cross EM S.Gray	6.30pm EP BCP Arley Psalm 129 page 295 Amos 8. 4-7 John 7. 14-36
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Sidespersons Rota – September 2025

1st Sunday 7th September Trinity 12 Creation 1 – Proper 18

8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Robert Steele <u>Marian Steele</u>
10.30am	All Age Worship	Anne O'May Rebecca Brierley

2nd Sunday 14th September Trinity 13 Creation 2 – Proper 19

10.30am	Matins BCP	Geoff Taylor <u>Hazel Taylor</u>
6.30pm	Holy Communion CW	Shirley Humphreys

3rd Sunday 21st September Trinity 14 Creation 3 – Proper 20

8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	<u>Pat Hart</u>
10.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service	Anne O'May <u>Robert Cross</u>
6.30pm	E. Prayer at Arley Chapel BCP	xxxxxxxxxxxx

4th Sunday 28th September Trinity 15 Creation 4 – Proper 21

10.30am	Parish Communion	Richard Smith Maggie Earl
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October

1st Sunday 5th October Trinity 16 – Proper 22

8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Robert Steele <u>Marian Steele</u>
10.30am	Animal Blessing Service	Anne O'May Robert Cross

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From the Vicar

Some recent comments in the Church Visitors' Book have given me pause for thought and prayer and contemplation over these last few weeks. The Visitors' Book is, with occasional exceptions/hiccups, an extremely interesting source of information about the way in which people approach and think about faith and belief, as well as about history and architecture of course. I did some research on this subject some years ago now, as part of further academic studies, looking at the entries in the Visitors' Book and the prayer requests in Church over the course of nearly a whole year, and it was extremely interesting (and my report was published in Rural Theology in 2007 – how time passes!).

The recent comments which have caught my attention are from visitors from Italy and The Ukraine – “Most Church full of love and compassion we have ever seen” (two people from Ravenna) and “We’re artists and we love this Church” (two people from Kyiv). I would have loved to have met these visitors and to have talked with them about their experiences and so on – what was it in particular that sparked their comments I wonder? Who did they happen to meet whilst they were in the Church? Love and compassion, faith and hope are such integral parts of our Christian faith and of our individual journeys as followers of Jesus even, and perhaps especially, in the darkest of times. No doubt the visitors from Kyiv could have spoken a great deal about “dark times” and, while it’s not possible to infer too much from their comments, it’s very good to know that our Church building brings them joy, and perhaps hope.

During the course of a normal week I do meet a number of visitors to the Church, and it’s always interesting to talk with them about what has drawn them to the Church, and what they have experienced while in the building. A number of people come of course on the search for ancestors, but many are drawn in via the “Open Church” sign physically and online)

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and are looking for peace, prayer and contemplation in a place where, in the beautiful words of T.S. Eliot’s “Little Gidding” from The Four Quartets, “prayer has been valid”.

Over the course of this coming month we will of course be welcoming visitors, new pupils at our School’s Welcome Service, bringing couples together in marriage, welcoming young children into the Christian faith through baptism and saying goodbye to those who have died. We will also be giving thanks to God for the work of our farmers and the agricultural community, in all weathers, as we celebrate the annual Harvest Festival, which is such an important link between Church and community, especially in a rural Parish such as ours.

And so, as we all go about the living of our faith from day to day, with all the challenges and opportunities that come our way, I pray that we may all be richly blessed, and that our lives may be full of “much love and compassion”.

The Revd Alec Brown

Vicar of Great Budworth and Antrobus.

From the Registers

Weddings – congratulations to;

Ruth Leonard and Ben Lambert, and to Jennifer Roberts and Paul Stewart, who were married on 8th and 22nd August respectively.

Funerals – rest in peace Chris Wise, whose Memorial Service took place in Church on 29th August.

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.

*Articles for October 2025 edition send to Rob Cross:
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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.

Which milk is best?

Plant-based milk drinks, including soya milk, oat milk and almond milk, have soared in popularity in recent years. But how do these compare with cow's milk?

A recent report from the nutritional experts who advise the government says that vegan milk is not 'nutritionally equivalent' to cow's milk.

The Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition (SACN) and the Committee on Toxicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment has also warned that the vegan alternatives to cow's milk often have a higher amount of sugar.

The report suggests that nutritional concerns might be "lessened" if people instead go for the unsweetened soya, oat and almond milk drinks, and if those drinks were to be fortified with vitamin A, riboflavin, vitamin B12, calcium and iodine at similar levels to those found in cow's milk, and also with vitamin D.

[Or you could just stick to cows milk! Rob]

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that. . .

electricians could be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys de-ranked, models deposed, and dry cleaners depressed?

Likewise, bedmakers might be debunked, bulldozer operators degraded, organ donors delivered, software engineers detested, and underwear manufacturers debriefed?

And won't all composers one day decompose? On a more positive note, perhaps we can hope politicians will someday be devoted...

Forest Church

Elizabeth Barrett Browning once wrote,

"Earth's crammed with heaven, and every common bush afire with God: but only he who sees, takes off his shoes"

If you ask people, often they will say that some of their most spiritual moments, their awareness of God has been when they have been outside. We live in such amazing countryside that is teeming with nature. At Forest Church, we have explored our local area, meeting in Anderton, Antrobus, Great Budworth, Marston, Arley, and Aston by Budworth. We reflect on what we can see and make connections with God and see how our faith can deepen through nature. Jesus, when teaching, often used to refer to and use in his teaching the animals, trees and nature that surrounded him. The world that surrounds us is often referred to as the Second Book of God.

We have now been meeting for over three years. Our community ranges from toddlers to 87 year olds and a group of friendly dogs. Everyone who comes receives a warm welcome, we reflect, wander, make, plant and at the end we always have a lovely picnic.

Why not come along and see what we are about?

We meet at 2.30.

28th September Quiet Garden in Great Budworth

26th October Marbury Park

23rd November Antrobus St Mark's

Dress for the weather and bring something to sit on

Church Teas

If you are free on the 14th September, team Buchan/Westwell are on church teas – come along to enjoy cake and fizz (alcoholic and non alcoholic) Dave and Christina are celebrating their silver wedding anniversary and would love you to come along and raise a glass. They have asked family and friends to not buy cards/gifts but to make a donations to Friends of GB to be put towards a new garden structure for the Quiet Garden

22nd November – Pre Advent Reflections

Please put this date in your diary. Andrew Rudd who is an incredibly gifted poet is leading our reflective morning – more details to follow

Love Christina

Eco Church Celebration
Sat, 4 Oct 2025 13:30 - 17:00 BST
Chester Cathedral

We are an Ecochurch and it is an important aspect of our ministry – a group of us are attending this event and we would love you to join us 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

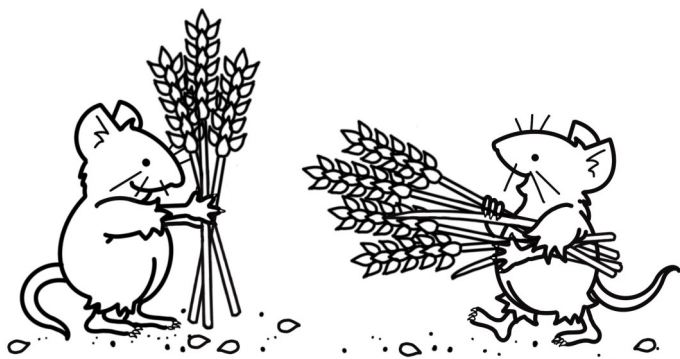
3.00pm Eco Church inspiration for your parish

2.00pm-3.45pm Outside activities

4.00pm Photograph

4.15pm Special Evensong

Speak to Christina, Anne or Margaret as we are hoping to car share



Creation Care

Did you spot many butterflies this past summer?

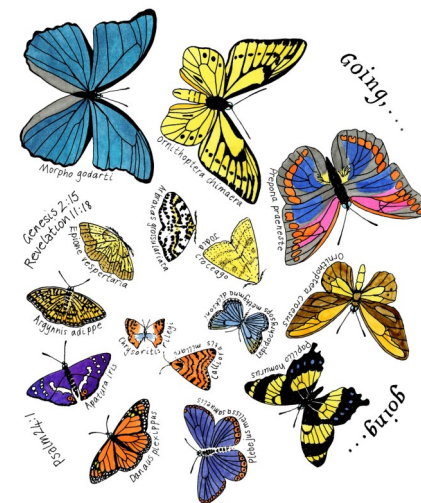
The wildlife charity Butterfly Conservation is deeply worried about our butterflies. Or rather, the lack of them. It seems that more than 80 per cent of our species have declined sharply in number since 1970s.

Each summer sees the Big Butterfly Count, when the public is encouraged to send in the number of butterflies they have seen over a short period of time. Last year saw the lowest number of butterflies spotted in the count's 14-year history. Even the familiar species like the small white, common blue and small tortoiseshell had their worst summer ever. And a record number of people saw no butterflies at all.

Butterflies have been hit by climate change, the use of pesticides, and damage to their habitats. The drought this summer will have been bad news for their caterpillar off-spring, which need growing plants to feed on.

So, this autumn, why not plan a happier year for butterflies in 2026? As you prepare your garden for winter, go to

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/wildlife/butterflies-in-your-garden> for some ideas of how to make your garden butterfly-friendly.



God in the Sciences

Big perspective, big questions

It was three years ago this summer that the first operational images from the James Webb Space Telescope astonished and delighted astronomers, as well as the rest of us.

Those of us who have grown up in an age when 'astronaut' is a career option (albeit a pretty specialist one) might struggle to identify with the wonder of these events, and the true scale of the challenge. Human beings developed the technology to send first a probe, then living people, out of Earth's atmosphere, and cross the 252,000-mile gap to the moon. It was in 1959 that the Luna 3 probe managed to send back grainy images of the far side of the Moon, and in 1969 Apollo 11 managed to actually land on it, take off again, and arrive back in one piece. It's the safe arrival home that gets me – like hitting the bullseye twice in a row.

For some space-travellers, seeing Earth from a distance is a life-changing experience; a shift in thinking dubbed 'the overview effect'. The observer feels a sense of awe at seeing the whole planet as a single entity rather than a fragmented collection of countries, and at getting a sense of the fragility of the whole system. It brings people out of themselves – something psychologists call a 'self-transcendent experience'.

Some people claim to have a 'nothing but science' approach to life that trusts only in things for which we can produce very concrete, measurable, evidence. Is it perhaps ironic, then, that this overview of the whole globe – which is made possible by science – can trigger such a deep sense of meaning?

Science can bring us to the big questions of meaning and purpose, but it doesn't answer them. It's important to recognise that science, wonderful though it is, has limits. Beyond those boundaries we step into other ways of knowing, such as philosophy or theology. At the interface between science and theology we can have some fascinating conversations.

The discussions about science and religion that I enjoy most happen when people share what really matters to them. What do you find beautiful? Which scientific discoveries changed the course of your life? How do you see yourself in relation to the cosmos?

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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.

General Synod calls for a funding of palliative care instead of 'unworkable and unsafe' assisted suicide law.

General Synod has called on the Government to improve funding for "desperately needed" palliative care, rather than putting vulnerable people at risk through "unworkable and unsafe" legislation to introduce assisted suicide.

Members of the Synod recently backed a call by the Bishop of London for the Government to increase funding for palliative care and palliative care research to enable people to live their lives in full until they die.

The debate heard speeches opposing a change in the law and backing increased funding for palliative care from a range of different Synod members including clergy who work in hospice care, NHS consultant surgeons, GPs and a psychiatrist.

Bishop Sarah Mullally, who is a former Chief Nursing Officer for England, said she was "deeply concerned" by the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which would legalise assisted suicide, being brought by Kim Leadbeater Bill MP.

And she called on General Synod members to pray and to "engage" with peers in the House of Lords as the Bill goes to the House of Lords.

She told the Synod the Bill was "unsafe and unworkable" and would put vulnerable groups at risk, including terminally ill people who cannot access the end-of-life care they need.

"Successive governments have failed to reduce inequalities in health," she said. "These inequalities mean that some people will have up to 20 fewer good years in health than others and certain groups face persistently worse health outcomes than others.

"These inequalities are also pronounced at the end of life, with only one in four people who need end-of-life care being able to access it, and there continues to widespread misunderstanding and distrust of palliative care.

"It is into this context that the Terminally Ill Adults Bill is being proposed. So, with only a third of all hospice care being funded by the NHS, the proposals are accompanied by a government commitment

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to fund in full an assisted suicide service should the bill be passed.

"Rather than funding assisted dying, the Government should be funding palliative care and palliative care research to enable people to live their lives to the full until they die."

Bishop Sarah said the Government's own equality impact assessment recognised that some vulnerable people may choose an "assisted" death either because they cannot access the care that they need, or because they may feel pressure to end their lives due to the cost of the care.

God in the Arts

The Revd Michael Burgess surveys works of sacred art that can be found in various museums

14th September in the Jewish calendar is Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. It is a time of fasting and prayer, and its observance is regulated by Leviticus 16.

The Old Testament ritual involved cleansing the priesthood and the people when a scapegoat bearing the sins of the faithful was sent into the wilderness.



credit: Willian Holman Hunt's Scapegoat, Wikipedia, public domain.

I have now completed **the 1000 mile challenge** I set myself this year.

I finished on 11th August at 8.56am. Most people thought that i wouldn't complete the 1000 mile before September - so no winner. I will donate the £20 prize money.

If I had walked the 1000mile continuously it would have taken me 12 days, 11 hours and 25 minutes. The nearest estimate was 12 days. 8 hours and 30 minutes. Well done to Rebecca Brierley who wins £10. As well as the competitive element of the challenge lots of people decided to sponsor me. To date (17/8/25) you have helped me raise £676.

During the challenge I have worn out

1 pair of walking shoes

2 pairs of trainers

and 1 pair of sandals.

Thank you all for your generosity and support.



What's next? Don't know yet, but no doubt I'll come up with another fundraiser (probably next year), to help our church remain functional, welcoming and a place for you to find peace.

Thanks again for your help

Anne O'May

The most productive nightmare of all time?

1600 years ago, Europe's top scholar was an Italian called Jerome; he loved the works of Cicero. One night he dreamt that he had died, and reached the gates of heaven. The gate-keeper spoke to him: 'Who are you?'

"*Christianus sum.*" replied Jerome. "I'm a Christian."

"No." said the gatekeeper. "You're not a Christian. You're a Ciceronian!" He went on to explain: "You see, here in heaven we judge people by what they were *most*, when they lived on earth. And you dedicated everything to the classics and the works of Cicero. So, we judge you not to be a Christian, but a *Ciceronian*. You cannot enter."

Jerome woke with a start, and made his resolve. Not only did he begin truly to follow Christ, but he bent his academic ability into translating the Bible into the common language of Europe, Latin. It took him years. His translation became known as the *Vulgate* version.

That Bible served Europe for a thousand years. With the Bible's message becoming the foundation of European civilisation, its culture became united.

Social media is not for children

Most adults would support a ban on under-16-year-olds visiting social media platforms such as X and Instagram.

Such are the findings of a recent survey. It found that 75 per cent of adults favour the minimum age for accessing social media sites to be raised, from 13 to 16 years old.

The survey was conducted by the More in Common think tank. It reports that support for raising the age level is found right across the political spectrum: 79 per cent of Conservative voters, 75 per cent of Labour voters, 76 per cent of Liberal Democrat voters, and 81 per cent of Reform UK voters

Concern about the effects of social media on young people comes at a time when tech giants are facing increasing criticism about the impact their platforms can have on young people.

The survey also found that 71 per cent of adults want a ban on all smartphones in school, while 14 per cent oppose the idea.

Much of that ritual has lapsed, but the heart of Yom Kippur is prayer that the relationship of love and service between God and His people would be renewed and restored. The goat that was sent by relays into the desert had a scarlet cord – a reminder that 'though our sins be scarlet, yet they shall be as white as snow.'

It is the subject of William Holman Hunt's famous painting that is in the Lady Lever Art Gallery at Port Sunlight. This village was founded by Lord Leverhulme in 1889 for the workers in his soap factory. It consists of gabled houses and Elizabethan style cottages which nestle side by side around the impressive domed art gallery containing a wealth of paintings and sculptures.

Work on 'The Scapegoat' began in 1854 and was completed two years later. Holman Hunt went to the Dead Sea to paint the goat in situ, following the Pre-Raphaelite principles of art embodying exact detail and accuracy in its subject matter. There is a photograph of the artist by his easel, a paintbrush in one hand and a rifle in the other. It was a time of political tension between Syria, Palestine and Turkey, which combined with the constant danger of hostile tribesmen in the area.

Undaunted, Holman Hunt sketched by the sea and then finished the details off in his rooms in Jerusalem. He described the scene as a 'beautifully arranged horrible wilderness.' In the distance are the hills of Edom against the sky, and in the foreground the solitary goat with the scarlet cord over its head. It is a bleak landscape, and on the frame surrounding the picture are the words from Leviticus: 'The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to a barren region, and the goat shall be set free in the wilderness.'

At the time critics were not sure what to make of the painting, as there was no recognisable story or moral so beloved of the Victorians. Elegant ladies inquired if the artist was going to put in the rest of the flock, and one critic said it was an excellent portrait of Lord Stratford.

We look at the painting with the eyes of faith and realise that the scapegoat was sent over the river Kidron into the wilderness, the very same river our Lord and His disciples crossed to the Garden of Gethsemane which heralded the passion of Jesus. We can see this sad creature, isolated and alone, bearing the sins of God's ancient people, and think of Isaiah's words: 'He was despised and rejected by others.' A scapegoat in the Old Testament bearing the sins of the people: the Lamb of God in the new covenant who takes away the sin of the world.

The Friends of
Great Budworth Church
Heritage Afternoon
Saturday 13th September
2pm – 5pm



Programme of Events:

2pm- Music recital

3pm- Talk about our Parish Church
by Robert Steele

4pm - Walk around Great Budworth Village and
surrounding area (with a little local history thrown in.)
with The Rev Alec Brown

Second hand book stall Craft Stall Refreshments
Display of Items relating to Great Budworth

Trips up the Tower

(Tower trips from 2:30pm-4:30- £5 per person)

**CHILDREN MUST BE 8 YEARS OLD AND ACCOMPANIED
BY AN APPROPRIATE ADULT
PLACES WILL BE LIMITED.**

Admission to the Heritage Afternoon is free, but donations towards the Friends' funds will be gratefully received.

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Harvest Thanksgiving
Service
Sunday 21st September
10.30am



We are a rural parish, please join us
at this harvest service as we give
thanks for all the crops grown, and for
all the hard work of our farmers and
growers in this parish.