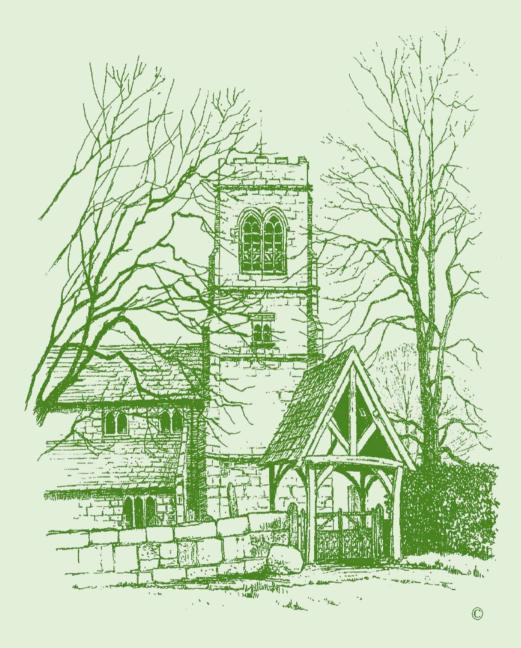
# The Parish Church of St. Wilfrid, Mobberley



# July & August 2022

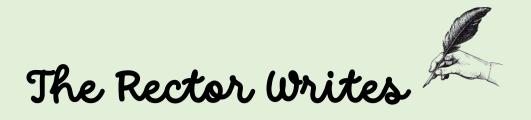
### <u>Church Diary for July</u>

Sat. 2nd	Men's Breakfast The Beacon Café Wedding (Alex Wilson & Sophie Roberts)	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 12.00 p.m.
Sun. 3rd	The 3rd Sunday after Trinity	
	Said Holy Communion Sung Holy Communion Choral Evensong	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.
Tue. 5th	The Beacon Café School Governors	10.00 a.m. 5.00 p.m.
Wed. 6th	Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu. 7th	The Beacon Café Deanery Synod Doorway	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m. 7.45 p.m.
Sat. 9th	The Beacon Café Church Open	10.00 a.m. 12.00 p.m.
<u>Sun. 10th</u>	The 4th Sunday after Trinity	
	Said Holy Communion All-Age Lammas Service Choral Evensong	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.
Tue. 12th	Beacon Café Victory Hall TDC	10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.
Wed. 13th	Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu. 14th	The Beacon Café Wedding Rehearsal Doorway	10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m. 7.45 p.m.
Sat. 16th	The Beacon Café Wedding (Ronan Keenan & Henrietta Rix)	10.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m.
<u>Sun. 17th</u>	The 5th Sunday after Trinity	
	Said Holy Communion Sung Holy Communion Wedding Rehearsal Choral Evensong	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 3.00 p.m. 6.30 p.m.
Mon. 18th	PCC	7.45 p.m.
Tue. 19th	The Beacon Café Wedding Rehearsal	10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.

Wed. 20th	Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu. 21st	The Beacon Café Wedding Rehearsal Greater Chapter	10.00 a.m. 5.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.
Fri 22nd	Wedding (Darryl Wilson & Lucy Corless)	2.00 p.m.
Sat. 23rd	The Beacon Café Church Open	10.00 a.m. 12.00 noon
<u>Sun. 24th</u>	The 6th Sunday after Trinity	
	Said Holy Communion Morning Prayer Wedding (Ryan Healey & Sarah Jackson) Choral Evensong	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 3.00 p.m. 6.30 p.m.
Mon. 25th	Wedding Rehearsal	7.30 p.m.
Tue. 26th	The Beacon Café Wedding Rehearsal	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Wed. 27th	Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu 28th	The Beacon Café Wedding (Alexander Purslow &Nicole Brown)	10.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m.
Sat. 30th	The Beacon Café Wedding (James Wilkinson & Sophie Beever)	10.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m.
<u>Sun. 31st</u>	The 7th Sunday after Trinity	
	Said Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
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	Church Diary for August	
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Tue. 2nd	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
Wed. 3rd	Extended Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu 4th	Wedding Rehearsal	7.30 p.m.
Sun. 7th	The 8th Sunday after Trinity	
	Said Holy Communion Sung Holy Communion Choral Evensong	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.

Mon. 8th The Beacon Café 10.00 a.m.

Wed. 10th	Extended Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu. 11th	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
Sat. 13th	The Beacon Café Wedding (Matthew Dugdale & Charlotte Stott)	10.00 a.m. 1.30 p.m.
<u>Sun. 14th</u>	<b>The 9th Sunday after Trinity</b> Said Holy Communion Sung Holy Communion	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m.
	Choral Evensong	6.30 p.m.
Tue. 16th	Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
Wed. 17th	Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu. 18th	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
Fri. 19th	Wedding Blessing	11.30 a.m.
Sat. 20th	The Beacon Café Church Open	10.00 a.m. 12.00 p.m.
<u>Sun. 21st</u>	<u>The 10th Sunday after Trinity</u> Said Holy Communion Sung Holy Communion Choral Evensong	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.
Mon. 22nd	PCC Standing Committee	7.30 p.m.
Tue. 23rd	Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
Wed. 24th	Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thu. 25th	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
Sat. 27th	The Beacon Café Wedding (Jason Poulter & Nicola Morley)	10.00 a.m. 2.30 p.m.
<u>Sun. 28th</u>	<u>The 11th Sunday after Trinity</u> Said Holy Communion Choral Matins Wedding (Samuel Goodall & Charlene Thirlaway) Sung Holy Communion	8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 3.00 p.m. 6.30 p.m.
Tue. 30th	Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
Wed. 31st	Communion at the Beacon Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.



Dear Friends,

Although we have been enjoy a few nice days towards the end of June I can't honestly say the weather has been good to us this year. The number of sunny days with warm evenings I could probably count on the fingers of one hand. Despite this we carry on with that great British tradition of pretending that we live with a Mediterranean climate. We still go to picnics and parties in the park or to open-air concerts in the grounds of the local stately homes, and we take with us our blankets and umbrellas because, even though we know it is summer and even though we know it is supposed to be sunny and warm, we know that this is England and you get what you're given and make the best of it.

Funnily enough, that should be true of our Christian pilgrimage also. Jesus never promised that his followers would have an easy life. In fact, he told them the exact opposite, he warned them that to be his disciples is to take a difficult path, as he said in Matthew 7, "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it."

Jesus never promised us an easy life or an easy path, but what he did promise is that he would be with us on the way. He sent the Holy Spirit that we might know his presence; by his own life he set an example of how we ought to live; and he promised to dwell in our hearts so to guide us in his way. This was the fulfilment of the promise of Psalm 23, 'Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me.'

In other words, living the Christian life is not about seeking to live an easy life but is about making the most of what we have been given and living life to the full regardless. The Christian life is about taking up our umbrella and our sunglasses, packing both the blanket and the sun cream, the pullover and the shorts and getting out there to make the most, make the best, of it.

It would be poor life this if we only lived it on the perfect, sunniest, days. The trick, ultimately, is to carry to sun with you.

Yours in Christ, Ian.

## Lammas Day



We might think that Lammas Day is something relatively new. The slightly odd name led to some confusion in the past with some believing the name was a corruption of 'lamb-mass' and some churches introduced elaborate rituals revolving around bringing lambs into church. However, that was a false etymology and the word is actually descended from the old English word *hlafmaesse* meaning loaf mass.

There are English records dating from as far back as the 9<sup>th</sup> century that show the church celebrated this as a feast of the first-fruits of the harvest. Loaves were baked from the first of the new corn crop and were presented in church with prayers of thanksgiving for the harvest. The custom of Lammas faded away until it was revived in the 1940's when groups such as the Young Farmers and the Royal Agricultural Society launched a campaign to reintroduce the agricultural calendar of celebrations which, alongside Lammas, included such things as Plough Sunday and Rogation Sunday.

For us now Lammas introduces a period of thanksgiving as we celebrate 'all good gifts around us'. Within this time we celebrate our Pet Service, which this year will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September, and bring our harvest thanksgiving to a close with the celebration of the end of the harvest, traditionally known as Harvest Home, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

#### Lammas Day All-Age Service

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 10.00 a.m.

## **Organ Recital**

Our wonderful organist, David Williams, is performing an organ recital at St. Wilfrid's on Sunday 10th July at 2.30 p.m. Reflecting the Jubilee theme of this year this will be a selection of soul-stirring, patriotic, music, perfect for this Platinum summer.



Items confirmed so far include Parry's 'An English Suite', Elgar's 'Pomp and Circumstance', Percy Grainger's arrangement of Country Garden, Hess' "All in an April's Evening" and Wood's "Fantasia on British Sea Songs"

Admission for adults is £5 whilst for children aged 16 years and under its free.

# **Covid Update**

Back in May the Church of England changed it's Covid guidance a little noting, "There are now no restrictions to shared vessels being used in public worship, and many churches have returned to the use of a common cup to administer the consecrated wine." In light of this the PCC's Faith & Worship Group discussed our response to this new guidance.

Our Covid restrictions are now limited and it is understood that there is some pressure to do away with at least some of them, particularly the distribution of the Holy

Communion from the chancel step rather than the altar. Although no longer headline news infection rates in our area remain high and are, in fact, on the rise again and it doesn't seem sensible to introduce changes at this time.

After a lengthy, and I think informed, discussion the Faith & Worship Group's recommendation to the PCC is that <u>do not</u> make any changes and retain our current practices throughout the summer with a further review in August. The final decision belongs to the PCC which next meets in July. You will informed of any changes via the Saturday mailing. If you are not included on the Saturday mailing list please email me and I will add you on.

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## **Everyday Faith**

Everyday Faith is an initiative across the Church of England to enable the whole people of God to live out the Good News of Jesus confidently in all of life, Sunday to Saturday.

Our daily lives are often very full - full of things to do, places to be and people to meet. For some of us

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they may be full of time on our hands, hopes we would like to fulfill, things we don't want to face. Where is God during our daily lives? How do we find God in the fullness of life?

Everyday Faith invites you on a journey of living faithfully, hopefully and lovingly as a Christian in the 21st century.

There will be an Everyday Faith roadshow for the Knutsford and Bowden Deaneries held at **St. Peter's, Hale on Tuesday 6th September at 7.30 p.m.** This roadshow is open to anybody and everybody so do come and join us.

## **Annual Pet Service**



Our annual service of the Blessing of the Pets takes place in September. We include this service within our celebration of harvest, which began with the keeping of Lammas Day.

> This is a slightly shorter service than normal, even for an All-Age Service, and within it the pets are brought to the front to receive a blessing. Please be aware that the majority of the pets brought are dogs which

can make the church a stressful environment for some cats and other animals of a nervous disposition.

Blessing of the Pets Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 a.m.

