

**MARBURY ST. MICHAEL'S
CHURCH
AND
PARISH MAGAZINE
*AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2024***



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SEPTEMBER SERVICES

St Michael's Marbury

- 1st 9.00 a.m. HC
Readers & Steve Wood James 1: 17-27
Sidespersons: Peter Thomas Mark 7: 1-8,14-15,21-23
- 8th 11.00 a.m. HC
Readers & Carolin Paton-Smith James 2: 1-17
Sidespersons: Beryl Fletcher Mark 7: 24-37
- 15th 11.00 a.m. SW
Readers & Jean Gregg James 3: 1-12
Sidespersons: Anthony Lewis Mark 8: 27-38
- 22nd 6.30 p.m. EP
Readers & Sofie Paton-Smith James 3: 13-4: 3, 7-8a
Sidespersons: Dennis Tucker Mark 9: 30-37
- 29th 11.00 a.m. SW A United Benefice Service
to celebrate St. Michael's & All Angels, Harvest Thanksgiving

St Chad's Tushingham

- 1st 6.30 p.m. EP BCP at Old St. Chad's
- 8th 6.30 p.m. Songs of Praise with Brass from the Pass
- 15th 9.00 a.m. HC
- 22nd 11.00 a.m. Harvest Thanksgiving
- 29th 11.00 a.m. SW A United Benefice Service at St. Michael's

St Mary's Whitewell

- 1st 11.00 a.m. HC
- 8th 11.00 a.m. SW
- 15th 11.00 a.m. SW
- 22nd 11.00 a.m. MP
- 29th 11.00 a.m. SW A United Benefice Service at St. Michael's

Weddings:

30th May, 2024 Marian Austin Cooke & Andrew Peter Carrier

1st June, 2024 Eleanor Laura Claybrook & Benjamin David Wilson

15th June, 2024 Rosie Mason & Philip Mark Langley

We wish them a lifetime of love and God's blessings.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

You may have heard of Church Mice, but have you heard about Church Fairies?

These fascinating little creatures appear mostly when no one else is around and you wouldn't believe the things they do!

One rainy afternoon back in July, I happened to spot four of them on top of the church tower as I gazed up from my laptop in the dining room in the Vicarage.

They are a blessing in disguise - they possess a Spirit of Generosity, for they turn up unannounced and fix things!

That's all I can say right now, as we must keep their identity secret, that's their nature you see.

Jesus spoke about generosity on many occasions, one was in the story of the Widow's Mite. This poor widow had very little to give but, she too, with a spirit of generosity gave her all, her last coin, and God blessed her for doing so.

I often notice people who bear a spirit of generosity, whether it's kindness, time, skills, or some other thing they gift. Generosity that comes from the heart makes all difference, because, somehow, they don't feel the loss of the giving. This enables them to gift even more and, in turn, they seem to benefit from their giving.

Biblically, this makes sense. Jesus promises that those who give a gift from a spirit of generosity will be blessed twice over...

The Church through the ages pledges this same spirit, although it might not seem that way to many. Very often, churches have to campaign for money for the upkeep of their buildings etc., and, like many other charitable organisations, they have to raise their own funding. But when a church or a community exercises a 'spirit of generosity' amazing things happen.

Wouldn't it be great if we could grow and encourage this 'spirit of generosity' - I wonder what might happen?

We are so blessed in Marbury. There are so many 'Church Fairies' and their gifts extend to the whole community, not just the church! They visit people, offer help and support to neighbours, create opportunities to enjoy company, see little things in our community that need attending to and do them, keep our village looking beautiful planting flowers, picking up rubbish, etc. etc....

So, thank you for your spirit of generosity - and long may you flit and fly...

Veronica. x

PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting on 8th July reviewed the proposed move of the overhead power lines between Sycamore & Walnut cottages and the Play Area. The proposal was approved.

Recent planning applications were reviewed: Marbury Farm Centre/Equestrian Centre, Housing; Wirswall Farm, Cattle Shed — no comments regarding either.

Maintenance of the Play Area was discussed, particularly the mowing schedule.

An update on Highways matters was presented.

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, 9th September, 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

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

Once again, residents are asked not to park on the footpath outside the front of Swan; this is illegal, and is very dangerous as it forces pedestrians into the road at a junction.



Please, also remember that dogs are NOT allowed in the Play Area unless on a lead—always clean up after your dog!



OLD KNEELERS!

We have a quantity of the old red kneelers in the church, which are no longer used or required, and which could be useful perhaps in the garden to help sore knees! They will be stacked at the back of church so please take one if you could find a use for it – if you would like to make a donation, please use the envelopes provided and place in the Wall Box.

Magazine: if you would prefer to receive the Parish Magazine by email please contact Janet Makin: makinatmarbury@aol.com

2025 Church Calendar – advance notice!

A Church Calendar for 2025 is being produced by Sofie Paton-Smith, Debbie Knight and Budgie Zawistowicz, using beautiful photos taken by Debbie in and around Marbury. It will be a “limited edition” calendar produced to order and Sofie will be taking orders from September. Please bear it in mind when you begin to think about Christmas presents for family and friends so that they can see what a special place Marbury is!

MOBILE LIBRARY at MARBURY VILLAGE HALL:

THURSDAYS 3.45—4.00 p.m. every 3 weeks -

AUGUST: 1ST & 22ND

SEPTEMBER: 12TH

OCTOBER: 3RD



COFFEE AND CHAT at The Swan in Marbury

On Tuesday 6th August,
Tuesday, 3rd September,
and Tuesday 1st October
from 10.15am to 11.45am.



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.

The magazine has been printed by **Audlem Printers of Whitchurch:**

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

IT'S OFFICIAL - WE'RE BRINGING A BANKING HUB TO WHITCHURCH.

The new Banking Hub will bring cash and everyday banking services to your community, such as cash withdrawals, depositing cash and cheques and paying utility bills, as well as a community banker service, so you can speak to your own bank about more complicated matters on specific days.

It takes around 12 months to open a Banking Hub so please keep an eye on our website for the latest information:

<https://www.cashaccess.co.uk/hubs/whitchurch-shropshire/>

Coming soon.

A Banking Hub is coming to Whitchurch

The new Hub will bring cash and everyday banking services to your community. It takes around 12 months for a Banking Hub to be set up.

Visit www.cashaccess.co.uk to find out more.

It takes time to open a Banking Hub, but we will work as quickly as possible to open.

- 1 Find a location
- 2 Negotiate terms with the landlord
- 3 Carry out legal work or planning approvals
- 4 Start building work
- 5 Appoint Banking Hub operator and Community Banker

Visit www.cashaccess.co.uk for progress updates.

The Banking Hub will bring everyday banking services to your community:

- Withdraw cash
- Deposit cash and cheques
- Make balance enquiries
- Pay utility bills
- Talk to a Community Banker from your own bank about managing your account, payments and transfers, getting online – and many other things too.

Visit www.cashaccess.co.uk for more on the services offered.

You can speak to a Community Banker, in a private space, on the day your bank is in the Hub. Community Bankers are usually provided by the banking providers with the most customers in the local area.

Check the Hub window or www.cashaccess.co.uk nearer the time to find out which day your bank will be in the Hub.

Cash Access UK

Advance Notice: There will be a Service of Confirmation with the Bishop of Birkenhead, Bishop Julie, for our Benefice this year on Sunday November 24th @ 4.30pm at St. Michael's. Please contact Revd. Veronica for further details.

Items for the next magazine, October & November, should be submitted to Janet Makin, makinatmarbury@aol.com, by 15th September.

Able Community Care is a Norfolk, family owned, Home Care provider which was established in 1980. We are often asked by our clients, carers and members of the public, questions across 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.

Q – Are next of kin responsible for care home fees after a family member dies?

A – When a resident dies in a care home, next of kin will not have to pay any outstanding care home fees, this will be taken from the deceased person's estate unless a specific contract has been signed with the care home, saying you will pay instead.

Q – I have a diabetic friend and I would like to make her an iced cake, is there a sugar free substitute for ordinary icing sugar?

Answer – Canderel Bake is an icing sugar alternative and is available in most supermarkets.

Q – My parents are thinking of moving into a retirement home and we are looking to find out as much as we can about them, costs to buy or rent, maintenance charges and what else is available on site for social activity, etc. Where should we begin to look for information?

A – A good place to begin is to visit www.Lottie.org. This organisation offers a free service that helps families and retirees find the UK's best elderly care homes and retirement living communities in line with a person's wishes.

Another organisation which can help is the Elderly Accommodation Council, a national charity with a mission to help older people and their families make informed choices about meeting housing and care needs. www.eac.org.

Q – A pensioner friend has mentioned Walking Football but did not know much more than it exists. Can you tell me which age group it is for and how can I find out if there are any clubs near me?

A – Walking Football began in 2011 and is aimed at adults over 50 years of age. It is played at walking pace with players not allowed to run, either with the ball or without the ball and jogging is also not allowed. Currently there are over 1000 clubs and to locate your nearest one, Google 'WFA Directory' and put in your location.

VILLAGE HALL

Forthcoming events, please make a note of the dates!

7th September : 2 p.m. - 5 p.m:

Treasure hunt : a treasure hunt around the village area, on foot, for the whole family. Entry is £1 per person, children free. Last entry 4p.m. Prize for the winning team.

Refreshments will be available in the Village Hall.

9th November : 10 a.m. - 2 p.m:

Craft fair: Don't buy your Christmas presents until you've seen what's on sale here—so much choice.

Yummy bacon butties will be available.

October: A Curry Night is being planned.

Details later!



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

AUGUST:

Tuesday 6th **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.
Everyone welcome.

Tuesday 13th **W.I. No meeting in August**

SEPTEMBER:

Tuesday 3rd **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.
Everyone welcome.

Saturday 7th **VILLAGE HALL: LOCAL TREASURE HUNT**

Monday 9th **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 10th **W.I. 7.30 p.m.** Village Hall
Speaker: Liz Wilson Ma Baker & Her Breads
Competition: a butter dish

OCTOBER:

Tuesday 1st **COFFEE & CHAT**, The Swan, 10.15 a.m.
Everyone welcome.

DEFIBRILLATORS, provided by the **Parish Council**, and funded through the **Lottery**, are located in the phone boxes at Marbury, Wrenbury Road, **SY13 4LS**, Gauntons Bank, **SY13 4HP** and at Bradeley Green Pet Stores, **SY13 4HD**

The Community **VETS** is a service for anyone in an emergency situation, who requires help, or who cannot get to the defibrillator themselves.

If you need help accessing the defibrillator, ring 999 and then call the **VETS** number:

Marbury 01948 302103

Norbury 01948 302707

and a local person will respond.



PLEASE make a note of these numbers and keep them handy.

THE MARBURY AND DISTRICT HELPLINE TRUST

Should you feel that the Trust may be able to help you, or anyone you know, then please contact:

Revd Veronica Green at the Vicarage or on
01948 663758 vicar@stmichaelsmarbury.org

Or one of the Trustees who are :-

Diana Thomas 01948 663738 diana@peterthomas.go.plus.net


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All requests for grants will be dealt with in strictest confidence and it would be helpful if requests were related to the Trust's objectives.

There will be a United Benefice Service Celebrating St. Michael and All Angels, Harvest Thanksgiving and introducing Generosity Week.

The Service is Sunday, 29th September at 11.00 a.m. followed by a Harvest Ploughman's Lunch in the Village Hall.



Marbury Village Hall
Invites you to
Pilates
Starting Monday 11TH March 12:30-13:30
Introductory offer of £5 per session
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
Led by
Rachel Bootham
Pilates and Mobility Coach

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or 07773 196887	

Nantwich Police Web Site	www.cheshire.police.uk
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Potholes	0300 123 5020
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www.cheshireeasthighways.org

FIX MY STREET: APP

Bus services:	Go-Too: 0300 123 5103
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<http://www.go-too.co.uk>

Flexilink: 0300 123 5110

Crimestoppers (you can call anonymously)	0800 555 111
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Childline	0800 1111
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Samaritans	116 123
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