

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

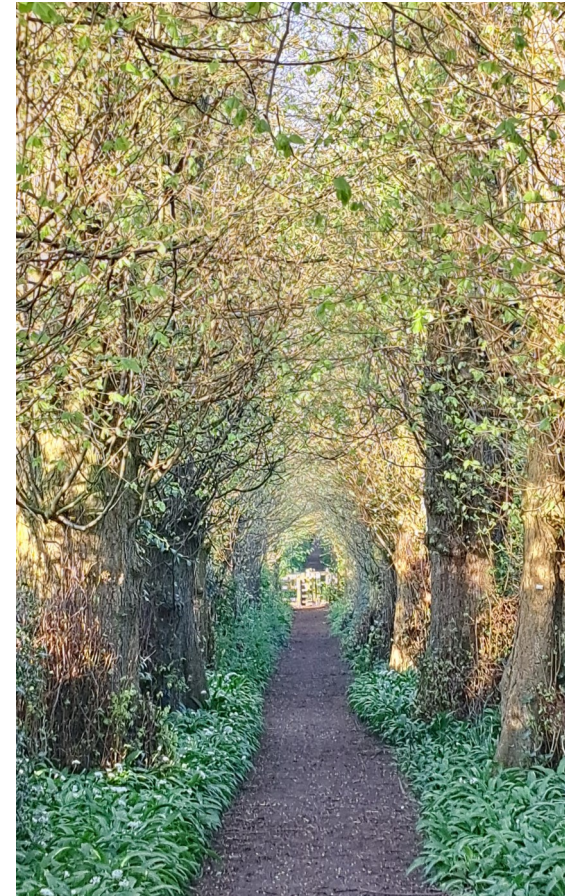
Play & Praise 1.30pm 2nd and 4th Thursdays (apart from School holidays)

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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 May

Sunday 3 rd	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 10.30am All Age Worship
Wed 6 th	10.30am Holy Communion Common Worship followed by coffee
Thurs 7 th	7.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer
9th – 16th May	Christian Aid Week
Sunday 10 th	10.30am ROGATION SUNDAY Service with short walk around the Churchyard/village
Mon 11 th	7.30pm Friends of Great Budworth Church Committee Meeting, The Old School
Wed 13 th	10.30am Craft & Natter, The Old School, all welcome
Thurs 14 th	1.30pm Play and Praise in church TBC 7.30pm ASCENSION DAY Holy Communion Common Worship
Sat 16 th	9.15am BOYD WALK , starting at St Mark's Church, Antrobus – all welcome
Sunday 17 th	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 10.30am Holy Communion Common Worship 6.30pm Evening Prayer at Arley Chapel
Mon 18 th	7.00pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting plus Meeting to elect Churchwardens In the Old School
Sunday 24 th	10.30am PENTECOST Holy Communion Common Worship 2.30pm Forest Church – venue Arley



Wed 27 th	10.30am Craft & Natter, The Old School
Thurs 28 th	1.30pm Play & Praise TBC
Sunday 31 st	8.00am TRINITY SUNDAY Holy Communion BCP 10.30am Holy Communion Common Worship

Sidespersons Rota – May 2026

1st Sunday	3rd May EASTER 5 – 4th after Easter	
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Pat Hart
10.30am	Holy Communion Common Worship	Anne O'May Rebecca Brierley
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2nd Sunday	10th May EASTER 6 – 5th after Easter Rogation Sunday	
10.30am	Rogation Sunday Service	Geoff Taylor Hazel Taylor
6.30pm	Holy Communion Common Worship	Shirley Humphreys
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Ascension Day	Thursday 14th May	
7.30pm	Holy Communion Common Worship	Margaret Cross Pauline Ridgway
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3rd Sunday	17th May EASTER 7 – Sunday after Ascension Day	
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Robert Steele Marian Steele
10.30am	Holy Communion Common Worship	Robert Cross Anne O'May
6.30pm	Evening Prayer at Arley BCP	xxxxxxxx
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4th Sunday	24th May PENTECOST (Whit Sunday)	
10.30am	Holy Communion Common Worship	Maggie Earl Robert Cross
5th Sunday	31st May TRINITY SUNDAY	
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Pat Hart
10.30am	Holy Communion Common Worship	Anne O'May Margaret Cross
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1st Sunday	7th June TRINITY 1 – Proper 5	
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Robert & Marian Steel
10.30am	All Age Worship	Anne O'May Rebecca Brierley

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Rota for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers & Intercessors

May 2026

Year A

1st Sun	<u>3rd May 5th Sunday of Easter (White)</u> <u>8am HC BCP</u> Acts 7. 55-end SL207 LL232 1 Peter 2. 2-10 SL208 LL233 John 14. 1-14 SL206 LL234 <u>10.30am All Age Service</u>	<u>No evening service</u>
2nd Sun	<u>10 May 6th Sunday of Easter (White)</u> <u>10.30am Matins Rogation Sunday</u> Psalm 66. 7-end SL211 K. Arlitt Acts 17. 22-31 SL210 LL236 S. Evans John 14. 15-21 SL213 LL239	<u>6.30pm HC CW</u> Acts 17. 22-31 SL210 LL236 1Peter 3. 13-end SL212 John 14. 15-21
	<u>14th May Ascension Day</u>	<u>7.30pm HC CW</u> Acts 1. 1-11 SL213 LL240 Eph.1. 15-end SL216 LL243 Luke 24. 44-end SL 217 LL23
3rd Sun	<u>17th May 7th Sunday of Easter (White)</u> <u>Sunday after Ascension</u> <u>8am HC BCP, 10.30am HC CW</u> Acts 1. 6-14 SL218 LL245 S. Gray 1 Peter 4. 12-14;5. 6-11 SL 220 LL247 J. Martin John 17. 1-11 SL220 LL248 EM S. Gray INT M. Cross	<u>6.30pm EP BCP Arley</u> Psalm 47 2 Samuel 23. 1-5 Eph.1. 15-end
4th Sun	<u>24th May Pentecost (Red)</u> <u>10.30am HC CW</u> Acts 2. 1-21 SL221 LL245 K. Arlitt 1 Cor 12. 3-13 SL224 LL253 L.Entwistle John 20. 19-23 SL225 LL254 EM S. Ollier INT Officiant	<u>2.30pm Forest Church</u> <u>No evening service</u>
5th Sun	<u>31st May Trinity Sunday (White)</u> <u>8am HC BCP, 10.30am HC CW</u> Isaiah 40. 12-17,27-end SL 229 LL258 S. Evans 2 Cor. 13. 11-end SL231 LL260 J. Martin Matthew 28. 16-end SL 231 LL260 EM S. Evans INT Officiant	<u>No evening service</u>

From the Vicar

The month before last I wrote about, amongst other things, my love of walking and the journeying, physical and spiritual, that we all undertake during the course of our lives. We began Holy Week of course with a short journey/procession on Palm Sunday, and later that week recalled the journey of Jesus to Golgotha and the cross. And following Jesus' resurrection, which we celebrated in large numbers in Church on Easter Day, there are some wonderful accounts of journeys in the Bible, foremost amongst them that of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, where they encounter the risen Lord but don't recognize him straight away.

One journey that really struck me however during this period, and about which I preached on Palm Sunday, was the pilgrimage to Canterbury of the newly appointed and soon to be installed 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, Dame Sarah Mullally. Writing about that 87 mile journey from St Paul's Cathedral in London to Canterbury Dame Sarah mentioned making the journey "with others and in the footsteps of the past." Clearly referring to one of her predecessors, Thomas Beckett, she also mentioned those people who, across the world and across time, walk and have walked the pilgrim paths of faith each and every day. The installation service in Canterbury Cathedral was very striking, moving and deeply inspirational, not least at the very beginning when Dame Sarah knocked on the outer door with her staff requesting entry. On being challenged by a small group of schoolchildren as to who she was and why she was requesting entry, she replied "I am Sarah, a servant of Jesus Christ and I come as one seeking the grace of God, to travel with you in his service together."

It's unlikely, though not impossible, that Archbishop Sarah will ever find her way to Great Budworth or Antrobus, but the shared sense of purpose and journeying that she has conveyed in only a short time is, for me, quite wonderful and truly inspirational, and I look forward with great hope and expectation to her ministry among us. Dame Sarah's Archiepiscopal colleague

the Archbishop of York will, however, be visiting our Diocese in June, promoting Pilgrim Places in the North, a venture taking place over the next year or so and celebrating the 1400th anniversary of the baptism of the pagan King of Northumbria, Edwin, by the first Bishop of York, St Paulinus, in 627 AD. As a Parish, and Deanery, we are taking part in this initiative, so please watch this space, and others, for details of local journeys, events, pilgrimages and so on. There are some Pilgrim Places leaflets and prayer cards at the back of Church. You might also be interested in watching the Celebrity Pilgrimage programme which was broadcast in the week after Easter, with an interesting group of celebrities, of all faiths and none, making their way from south of Whitby Bay to the holy island of Lindisfarne, following in the footsteps of St Cuthbert, one of the most celebrated of the northern Saints.

And as we all make our Easter journeys towards Ascensiontide and Pentecost let us continue to refresh, deepen and strengthen our faith in the one who lived, died and rose again for us, and who walks before us on all our journeys, each and every day.

May God bless each one of us in this coming month.

Amen.

The Revd Alec Brown.

From the Registers

Baptism – welcome to Margot Taylor and George Maxwell Kershaw who were baptized on 26th April.

Funerals – rest in peace Stella Sandbach and Pat Hodson whose cremated remains were interred on 1st and 15th April respectively, and Ian Newport and Fred Deakin whose funerals took place in Church on 2nd and 23rd April respectively.

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 June 2026 edition send to Rob Cross:

*robross43@gmail.com by **22th May** 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.

Crossword Answers

Earth in later editions of the Guide	MostlyHarmless
Earth in the early edition of The Guide	Harmless
Anna Karenina author	Tolstoy
Protagonist , Far from the madding crowd	Bathsheba
? is the mind killer (Dune)	Fear
It was the best of times, it was the worst of times	ATaleOfTwoCities
Author Gullivers Travels	JonathanSwift
Lawyer in 'to Kill a Mocking Bird'	AtticusFinch
Monster in Beowulf	Grendel
Main character in les Miserable	JeanValjean
Candide author	Voltaire
Mister Barkis love interest	Peggotty
Aka Sam Clemens	MarkTwain
Who is watching you	BigBrother
Ahabs ship	Pequod
The crinkly bits of this were designed by Slartybartast	Norway
Play featuring Rosenkrantz and Guildenstern	Hamlet
What animal is Aslan	Lion
Author of The Odyssey	Homer
Taxonomic kingdom of the Triffids	Plant
Darling families dog	Nana
Four legged member of The Famous Five	Timmy

Faith in the North – Pilgrim Places

Faith in the North is the Archbishop of York’s initiative which seeks to encourage a movement of prayer, storytelling and church planting inspired by the Northern Saints. It provides resources for churches, schools and individuals to foster deeper connections with the Christian faith and renew missionary purpose.

At the heart of Faith in the North is a longing to revive the spirit of the Anglo-Saxon Saints such as Hild, Bede, Cuthbert and Aidan, leading towards 2027 when we will celebrate the 1400th anniversary of the Church of St Peter in York (York Minster) and the baptism of King Edwin by Paulinas in 627 A.D.

Faith in the North designates welcoming, peaceful and reflective churches across Northern England as “Pilgrim Places”, encouraging visitors to explore faith through quiet contemplation. These sites, ranging from small parish churches to cathedrals, offer resources like prayer trails and explorer cards for all ages to discover, providing space to pause and reflect on life’s jour-



We at Saint Marys are now a designated Pilgrim Place

Revision of the Church Electoral Roll

This has now been completed so please check the newly revised roll, which will be on display for two weeks prior to the APCM and speak to either the Vicar or the Electoral Roll Officer, Annika Flower, if there are any mistakes with regard to your name/residential status.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This will take place on Monday 18th May at 7pm in The Old School, for the election of Churchwardens, members of the Parochial Church Council and Deanery Synod and for the presentation of accounts for 2025 and various other reports. Everyone is very welcome to attend the meetings.

Great Budworth C of E Aided School News

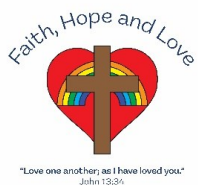
Our Christian value for this half term is **Friendship**. We will be exploring this in daily collective worship, using Bible stories and everyday examples to help the children understand what friendship looks like in action. Children are encouraged to show kindness and care to one another, and each Friday we celebrate those who demonstrate this through our Good Samaritan awards.

From this new Summer Term, we are also delighted to share that Mrs Davis-Hilliard will be taking on the role of Head of School. We know she will bring great experience and enthusiasm to the role, and we look forward to her leadership.

There has already been lots of exciting activity in school. Year 1 and 2 enjoyed a wonderful residential at Petty Pool, taking part in archery, climbing and a night walk, and our School Council had an unforgettable trip to London and the Houses of Parliament, it was an incredible day for all involved. We also celebrated World Book Day with cosy pyjamas, stories and a love of reading across the school.

We came together as a school community for **Wear a Hat Day** and a cake sale in support of Brain Tumour Awareness, helping to raise awareness and show our support for this important cause.

With love,
Lois Grogan and all at
Great Budworth



We at Saint Marys are now a designated Pilgrim Place that is a welcoming, peaceful, safe space which offers time to relax and reflect.

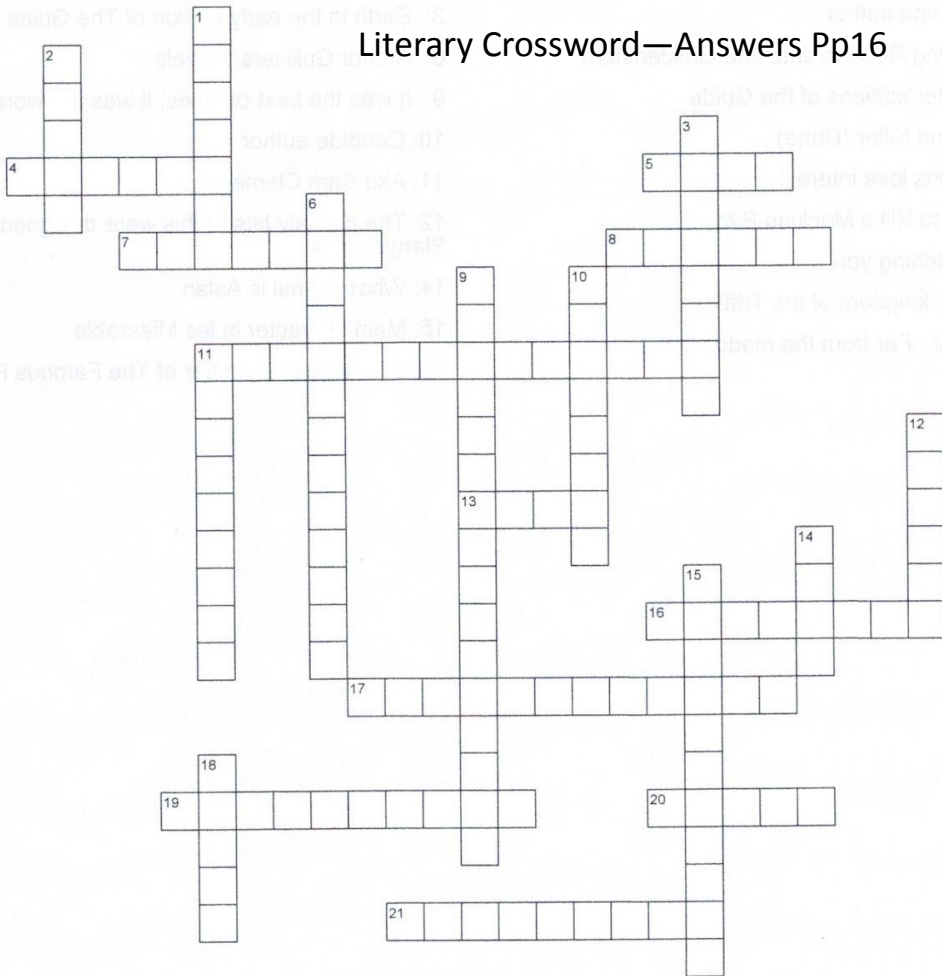


Many people today love visiting churches, cathedrals and other special places such as Lindisfarne and Iona. These beautiful historic sites can give us a sense of belonging and perspective. But they offer more than this.

Visiting a Pilgrim Place doesn't mean you have to be wearing hiking boots or a rucksack (though walking or cycling is a great way to travel if you can). Instead, it means that like millions of people before you, you can find peace, hope, comfort, and understanding to take back into your everyday pilgrim journey of life.



Literary Crossword—Answers Pp16



across:

- 4: Ahab's ship
- 5: Darling families dog
- 7: Anna Karenina author
- 8: Play featuring Rosencrantz and Guildenstern
- 11: Earth in later editions of the Guide
- 13: ? is the mind Killer (Dune)
- 16: Mister Barkis love interest
- 17: Lawyer in 'to Kill a Mocking Bird'
- 19: Who is watching you
- 20: Taxonomic kingdom of the Triffids
- 21: Protagonist, Far from the madding crowd

down:

- 1: Monster in Beowulf
- 2: Author of The Odyssey
- 3: Earth in the early edition of The Guide
- 6: Author Gulliver's Travels
- 9: It was the best of times, it was the worst of times
- 10: Candide author
- 11: Aka Sam Clemens
- 12: The crinkly bits of this were designed by Slartybartfast
- 14: What animal is Aslan
- 15: Main character in Les Misérables
- 18: Four legged member of The Famous Five

Fields of green

The rolling hills and fields of green
 flash past in scene after scene
 from the windows of the train,
 and all is for once clear and sunny and bright
 with little cloud and no rain;
 Though on either side of the track
 large ponds and smaller pools of water
 can be seen in many a field along the way,
 with geese and ducks and the occasional pheasant
 making the most of this glorious day;
 And as we speed onwards towards the south
 I give thanks once more,
 with notebook and pen in hand,
 for this green and very pleasant land.

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Staffordshire, 10th March, 2026.

Rogation Sunday Service – 10th May 10.30am

It was traditional at Rogationtide for the vicar, churchwardens and choir to lead the parishioners in a procession to 'beat the bounds' of the parish.

The parish of St. Mary And All Saints is rather large,* so we don't attempt to do that, but during the service, we do walk outside, down through the churchyard, then to the quiet garden and finally to a point in the village. We have a reflection and prayer at each place we pause at and then return to church.

It is a lovely service where we ask God to bless the land, to bless all who work on land or water, to bless our local communities.

Please join us for this special service. (outside walk will depend on the weather and if you wish, you may remain in church during the walk)



*about 15 sq. miles with a perimeter around 25 miles roughly estimated using map to right.

(This is the Ecclesiastical Parish not to be confused with the Civil Parish)

Creation Care

Have you noticed how there seems to be a "day" for almost everything, well May is full of them.

So in addition to No Mow May (*letting wildflowers like daisies, dandelions and clovers grow while supporting bees and butterflies.*) we have;

3rd—9th International Compost Week (*Yes really!*)

15th Endangered Species Day

20th World Bee Day

World Bee Day marks the birthday of Anton Janša, a pioneer of modern beekeeping. The United Nations has designated this event to raise global awareness of the importance of pollinators. You can help by filling your gardens with bee friendly plants and encouraging your councils to plant wildflower meadows and leave grass verges to allow wildflowers to bloom.

TBC Water Saving Week

As the global community is called to re-examine our relationship to the natural world, one thing is certain: despite all our technological advances we are completely dependent on healthy and vibrant ecosystems for our water, food, medicines, clothes, fuel, shelter and energy, just to name a few.

22 International Day of Biological Diversity

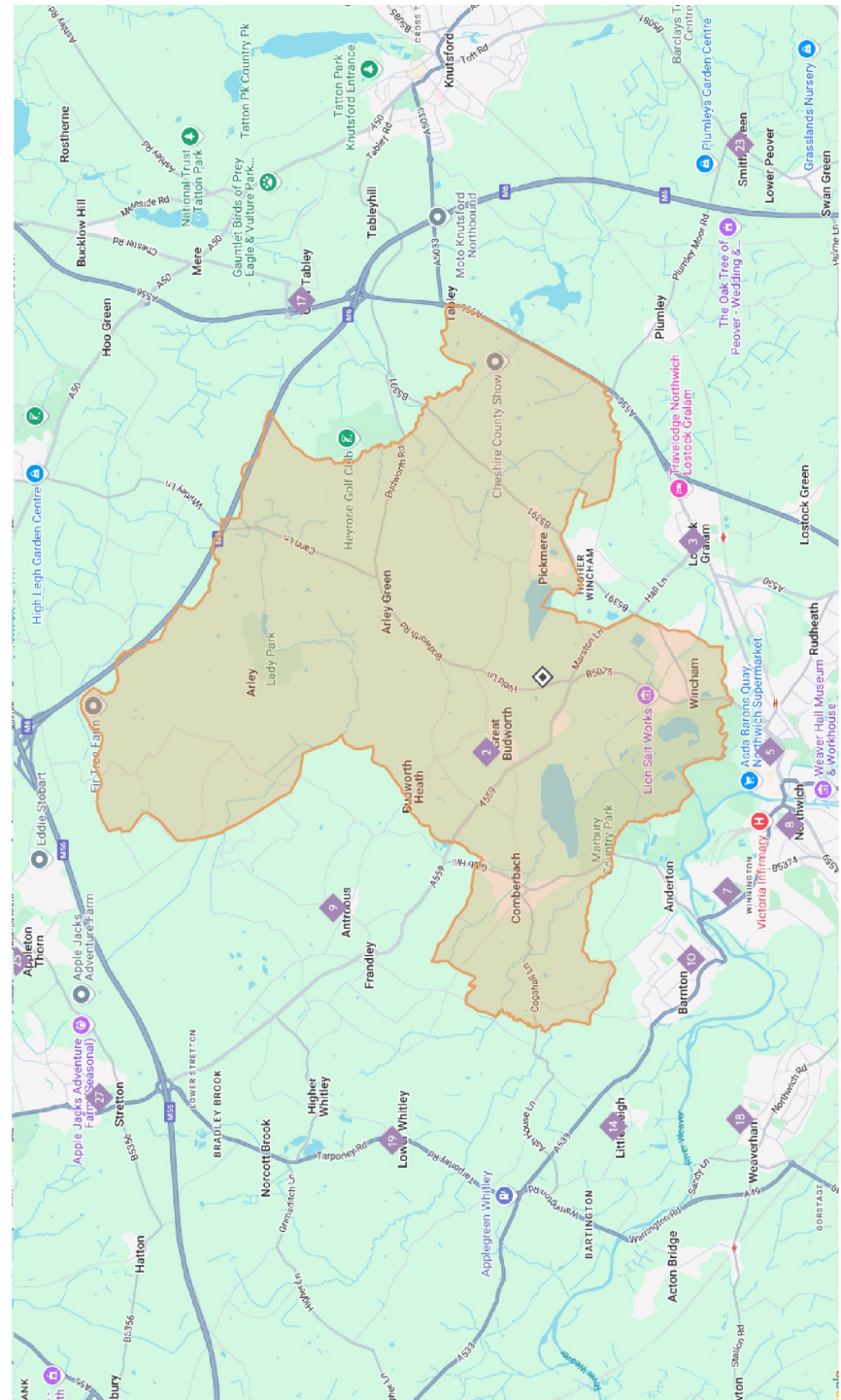
Information on all available by searching the World wide web

Forest Church

Join us on 24th May 2026 2.30 at Arley. Meet by the chapel and dress for the weather. There will be a time of worship at the start, followed by a wonder wander where we will see creation in all its beauty by the Mere and in the Park. As ever there will be planting, craft and a picnic at the end .

If you have never tried Forest Church, do come along. It is such a joy to spend time in nature with the loveliest of people and friendly dogs. You would be made so welcome and if you decide its not for you then you could just spend time in nature

Christina 07870 687 304



The Boyd Walk

Join us on our annual Boyd Walk in Antrobus
The Rev Alec Brown will be leading the group.

Meet at St. Mark's Church, Antrobus – 9.15am and we will finish back at
St. Mark's, where you can get a cup of tea.

Sturdy shoes or walking boots advised, it can be muddy if wet
part of the walk is across fields, with some stiles to cross.

Usually takes around 2 .5 hours. Info: Rev Alec Brown 01606 891324



Church Teas 2026

Teas got off to a good start on 6th April, and continue on each

Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday until 4th October.

2.00pm – 4.30pm

We would love to see you

Grab a friend and come along for a cuppa and a cake.

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, your support is much appreciated.

If you would like to help with teas,
please speak to Margaret Cross 07732324001 or Maggie Earl 07970 927161

We have 3 dates to fill: Sun 30th and Mon 31st Aug, Sun 27th Sept.