

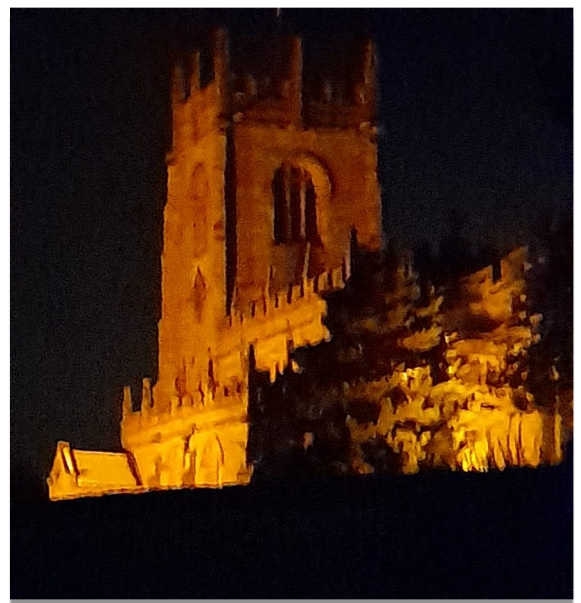
MARBURY ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

AND

PARISH MAGAZINE

DECEMBER 2024

JANUARY 2025



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Lay Reader: Ali Hunter Johnston (07967 955669)

Churchwarden: Jane Lunt (01948 662910)

DECEMBER SERVICES

St. Michael's Marbury

1st	9.00 a.m.	HC		
	Readers & Sidespersons:		Penny Allington Trisha Harvey	1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 Luke 21: 25-36
8th	11.00 a.m.	HC		
	Readers & Sidespersons:		Julie Shaw Harry Shaw	Malachi 3: 1-4 Luke 3: 1-6
15th	4.30 p.m.	Christingle		
	Readers & Sidespersons:		Beryl Fletcher Harry Paton-Smith	
20th	7.00 p.m.	Carols by Candlelight		
22nd	11.00 a.m.	HC	Diana Thomas Jean Gregg	
24th	6.00 p.m.	Crib Service		
	11.30 p.m.	Midnight Communion		
	Readers & Sidespersons:		Richard Evans Peter Hunter Johnston	Isaiah 52: 7-10 John 1: 1-14
29th	11.00 a.m.	United Benefice Service @ St. Chad's		

St. Chad's Tushingam

1st	4.30 p.m.	SW Christingle		
6th	7.00 p.m.	Lighting up Advent		
8th	9.00 a.m.	HC		
15th	9.00 a.m.	HC		
22nd	4.30 p.m.	Carols/Candlelight		
25th	9.00 a.m.	Family Communion		
29th	11.00 a.m.	United Benefice Service @ St. Chad's		

St. Mary's Whitewell

1st	11.00 a.m.	MP		
8th	11.00 a.m.	SW		
15th	11.00 a.m.	SW		
22nd	6.30 p.m.	Carols/Candle		
24th	4.00 p.m.	Crib Service		
25th	10.45 a.m.	Family Comm'n		

St. Wenefrede's Bickley

1st	4.30 p.m.	EP		
8th	11.00 a.m.	MP		
15th	6.30 p.m.	Carols by Candlelight		
22nd	9.00 a.m.	HC		
25th	10.30 a.m.	Family Communion		
29th	11.00 a.m.	United Benefice Service @ St. Chad's		

St. Nicholas's Chapel

19th	7.00 p.m.	Carols by Candlelight		
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Reflective Prayer is held every Tuesday Morning at St Michael's at 9.30am. Tea/Coffee and Space to Rest in God.

HC – Holy Communion EP – Evening Prayer
BCP – book of Common Prayer MP – morning prayer
SW - Service of The Word

JANUARY SERVICES

St. Michael's Marbury

5th	9.00 a.m. HC Readers & Sidespersons:	Peter Thomas Steve Wood	Isaiah 60: 1-6 Matthew 2: 1-12
12th	11.00 a.m. SW Readers & Sidespersons:	Anthony Lewis Trisha Harvey	Isaiah 55: 6-13 Matthew 13: 3-9, 18-23
19th	11.00 a.m. MP Readers & Sidespersons:	Penny Allington Sofie Paton-Smith	Isaiah 62: 1-5 John 2: 1-11
26th	4.30 p.m. EP Readers & Sidespersons:	Diana Thomas Jane Lunt	1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a Luke 4: 14-21

St. Chad's Tushingam

5th	4.30 p.m. EP
12th	9.00 a.m. HC
19th	9.00 a.m. HC
26th	11.00 a.m. MP

St. Mary's Whitewell

5th	11.00 a.m. MP
12th	11.00 a.m. SW Little Green Farm
19th	11.00 a.m. SW
26th	11.00 a.m. HC

St. Wenefrede's Bickley

5th	4.30 p.m. EP
12th	11.00 a.m. MP
19th	11.00 a.m. HC
26th	9.00 a.m. HC

St. Nicholas's Chapel

4.30 p.m. EP

WEDDINGS: Congratulations and blessings to

Kieran Michael Jones and Ella Bethany Sparkes, married on 27th September

George Ryan Burr and Laura Anne Walker, married on 2nd November

Parish Letter - December '24

PEACE...

Previously I've talked about stories and the power they hold—from ancient fables to Jesus's parables, to myths and legends, to current stories the world's press chooses to publish, and I wonder how much humankind is impacted by such words.

In the stillness of each morning, before anyone is awake, I search for Peace. I spend time with God, no-one else, and I cherish it. Then in just a couple hours the noise of the world and its stories can shatter the peace into tiny shards and, like splinters, they cause hurt, that hurt can lead very quickly to worry...and I know I'm not alone, am I?

Peace is not something we find under our own directive, because, as I describe above, our thoughts, feelings and attitudes are so easily influenced by what we hear, see and are informed about, and with social media so easily at our fingertips, we're practically chased down by informants.

Many of us choose to turn attention to the good things coming - holidays, a special social event, a time of celebration - something we can use to mask the difficult things by turning away from them and looking forward to something else, but doing this in my experience simply causes us to hurry our living days too quickly. These moments simply come and go as we hang our hopes on the next, and the next and the next.

Peace is a Person!

His name is JESUS and He came to the world to free us from the things that hold us in their grip.

How? By teaching us his Word, responding to his Word and trusting him for his Word.

I find very little hope in anything other than Jesus's Word these days and, therefore, I write these words from my heart to encourage and not discourage!

MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR, PRINCE OF PEACE.

Four words spoken as a prophecy about Jesus, four titles given to him as he was born in flesh and blood to the world, for the world.

This Christmas familiarise yourself with the greatest story ever told, The Nativity, the profound gift of Love, the gift of the Son of God to His creation, The Way, The Truth and The Life.

Find your way as the Shepherds, Wise Men and Angels did, because their journeys weren't wasted, but rather rewarded, just as yours will be.

Peace be with you all - this Christmas and beyond.

Revd Veronica. x

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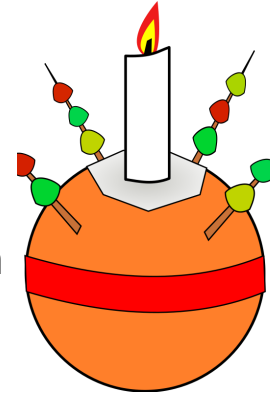
Don't forget to recycle used ink cartridges. Please place them at the back of church in the recycle bag. It's better for the environment and we get donations to give to charity. Its win! win!





Get Christmas off to a classical musical start with **The Border Singers' Christmas Carol Concert** at St. Michael's church on Monday, 9th December at 7:00. It's a free concert with a great mix of carols for all to sing together with a variety of lovely carols sung by the choir. Entrance is **FREE!**

St. Michael's Christingle Service will be held on Sunday, 15th December, at 4.30pm.



The **Crib Service** at St. Michael's will be on Christmas Eve, 24th December, at 6 pm.

Everyone is warmly invited to join any—or all—of the Christmastide services.



CAROLS at The Swan, on Tuesday, 17th December, at 7.00 p.m.

PLOUGH SUNDAY SERVICE is on 12th January at 11a.m., and this will be followed by a **SOUP LUNCH AT THE VILLAGE HALL**. Everyone will be welcome at this Community gathering...hosted by the Church and Village Hall.



MOBILE LIBRARY every 3 weeks at
Holtridge, Pear Tree Farm; 2.30-2.50
Norbury, Gauntons Bank; 3.00-3.20
Marbury Village Hall; 3.45-4.00

Thursday, 5th December. There will not be a library on 26th December.



PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting on 11th November was preceded by an open speaking session, with residents, the Police and a British Horse Society Road Safety Officer in attendance. Grave concerns regarding the safety of horse-riders, cyclists, pedestrians and all vulnerable road users had been put to the Parish Council.

Advice was given regarding prevention measures; **always** wear hi-vis clothing - particularly **horses** should be kitted with this. A Riding Out Safely course is run by the B.H.S. Bodycam is a useful addition, in case of an incident, and the record can be submitted to the Police for action. There will be patrols in the area to look out for cases of unreasonable driving.

All road users are asked to help with their own safety by acting in a considerate and safe manner; incidents should always be reported to the Police (and B.H.S.) so statistics can be collated. If “delivery drivers” are noted—either as good or of concern—these should be reported also direct to the transport company. It was agreed that many drivers are uneducated in the ways of countryside driving, something which used to be promoted on T.V. years ago!

The Parish Council meeting followed with discussions about the Play Area maintenance, the perennial Highways matters, and Planning Applications .

Revd. Veronica gave an update of church activities; Bickley Church is now part of the Benefice, and she gave a summary of the many church services at Marbury over the Christmas period.

Ongoing concerns about vehicles being parked on the pavement outside The Swan, causing danger to pedestrians, will be referred to the Police and C.E. for resolution.

Residents are welcome to attend meetings; however, if you wish to speak at the meeting, please contact the Chair or the Clerk beforehand. Public speaking time is limited and only Councillors may take part in discussions/decisions. The next meeting will be on Monday, 13th January, 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Agenda and Minutes can be viewed on the Parish Council website:
www.marburyanddistrict.org.uk

For Hi-Vis wear, visit: shy-beseenbesafer@mod.gov.uk

Items for the next magazine, February & March, should be submitted to Janet Makin, makinatmarbury@aol.com, by 15th January.

Able Community Care is a Norfolk, family owned, Home Care provider which was established in 1980. We are often asked about a wide range of care issues. Care information is often time-consuming and difficult to access, so we are happy to share some of our questions and answers with you.

Question – I have heard on the media that many older people are entitled to but are not claiming Pension Credit. How do I find out about it?

Answer – The simplest way is to Google ‘**Pension Credit – How to Claim**’- which will give you all the information around eligibility and claiming.

If you do not have access to the internet, you can call the Pension Credit claim line on 0800 99 1234 and they can fill in the application for you over the phone (lines are open Monday to Friday, 8am-6pm).

Question – A friend has mentioned that I may be able to claim a Carer’s Allowance as I look after my elderly mum who has health problems. Where can I find out details and how much. is the weekly benefit?

Answer - The simplest way is to visit the Gov.UK website and search for Carer’s Allowance. Eligibility details and how to claim plus further information can be found there.

You could receive £81.90 a week if you care for at least 35 hours a week and your mum is in receipt of certain benefits.

Question – I think I could benefit from a wheelchair. Can I get one on the NHS? Do I have to pay for maintenance and if it needs repairing? How long does it take to get one and how do I find out if I am eligible?

Answer – Wheelchairs from the NHS are free and maintained and repaired by the NHS at no charge. They do however, remain the property of the NHS so cannot be handed on.

Eligibility is that an individual must, as a result of a permanent disability or medical condition, have a mobility problem that persists for more than 6 months, or require palliative care. A wheelchair should be required for regular use (at least three days per week). The user must be functionally unable to walk and need a wheelchair for independent mobility

The first step to see if you can get a prescription for a wheelchair is to visit your GP and explain your needs. The waiting time can vary from a few weeks to three-four months.

Question – What is the fine for misusing a Blue Badge?

Answer - It is a criminal offence to misuse the badge, and doing so can lead to a £1,000 fine or more. Councils take court actions each year for misuse of the badge.

VILLAGE HALL

A Very Merry **Marbury** Village Hall Christmas Gathering

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 1ST
1PM - 4PM

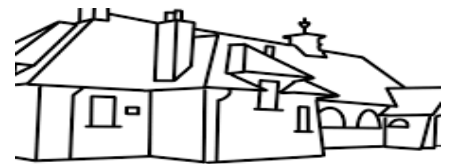
A FUN FAMILY AND FRIENDS GET TOGETHER

JOIN US FOR:
MINCE PIES
CAKE
MULLED WINE
HOT CHOCOLATE
CHRISTMAS COOKIES
LEAVE A CHRISTMAS WISH ON OUR TREE
PLUS

MAN
(NO REINDEERS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME)

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

*PILATES: Mondays,
12.30—1.30 p.m.
at The Village Hall:
£5 per session.
All abilities catered for.*



THE VILLAGE HALL IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE HIRE. Please contact Penny Allington, 07749 808308 for dates and hire terms.

MARBURY KNIT AND NATTER group meet every other Wednesday at the Village Hall, 2pm till 4pm.
Contact Beryl on 01948 664889



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: WHAT'S ON

DECEMBER:

- Sunday 1st** **VILLAGE HALL family CHRISTMAS EVENT**
1.00 p.m.—4.00 p.m.
- Tuesday 3rd** **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.
Everyone welcome.
- Thursday 5th** **MOBILE LIBRARY** at Holtridge, Gauntons Bank
and Marbury Village Hall
- Tuesday 10th** **W.I. ANNUAL LUNCH**, at The Swan, 12.30 p.m.

JANUARY:

- Tuesday 7th** **COFFEE & CHAT**, Details will given at the
December meeting, or contact Jane Lunt.
- Sunday 12th** **COMMUNITY PLOUGH SUNDAY LIGHT LUNCH**,
Village Hall, 12.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- Monday 13th** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**, 7.30 p.m. Village
hall. Members of the Public are welcome to attend.
Please contact the Chair or Clerk if you wish to
speak at the meeting.
- Tuesday 14th** **W.I. MEETING, 1.30 p.m.**, Village Hall
Speaker David Mitchell: "For Crying Out Loud" (he is
the Chester Town Crier!)
- Saturday 25th** **BURNS' NIGHT**, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m. Tickets £10
Contact Marian Turnbull (07949 784308) to book.
- Tuesday, 4th FEBRUARY: COFFEE & CHAT** at The Swan 10.15-11.45

COFFEE AND CHAT
at The Swan in Marbury

On Tuesday 3rd December,
Tuesday, 4th February,
from 10.15am to 11.45am.



Details of the January gathering will be given at the
December meeting—or contact Jane Lunt.

All our community are welcome to come for coffee and cake
and to meet friends and neighbours - a great way to get to
know everyone in the lovely environment of the Swan.

We look forward to seeing you.

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9 Watergate Arcade, Whitchurch. Tel: **01948 665920**

On **SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER**, at 7:30pm in St Alkmund's church, Whitchurch, **THE BORDER SINGERS** will be performing Henry Purcell's masterpiece, **DIDO AND AENEAS**. This timeless Baroque work tells the tragic love story of Queen Dido and the Trojan hero Aeneas, brought to life through Purcell's exquisite music and poignant lyrics. The part of Dido is played by local star, Emily Burnett – 'The Voice' finalist and co-founder of the opera-singing duo "Belle Voce". The performance will be accompanied by the Border Marches Sinfonia.



To complete the programme the concert will start with performances of two gorgeous Purcell anthems.

Tickets are £12 on the door (under 18s free) and may be purchased in advance from Peter Hunter Johnston for £10 each – contact Peter@HunterJohnston.co.uk.

A **First Aid/Defibrillator refresher** course has been proposed.

Would residents please contact Janet Makin, by email or text message, with names/numbers, if they are interested. It is intended to hold this in early 2025.



07977 879051 or makinatmarbury@aol.com



BURNS' NIGHT:

VILLAGE HALL

Saturday, 25th January, 2025

7.30 p.m.

A Fun Night for family & friends, with a traditional Scottish theme:

Haggis, Neaps & Tatties, & dancing

Tickets, including supper, £10

Contact Marian Turnbull (07949 784308)



Village **E**mergency **T**elephone **S**ystem (**VETS**) - for defibrillator or other community emergency: First ring 999 then Marbury: 01948 302103
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