

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
4.00pm	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

Play & Praise 1.30pm 2nd and 4th Thursdays (apart from School holidays)

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Not Great Budworth but where is it?

St Mary & All Saints Great Budworth

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

Diary for November

Sun 2nd	4.00pm Commemoration Service for All Souls
Sun 9th	10.30am Remembrance Sunday Service followed by Wakes Lunch in the Parish Hall
Tues 11th	Remembrance Day 12.00pm 2 minutes silence outside the Lych Gate
Thurs 20th	7.00pm Friends of Great Budworth Church talk in the Parish Hall
–	Adam Maxwell on the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella
Sat 22nd	10.00am – 12.00pm Quiet morning with Andrew Rudd in the Quiet Garden or the Old School if raining .
Sun 30th	10.30am Advent Sunday Service



Remembrance Sunday

St Mary & All Saints

Remembrance Sunday

9th October 2025

Please join us at 10.30am

For the service of Remembrance.

Prayers and names of the fallen
will be read at the War Memorial,
the Lychgate, during the service.

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

1st Sun	<u>2nd November All Saints Day (White)</u> <u>8am HC BCP</u> Dan. 7. 1-3,15-18 SL931 LL1039 HB363 Eph. 1. 11-end SL932 LL1040 HB363 Luke 6. 20-31 SL933 LL1041 HB 364 <u>10.30am All Age Service</u>	<u>4pm All Souls Memorial</u>
2nd Sun	<u>9th November 3rd before Advent (Red)</u> <u>10.30am Remembrance Sunday</u> Psalm 46 Isa. 2.1-5 S Evans James 3. 13-end J Martin	<u>4pm HC CW</u> Job 19.23-27a 2 Thess 2.1-5,13-end Luke 20.27-38
3rd Sun	<u>16th November 2nd before Advent (Red)</u> <u>8am HC BCP 10.30am HC CW</u> Mal.4. 1-2a SL941 LL1050 HB368 L Entwistle 2. Thess. 3. 6-13 SL942 LL 1052 HB369 K Arlitt Luke 21. 5-19 SL942 LL1052 HB369 INT J Rees EM S Ollier	<u>6.30pm EP BCP Arley</u> Psalm 97 Dan.6 Matt.13. 1-9,18-23
4th Sun	<u>23rd November Christ the King Sunday before Advent (Red))</u> <u>10.30am HC CW</u> Jer. 23. 1-6 SL944 LL1054 HB369 L Entwistle Col. 1. 11-20 SL946 LL1057 HB370 S Evans Luke 23. 33-43 SL947 LL1058 HB370 INT M Cross EM S Evans	<u>No Evening Service</u>
5th Sun	<u>30th November 1st Sunday of Advent (Purple)</u> <u>10.30am HC CW</u> Isa 2.1-5 SL1 LL1 K Arlitt Rom.13 11-end SL5 LL6 J Martin Matt. 24 36-44 SL2 LL3 INT Officiant EM S Ollier	<u>No Evening Service</u>

Sidespersons Rota – November 2025

1st Sunday	2nd November 4 before Advent Trinity 20 Kingdom 1	
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Robert Steele Marian Steele
10.30am	All Age Worship – All Saints	Anne O'May Rebecca Brierley
4.00pm	Annual Memorial Service	Maggie Earl Shirley Humphreys
2nd Sunday	9th November 3 before Advent Trinity 21 Kingdom 2	
10.30am	Remembrance Sunday	Geoff Taylor Hazel Taylor
6.30pm	Holy Communion CW	Shirley Humphreys
3rd Sunday	16th November 2 before Advent Trinity 22 Kingdom 3	
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Pat Hart
10.30am	Parish Communion	Anne O'May Volunteer
6.30pm	Evensong at Arley chapel	xxxxxxxxxxxx
4th Sunday	23rd November CHRIST THE KING Next before Advent	
10.30am	Parish Communion	Richard Smith Maggie Earl
5th Sunday	30th November ADVENT 1 YEAR A BEGINS	
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Robert Steele Marian Steele
10.30am	Parish Communion Common Worship	Robert Cross Margaret Cross

December

1st Sunday	7th December ADVENT 2	
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Pat Hart
10.30am	All Age Worship – Toy Service	Anne O'May Rebecca Brierley

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From the Vicar

Last month we celebrated National Poetry Day on 2nd October with a day-long workshop in The Old School, where a dozen or so people gathered from across the Diocese to explore different forms of poetry, and to share their love of poetry. In this month of commemorating and remembering it is not surprising that some of the poetry discussed related to war and conflict – one of my favourite poets, Edward Thomas, was killed on the first day of the Battle of Arras in 1917, and one of my earliest poems was written on the death of my maternal grandfather in 1975, who was badly wounded at the Battle of Passchendaele in 1917 and survived days in the mud of Flanders fields.

We remember in many different ways – lighting candles at the All Souls' Commemoration Service and standing outside the Lych Gate on Remembrance Sunday to listen again to the names of those from this Parish who died in the First and Second World Wars. And of course many people visit our churches throughout the year to sit, to be quiet, to reflect, to pray, to give thanks and to light candles in memory of loved ones. I'm often asked by visitors about which is the oldest grave in the Churchyard, and this is a very difficult question to answer as we just don't have the records any longer which go back to the very early medieval period, and of course there would have been burials here before the Norman conquest, in Anglo-Saxon times, of which we have no records at all. The earliest surviving headstone which I know of (and there may be earlier ones dotted around the Churchyard.....please let me know) is that of a John Cook of Wincham, who died on 4th April, 1690 (no age recorded) and which is now propped up against the east wall of the South Porch – wouldn't it be wonderful if he had left a diary of his times for us to read today!

"Do this in remembrance of me" said Jesus to his disciples at the Last Supper as he gave thanks with bread and wine in the traditional Jewish way, and of course we do that every time we celebrate Holy Communion, whether in Church, outside, in hospitals and nursing and care homes and

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in peoples' own homes. Remembering in this way, and in others, is about the past of course, but it is also, and very importantly, about the future and what we will do into that future. We finish every Communion Service with an imperative to action: "Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord" and how we do this will of course vary from person to person and from day to day.

"Lest we forget" greets us in all sorts of ways as we walk and drive about in this month of remembering, and it's good to be reminded of this as we celebrate and remember and give thanks for all that God has given us in so many different ways and through so many different people.

May God bless us all in this coming month.

The Revd Alec Brown

Vicar of Great Budworth and Antrobus.

From the Registers

Marriage – congratulations to Andrew and Margarita Warburton whose Service of Blessing took place at St Mary's Chapel, Arley Hall on 3rd October, and to Georgia Shorrocks and Martin Ward who were married in Church on 28th October.

Funerals – rest in peace Charles Foster whose Memorial Service took place at St Mary's Chapel, Arley Hall on 17th October.

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 December 2025 edition send to Rob Cross:
robcross43@gmail.com by **21st November** please*

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.

God in the Sciences

Editor: This series is written by Dr Ruth Bancewicz, who is based at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

Wonder and Worship

“I was travelling, and out early in the morning: at first there was a vast fog; but, by the time that I was seven or eight miles from home towards the coast, the sun broke out into a delicate warm day. We were then on a large heath or common, and I could discern, as the mist began to break away, great numbers of swallows (*hirundines rusticae*) clustering on the stunted shrubs and bushes, as if they had roosted there all night. As soon as the air became clear and pleasant they all were on the wing at once; and, by a placid and easy flight, proceeded on southward towards the sea”.

How many church leaders today have time to enjoy their surroundings? Gilbert White was a vicar who became famous for his observations about the flora and fauna of his parish. His letters about the local wildlife through the seasons were so beautifully written that they are still in print today, more than 200 years after they were first published as *The Natural History and Antiquities of Selbourne*.

White is a great example of someone who saw science and faith in harmony. He writes that he hopes his readers will be inspired to “pay a more ready attention to the wonders of the Creation”. His stories are often so vivid that he gets away with packing in quite a bit of scientific detail, painting a more accurate picture of the wonderful events he observed as he travelled around the countryside. White’s book is one of the classics of nature writing, and there’s even an apocryphal story online that this is one of the most printed books in the country, after the Bible and Shakespeare.

White may have been one of those people with a capacity for endless activity, or perhaps he took rather more care over natural history than his vocation. Either way, I do think that anyone - from the parish priest to the youngest member of the congregation - could learn from his appreciation of creation. It is well worth spending ten minutes every now and again staring into a bush, pond or tree - especially in winter when it’s easy to hurry indoors and put the kettle on. Experiencing wildlife first-hand is wonderful fuel for our worship of God and care for His creation. As Psalm 111 says, “Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them” (NIV).

*(White’s book can be downloaded for free at <http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/1408>)

Location, Location, Location (2 October 2025)

“Musing in St Mary’s”

“Gifts for the use of the Poore of this Parifh”
are listed high up on the wall;
sums from forty to two hundred pounds
were bequeathed to help them all.
In 1703 those sums were quite large.
What would they amount to today?
P’rhaps the interest is still handed out
on a Church Benefactors’ Day?

But who are the “Poore of the Parifh” these days?
How wide are its boundaries stretchèd?
A cynic might think there can’t be so many
in Great Budworth itself who are wretchèd!
P’rhaps any sums now bequeathed with thanks,
are diverted to support the local Foodbanks?

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National Poetry Day Workshop,

Great Budworth,

Cheshire.

Annual Memorial Service

Sunday 2nd November

4.00pm

In church

Commemorating our loved ones

If you wish someone to be remembered at the service, please sign the sheet at the back of church.

During the service, there will be a time of remembrance; as names are read out, you can come forward to light a candle in memory of your loved one/s.

List for signing will be available in church from October 5th.

If you can't get to church, please speak to Pauline Ridgway

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Creation Care

Measure your carbon footprint.

Take an audit of your individual or household carbon footprint and repeat each year to see if you can reduce it! There are lots of ways to do this, from switching energy suppliers to changes in your diet. Some great tools to use are available, for example

the carbon calculators provided by Climate Stewards at

climatestewards.org/carboncalculators,

and

Creation Care creationcare.org.uk

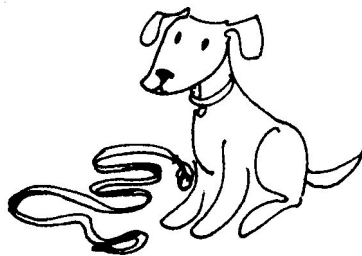
offers a specific resource for households giving ideas and helping you track your progress. As you look at different areas of your life, offer each area or action to God as an offering.

Leaf some green stuff in the garden

The clocks have gone back, and we are putting our gardens to sleep for the winter. But this autumn, when you tidy up, do not tidy away too much. Many insects and wild creatures will be relying on some ground cover or hideaway to call 'home' for the winter. Several piles of twigs or pruning, left around your garden in discreet places, will provide a great winter 'snugs' for toads, grass snakes and other small garden inhabitants. 'Spent' seed heads provide cover and food for birds over the winter. Above all, before you light any bonfires on 5th November, take care there are no hibernating hedgehogs inside!

Does a dog cut the risk of childhood asthma?

Could having a dog help your child to develop better lung function? A recent study says yes.



Research from the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto has found that children who've been exposed to higher levels of the dog allergen *Can f1* may even have their risk of childhood asthma cut in half.

As one doctor explained: "Asthma is a very common chronic respiratory illness in children, with the highest rates in the first four years of life. It is caused by complex interactions between genetic factors and the environment, including infections, allergies and air pollution. Children spend most of their time indoors, so in this research we wanted to study allergens in the home.

"We examined pet allergens from dogs and cats. We found that, while cat allergens showed no association, exposure to dog allergens was linked to improved lung function and a reduced risk of asthma.

"This suggests that early exposure to dog allergens could prevent sensitisation, perhaps by altering the nasal microbiome – the mixture of microbes living inside the nose – or by some effect on the immune system.

"This study suggests that babies who grow up around dogs may have a lower risk of developing asthma. This is potentially good news for families with pet dogs; however, we need to know more about this link and how living with pets affects children's developing lungs in the longer term."

Friends of Great Budworth Church Talks

My walk to Santiago de Compostela
by Adam Maxwell



Great Budworth Parish Hall
20th November 7pm
Tickets £10
Including Cheese and wine

For tickets see one of the committee or call/email
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Anthony Ashley-Cooper, 7th Earl of Shaftesbury - the Poor Man's Earl

Think of Piccadilly Circus, and that small statue of the angel poised with bow and arrow. Most people think it stands for Eros. It does not. It stands for Anteros, his brother, the god of selfless love. It is a memorial to the greatest Christian Victorian philanthropist, politician and social reformer of his generation – Lord Shaftesbury.



Anthony Ashley Cooper, the 7th Earl of Shaftesbury (1801 – 1885) was a devout Christian who spent his life fighting to help ease the plight of lunatics, chimney sweeps, children in factories, women and children in the mines, opium addicts, and children without any education.

His own early life was loveless and bleak – his parents formal and frightening, his early schooldays a ‘horror’ of ‘cruelty and starvation’. The only love came from the family’s housekeeper, Maria Millis. A biographer wrote: ‘She provided for Ashley a model of Christian love that would form the basis for much of his later social activism and philanthropic work.’ The reality and homely practicality of her Christian love were a beacon for the young Ashley. She told him Bible stories, she taught him a prayer.

After Christ Church Oxford, where he proved an outstanding scholar, Ashley turned to politics. In

1826, aged 25, he was elected as Tory MP for Woodstock. He was eager to serve on parliamentary committees that got things done; his great life’s work had begun.

Lunatics: In 1827 lunatics were kept chained naked in straw, forced to sleep in their excrement. They were washed in freezing cold water, with one towel for 160 people and no soap. There was gross over-crowding and inedible food: asylums were places to die in.

Shaftesbury’s maiden speech in Parliament was in support of a Bill to improve conditions. He wrote: ‘By God’s blessing, my first effort has been for the advance of human happiness.’

It took years: from 1827 to 1884 he fought for a succession of Lunacy Acts, writing later of ‘the years of toil and care that, under God, I have bestowed on this melancholy and awful question.’

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

‘Jane Finch would like her friends to know that she has moved to Cranford Grange, Hall Lane, Mobberley and welcomes visitors to The Grange Bistro for tea and cake anytime. Please email: finch1802@gmail.com for more details’

Brenda Shields RIP

Louise and all the family would like to extend their humble thanks for all the love and support shown to them and to her mum, Brenda.

We certainly miss her mischievous, ‘twinkle in the eye’ character amongst our congregation.

A huge thank you to everybody who supported my 1000mile walking challenge. Your generosity and help has raised £1066, which will be used towards the cost of running the church.

Thank you again

Anne O’May

Put together a Memory Book

Do you have grandchildren? Then this winter, during those long dark days, why not spend some time putting together a sort of scrapbook of memories to pass on to them?

Things you might like include could be: where you lived when you were a child; what your school was like, what games you most enjoyed, who your best buddies were, what pets you had, what your first job was, and how you met your partner. What was your first car, and where was your first home as an adult? Add a selection of photographs that you have from the past.

Mid Wales church offers unique autumn stay for walkers

Walkers looking for a new way to explore the Welsh countryside this autumn can now book overnight stays at St Gwrhai's Church in Penstrowed, Powys — one of only two “champing” sites in Wales.

Champing, a blend of ‘church’ and ‘camping’, offers exclusive overnight access to historic churches no longer used for regular services. St Gwrhai's, built in the 1860s on a site with Christian heritage dating back to the 6th century, sits beside the River Severn and provides access to walking routes across Mid Wales.



The church accommodates up to four guests and includes a fully equipped kitchen in the adjacent hall, an indoor toilet, and secure space for bikes. Dogs are welcome. Most guests stay for one or two nights, with solo travellers, small groups, and families all booking during the first season.

Located an hour from both Aberystwyth and Shrewsbury, the site is well placed for exploring the Cambrian Mountains, which lie 20 minutes away and include nine Dark Sky Discovery sites. The Severn Way — a 215-mile walking route to Bristol — begins nearby, and guided walking groups operate in the area.

The initiative is run by the Bro Arwystli Ministry Area. Guests have exclusive use of the church during their stay. For more info: champing.co.uk.

Child Labour and Factory Reform. Again, reform took years. Shaftesbury fighting for the Ten Hours Act from 1833, 1842, 1844, 1846 and 1847 – when it finally got through Parliament. No child under the age of 9 should work in the cotton or woolen industries below the age of 9, and no one under 18 must work more than ten hours a day.

Miners. In 1842 he fought to outlaw the employment of women and children in coal mines.

Climbing boys. Thousands of young boys were dying in terrible pain – scorched, blinded and suffocated by soot, or with cancer of the scrotum. Ashley fought for Bills in 1840, 1851, 1853, 1855, 1864 until finally the Chimney Sweepers Act 1875 closed the practise down.

Education reform: 1844 Ashley became president of the Ragged School Union that promoted education for poor children. He wrote that if it were to fail, ‘I should die of a broken heart’.

Religion. Lord Shaftesbury was a devout Christian who became a leading figure in 19th century evangelical Anglicanism. He was President of British and Foreign Bible Society for nearly 30 years. He was very sympathetic to the Jews, and advocated their return to the Holy Land.

Lord Shaftesbury's funeral service at Westminster Abbey on the morning of 8th October 1885 drew thousands of people. The streets along the route were thronged with the poor: costermongers, flower-girls, boot-blacks, crossing sweepers, factory hands and many more. They waited for hours just to see his coffin go by. He was dearly loved by them as the ‘Poor Man's Earl’. One biographer wrote: ‘No man has in fact ever done more to lessen the extent of human misery, or to add to the sum total of human happiness.’

The great preacher Charles Spurgeon called him ‘the best man of the age’. He ‘lived for the oppressed’, he was a ‘moral anchor in a drifting generation’, ‘friend of every living thing’, ‘he had a ‘fervent love to God, and hearty love to man.’

The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE to become 106th Archbishop of Canterbury



His Majesty The King has approved the nomination of the Bishop of London, the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, as the next Archbishop of Canterbury, [Downing Street has announced](#).

The 106th Archbishop of Canterbury since Saint Augustine arrived in Kent from Rome in 597, Bishop Sarah will be the first woman to hold the office.

She will be installed in a service at Canterbury Cathedral in March 2026.

Sarah Mullally has been the Bishop of London since 2018, the first woman appointed to that role, and before that was Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter. Prior to her ordination in 2001, she was the Government's Chief Nursing Officer for England – the youngest person ever to be appointed to that role at the age of 37 – having previously specialised as a cancer nurse. Bishop Sarah has described nursing as “an opportunity to reflect the love of God”.

The most senior bishop in the Church of England, the Archbishop of Canterbury's ministry combines many roles including serving as the Diocesan Bishop of the

Diocese of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan, as well as *primus inter pares* – or first among equals – of the Primates of the global Anglican Communion, which consists of around 85 million people, across 165 countries. In the House of Lords, the Archbishop of Canterbury is one of 26 bishops who comprise the Lords Spiritual.

Born in Woking in 1962, Bishop Sarah became a Christian at the age of 16. Before being ordained, Bishop Sarah worked as a nurse in the National Health Service, which she has described as “an opportunity to reflect the love of God”.

She specialised as a cancer nurse and, at the age of 37, became the Government's Chief Nursing Officer for England, the youngest person ever to be appointed to the post. Bishop Sarah was made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in recognition of her outstanding contribution to nursing. She was ordained in 2001 and served her curacy in the Diocese of Southwark, initially as a self-supporting minister, before leaving her government post in 2004.

In 2012, she was installed as Canon Treasurer at Salisbury Cathedral and three years later took the role as Suffragan Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter. On 12 May 2018, Bishop Sarah was installed as the 133rd Bishop of London at St Paul's Cathedral, the first woman to hold the role. Bishop Sarah is married to Eamonn, and they have two grown-up children, Liam and Grace.

The Bishop of Chester has expressed his congratulations to Dame Sarah Mullally on her appointment as Archbishop, and has assured her of the prayers and support of the Diocese of Chester.

Bishop Mark said “I am delighted to hear of Bishop Sarah's appointment to this role and assure her of my prayers and support as she seeks to share the hope of Christ around our nation. I am sure all of us in the Diocese and across the Northern Province commit ourselves to ongoing prayers and send our congratulations on the appointment. Personally, I look forward to working with her in this new role in the National Church and across the Communion she now serves in a fresh way.”