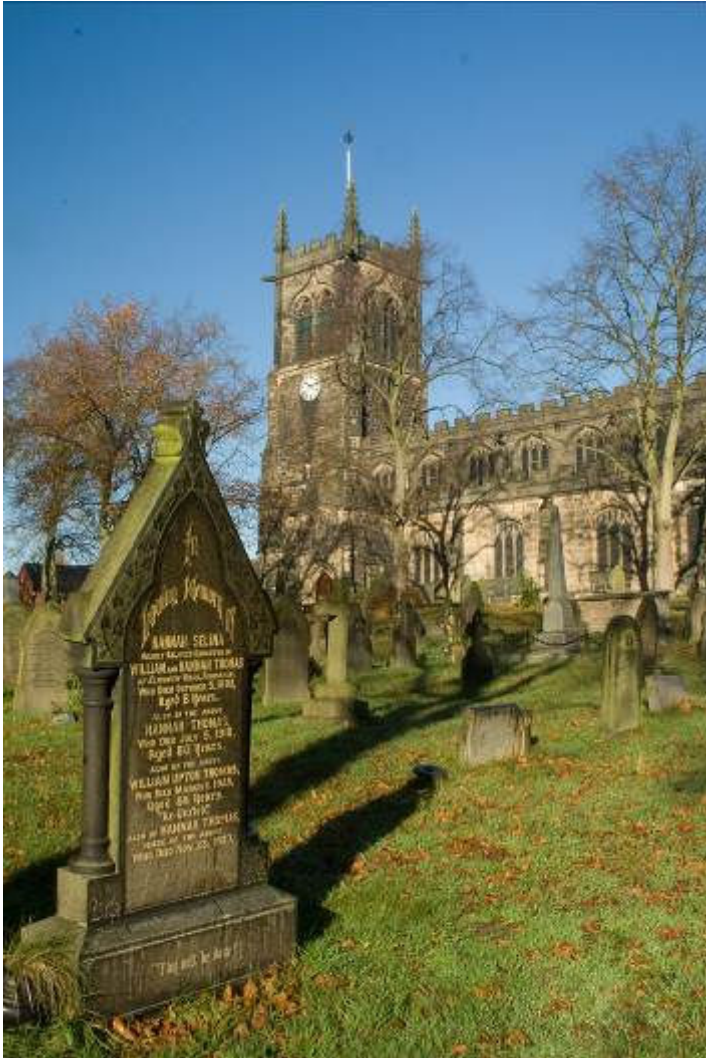


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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP
At St Marys in July 2011

Sunday 3rd July St Thomas	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Morning Worship
	6.30 pm	Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10th July 3 Trinity	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sunday 17th July 4 Trinity	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Friday 22nd July St Mary Magdalene	7.30 pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 24th July 5 Trinity	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Monday 25th July St James	7.30 pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 31st July 6 Trinity	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sunday 7th August 7 Trinity	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Morning Worship
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Weekday Services		See Notice Board

Editor's Note

Thanks to all of you who came to the meeting in June. Many varied ideas and suggestions were discussed: increase distribution (via shops or letter boxes), additional content from organisations within the parish, a different cover each month, raise the cover price and return to one issue for every month. I will re-instate the one issue a month immediately, so please send me lots of articles for **August** to make it worthwhile printing. I will look into some of the other ideas as soon as I can. Thanks again.

John

Some time ago, Catherine and I decided to transfer names and telephone numbers from a very old telephone book to a new one. The old book we started soon after we met over thirty five years ago and since then we have lost touch with most of the people. So over several nights and some glasses of wine, we reminisced as we edited the books. There were Catherine's nursing colleagues from her years of training, names from my time at university. There were several names we could not put faces to, or even remember why we had put them in the book in the first place.

But there were names of those we did remember. There was the man with a pigtail, a keen steam-railway enthusiast who had installed a new central heating system in our first house, and another man who replaced a central heating system boiler in our second. And we would remember the day that the boiler exploded and made a terrible flood in the kitchen. Then there was the garden centre which supplied lovely plants filling most of the local gardens. The phone number, in New Mills though without name, of the repair work to an antique dining table. That was returned mended, precariously and indecorously balanced on top of a Volvo estate. We would speculate about how the children of so-and-so were, whether so-and-so ever got promotion.

As we did this exercise, we did not feel so much older than when we had first written the names into the book, and yet we had moved on. Likewise in that book were recorded lifetimes that had changed or past, services and tradespeople who we would never need to use again and people who had moved on or died.

Our experience will be no different from that of others. Everyone accumulates a telephone book, a reference of their past, celebrating events, people and moments in their lives. And everyone can look back wistfully and nostalgically about times that were, and remember with fondness those moments, happy and sad that make us who we are and bring us to this very present.

Gentle change, a letting go of the present to allow it to become a cherished moment of the past is a process of which we are acutely aware as human beings. And facing the future without the support of the past is not such an easy task either. After transferring the name of those who we really need from one book to another, what have we done with the old one? We have kept it of course! for to throw that away would be almost a sacrilege, it would be the final irreversible dismissal of that which we have been, and of those memories that make us what we are now.

Nevertheless, as Christian people we are called to look to the past without living in it. We are called to work blindly by faith for the coming of the Kingdom. We may never rely on any 'achievement' of the past. And yet we are ever to be assured, and reassured, of the prodigality and constancy of God's love and in a period of change, we may be certain that God's purpose for our future will be revealed.

Thomas Shepherd

From the Registers

Funerals

May

31st Agnes Phyllis Yates (66)

June

10th Kay Egerton (51)

15th Norah Lillian Wiseman (91)

Michael John Hill (61)

24th Gordon Bailey (83)



Baptisms

May

29th Willow Alice Maybury daughter of Wayne and Jennifer
Lili Grace Morgan daughter of David and Caroline Burke

Holy Matrimony

May

29th Richard DIGGLE and Valeria Barattini

June

18th Peter DUGDALE and Laura Grundy

Forthcoming Weddings

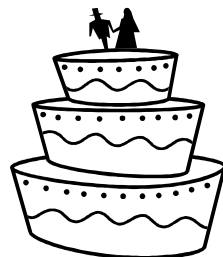
July

2nd Adrian RUCK and Nicola WHITE

16th David WALLEY and Karen SUMNER

22nd Andrew PARFITT and Faegheh HOSSEINIFANI

29th Thomas SWAIN and Sarah REED



Altar Flowers

July

3rd Altar
10th Mrs Coombes

17th
24th Mrs Willis

31st



Pedestals

vacant

vacant

vacant

vacant

Anyone who would like to fill any of the gaps by giving flowers to decorate the Church should ring Mrs Sheenagh Ashworth 01270 529 187

Church Fellowship

On the 14th June we had our Faith Super in the Church Hall, everyone brought food to share which meant that we had a wonderful and varied array of things to eat.

Mr Harold White came along and gave a short talk on the amusing things a Church Warden can experience whilst carrying out his duties, afterwards Mr Joe Wilson kept us entertained with jokes and anecdotes. Thank you to both Harold and Joe for such a fun evening.

Our next event is a day in Gloucester on **Wednesday 14th July**. Anyone who has booked for the outing please remember that **the coach leaves the Commons at 9.15 am prompt**.

Don't forget the Bowls Evening on Thursday 28th July (6pm) at the Marriott House Bowling Green on the Park. Everyone is welcome, the cost is £1 this includes light refreshment.

Sue



COFFEE EVENING

1 including coffee and scone/biscuit

Wednesday 13th July 2011
7-9pm



At 32 Repton Drive, Haslington
The home and garden of Pete and Chris Howarth

Bring and Bur, Cake Stall, Bric-a-Brac, Raffle, mystery Parcels, Plants
Everyone welcome

Coffee Rota

July

- 3rd Kate Roberts and Sheenagh Ashworth
- 10th Stella Craven and Christine Hirst
- 17th Joyce Griffith and Lynne Winfield
- 24th Sunday Circle
- 31st Joyce Booth and Jim Thompson

August

- 7th Marjorie Burgess and Renee Bickerton



Confirmations 2011

It has been a little difficult getting a Sunday on which Bishop Robert is free to come to St Mary's for a Confirmation Service. Now though, we are able to work towards 6.30 on **Sunday 11th September**. I hope that we will have a full church that evening to celebrate this important event in the Church's life. There are already a number of young people and adults who will be making a commitment at that time, but I hope others will also feel it is the right time in their lives to be Confirmed. Please let me know as soon as possible.

Thomas

EasyFundRaising for St. Mary's Church

For all those who shop online... and even those who don't, just take a second to check this out on behalf of St. Mary's Church, it's a really easy way for us all to raise some funds for the church free of charge. We have recently registered St. Mary's Church Sandbach with a fundraising website called www.easyfundraising.org.uk - the site is designed to raise money for charities and causes.

Here's how it works..

www.easyfundraising.org.uk provide a **FREE** service where you can shop with your favourite online stores and at no extra cost raise funds for any charity, good cause or group you choose to support. You still shop directly with each retailer as you would normally, but simply by using the links from their site first, each purchase you make will generate a cashback donation to the cause you wish to support.

For example, spend £25 with WHSmith on books and 2.5% will be donated. You will have raised £0.63, at no extra cost to your purchase.

Full details are on the Church website – www.sandbachchurch.co.uk.

Flight path

Windsor Castle, outside of London, is directly in the flight path of Heathrow International Airport. While a group of tourists was standing outside the castle admiring the elegant structure, a plane flew overhead at a relatively low altitude, making a tremendous noise.

One particularly annoyed tourist demanded: "Why did they build the castle so close to the airport?"



Sunday 3 July 2011

St Mary's Church, 3.00pm - 5.00pm

A fun-filled concert of 'Classics' and sing-along 'Prom' style music,
featuring an Offley Primary School performance from the Wind In The Willows.

Tickets £6 (including refreshments)

Special Offer Family Ticket £18 (2 adults/2 children)

For tickets and further information call Sandbach Town Council
on 01270 759959 or email clerk@sandbach.gov.uk

All proceeds raised will go to the St Mary's Roof Appeal



Over One Hundred Years of Musical Excellence

Forthcoming events from the Social Committee.

Saturday 10th September

Beetle Drive.

In the Church Hall 7.00 pm. £3.00

Saturday 8th October

Slide show by Pauline Minshull
"Sandbach old and new"

In the Church Hall 7.00 pm £5.00

Saturday 12th November

Autumn Fair.

In the Church Hall 10.00 – 2.00 pm

St Luke's (Cheshire) Hospice Sandbach Support Group

We are having a Barbecue at Sandbach Cricket Club (Hind Heath Lane) on **Sunday 3rd July** from 3pm. Admission is by ticket only - £10 which can be bought from 764640 or 767902.

Parish Picnic

Mrs Thompkinson has very kindly invited the congregation to use her garden at Tall Chimneys for a parish picnic on **Sunday 10th July** after the morning service. Picnic hampers will have to be brought to the event but it would be useful to know who might like to come – list at the back of church.

A decorative graphic of the word 'congratulations!' in a bubbly, outlined font. The letters are white with black outlines. There are several small, five-pointed stars scattered around the text, some above and some below the letters.

The winner of the May Festival Quiz was **Gwyneth Davies**.

A few quotes

Fisherman: one who drops the fish a line but seldom hears from them.

Golf: a game in which the balls lie on the ground and the players lie in the clubhouse.

A compliment is verbal sunshine. - Robert Orben



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Verger	June Ollier	766973

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Treasurer	Roger Cooke	762118
Covenants/Gift Aid	Paul Burden	764687
Captain of Bells	Paul Burden	764687
Church Flowers	Sheenagh Ashworth	529187

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hall@sandbachchurch.co.uk

SUNDAY CIRCLE Margaret Corlett 762246
 Meets on Sundays at 10.00am in the Church Hall

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP Marjorie Spence 767020
 Meetings 2nd Tuesday in each month at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

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 A copy of the magazine is also available on the web-site
www.sandbachchurch.co.uk

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 If you or your organisation has any items to be published in the magazine, please contact John either by email to magazine@sandbachchurch.co.uk or telephone. Please submit details of events well in advance so that they can be properly publicised. Reports of events that have already happened, progress updates of continuing projects, notices etc Copy may be left in Church but please submit by

Sunday 17th July 2011

FOR BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS, PLEASE CONTACT
 The Vicar in Church on Sundays between 5.00pm-6.00pm to make the necessary arrangements.