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January 2022	St Mary Rostherne	Holy Trinity L. B.	St John High Legh	St Paul Over Tabley
Sunday 2nd W The Epiphany Ephesians 3: 1 - 12 Matthew 2: 1 - 12	10.30 (BCP) Holy Communion	09.00 Holy Communion	10.00 Holy Communion Psalm 72	11.00 Holy Communion
Sunday 9th W or Gld Baptism of Christ Acts 8: 14 - 17 Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22	08.30 Holy Communion 09.30 Storytelling Service	No Service	10.00 Holy Communion Psalm 29	11.00 Plough Service
Sunday 16th W 2nd Sunday of Epiphany 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 John 2: 1 - 11	10.30 Holy Communion	09.00 Holy Communion	10.00 Holy Communion Psalm 36: 5 - 10	11.00 Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd W 3rd Sunday of Epiphany 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a Luke 4: 14 - 21	08.30 Holy Communion (BCP) 09.30 Storytelling Service	11.00 Holy Communion	10.00 Holy Communion Psalm 19 (or 19: 1-6)	11.00 Holy Communion
Sunday 30th W or Gld 4th Sunday of Epiphany 1 Corinthians 13 Luke 2: 22-40 Candlemas Hebrews 2: 14 – end Luke 2: 22 - 40	10.30 Holy Communion 16.00 or 18.30 Choral Evening Prayer for Candlemas. Psalm 122; 132 Haggai 2: 1 – 9 John 2: 18 - 22	09.00 Holy Communion	10.00 Holy Communion Psalm 48 or Candlemas Ps 24	11.00 No Service

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Prayer for the Month

O God, at the beginning of this New Year,
we ask for your guidance on our journey,
that we may follow your purposes for our lives.
Help us to stand against temptation and evil
and play our part in bringing care and love to those in need.
Amen.

February Magazine

Please send contributions to your usual Editor or to parishmagrwlb@gmail.com if possible, by the end of the day on

Friday 21st January 2022

Candlemas Choral Evening Prayer

The Christmas season concludes with the Festival of Candlemas (the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple) on February 2nd which will be celebrated in all our churches on Sunday 30th January. That day is also the final Sunday of our ministry in the United Benefice. As well as the regular services in the morning we are planning to hold a

Choral Evening Prayer with the Deanery Choir:
At 4.00 pm, Sunday 30th January
In St Mary's Rostherne

Final arrangements will be announced in all the churches nearer to the time so that we can take account of any changes to Covid 19 regulations, but we hope that as many of you as possible will join us for a final act of worship with the congregations from all the churches together.

Rev'ds Philip, Trish and Patricia.

Plough Sunday Service

11.00 Sunday 9 January at St Paul's Church Over Tabley

Plough Sunday is traditionally the time to ask God's blessing on our farming community as they get ready to prepare the fields for sowing. Please join us for this traditional service when the plough and grain are blessed.

Farewell Lunch

Sunday 23rd January 2022 at 12.30 for 13.00 pm
(£20 per person)

In Honour of the Reverends Philip and Patricia Robinson and Trish Cope
Upon their retirement from our four churches.

at The Mere & Tabley Community Club

To reserve a place please contact any of the following by 14th January 2022
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St Mary's Church Rostherne

Storytelling Service for Families.

09.30 Sunday 9th January 2022
9.30 Sunday 23rd January 2022

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Suitable for everyone, children of all ages, accompanied by an adult. Come and join in - enjoy refreshments and time to chat.

Coffee and Chat

10.30 - 12.00 - Just drop in or stay longer.

Wednesday 12th January - at St Pauls Church, Tabley

Please contact Brenda Folds on 01565 654 336 or email: bickerton_folds@btinternet.com.

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ROSTHERNE ART GROUP

All being well our next meeting will be on January 26th.

Subject to any covid restrictions at the time

St Mary's Rotas

Readers		
02/01/2022	10.30 am	Alan Bailey
09/01/2022	8.30 am	Rodney Lambert
16/01/2022	10.30 am	Joanne Shelston
23/01/2022	8.30 pm	James Gibson
30/01/2022	10.30 am	Derek Moorhouse
Sidesmen		
02/01/2022	10.30 am	Andrew & Gail Simpkin
09/01/2022	8.30 am	Eddie Wakefield
16/01/2022	10.30 am	Derek Moorhouse & Patrick Larkin
23/01/2022	8.30 pm	Christopher Tetlow
30/01/2022	10.30 am	Sue Wakefield & Alan Bailey

From the Vicarage

January 2010 seems a long time ago, and as the New Year that is 2022 is almost upon us, I have been reflecting on how we have been affected by the changes our society has been through over the intervening years. Some things which existed in the realms of science fiction, such as electric vehicles, are now commonplace. Space travel has expanded to include private companies that offer trips into space for those able to afford the fare. The need to mitigate climate change has challenged our spending habits and the way we treat the world around us.

There have been big changes in the way we view gender. Colonialism and the impact on the world of the British Empire is under increasing scrutiny. There have been dramatic advances in the way diseases are understood and treated; without them the present pandemic would have had far more devastating consequences. Despite those advances, who would have believed in 2010 that within the space of ten years churches would have to close as a preventive measure to limit the transmission of a virus?

January 2010 was also the year I wrote my first letter for the parish magazine, a publication that itself has been transformed almost out of recognition. Now, twelve years later and preparing for retirement at the end of January, I am sitting down to write my last one. I confess that I have not been relishing the prospect. How should I express my thoughts? My three predecessors as Vicar all died in office so I have no comparatively recent examples to study.

What I do have, courtesy of a parishioner, is a copy of the farewell letter written by Revd C H Conybeare on his retirement in March 1919, fifteen years after he became Vicar. There are remarkable parallels between his understanding of his years in office and mine. Both of us ministered through a time of social and religious change, and both of us spent the final years in testing times for this country. In his case WWI, in mine the Covid pandemic although I would hesitate to draw similarities between the magnitude of the two events. Both of us knew that we leave at a difficult time, but also that it is right to leave and make way for someone younger and with a fresh vision to take the parish forwards into the future.

On that note I feel that my thoughts in 2010 are still appropriate. I reflected on the words of His Majesty King George VI in his Christmas broadcast of 1939.

The King quoted words from the poem 'The Gate of the Year' by Minnie Louise Haskins.

> I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year,
> 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'
> And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.'

At the threshold of this New Year may we have the confidence to put our hands into the hand of God whose love for us never changes, asking that he will give us his grace to face whatever the future holds. May the light of Christ illuminate your paths day by day, and his love warm your hearts. May God's blessing be with you and with those you love.

Philip

Ladies' Lunch Group

Around 30 ladies met at the Kilton Inn on Wednesday 1st December for our Christmas Lunch which was a very happy and festive occasion with good food and excellent service.

Revd Philip gave his customary brief talk including Christmas cracker jokes. Our thanks for the staff at the Kilton for making it such a lovely occasion.

We meet again on….

Wednesday 5th January 2022

We meet at 12.00 for 12.30 at
The Swan with Two Nicks, Little Bollington

If you would like to join us, please book with Hilda Moorhouse on 01565 830398 or email **dm14041949@gmail.com** in good time.

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Men's Lunch Group

Attendance at our meetings is almost back to pre-Covid levels.

The members were very happy to welcome Revd. Philip, a regular member at our lunch table. Before Philip retires in January 2022, and knowing how much he enjoys a day out with the members, we are hoping to organise a tour of the Mersey Tunnel and its management operation. Watch this space!

Revd. Philip gave an interesting talk on the issue and presentation of Volunteer Community Service Awards. He introduced the members to a display of a variety of awards and medals issued by former 'empire' countries including Canada, Australia, New Zealand and of course UK. Evidently his interest in collecting these awards was stimulated by his family from an early age and their personal commitment to volunteer local community service. Some of the awards highlighted by Philip included their provenance and proved to be of particular interest, creating a lively interaction from the members. Philip in his spare time, has been a Territorial Army reservist and Special Constable.

The Volunteer Community Service is the infrastructure and ethos of the nation's character and spirit of the community.

The members expressed their grateful thanks and appreciation to Revd. Philip.

Derek Moorhouse

New members welcome, please contact:-
Ed Wakefield ..... 01565 830127. Derek Moorhouse ..... 01565 830398.

Christmas 2021
Revd. Philip joined 14 members at the usual venue, The Golden Pheasant, Plumley, for his penultimate lunch before retirement at the end of January 2022. It was a splendid lunch only surpassed by the enjoyment and quality of the company.

This festive occasion coincided with the group's 8th anniversary and appropriate toasts were proposed and heartily received. Past members were remembered by the Vicar in his toast to 'Absent Friends'. An apology was received from the intended speaker due to ill health.

The organised tour of The Mersey Tunnel is postponed due to Covid. However, members remain confident and enthusiastic about arranging future days out. There is a full agenda of venues outstanding, as and when conditions improve.

Derek Moorhouse

Thank you to Brenda Folds for sending these notes

Abstracts from old Minutes Books of St Paul's Church Over Tabley, recorded by Revd Philip Robinson in the course of examining the PCC Minutes from 1940 onwards -

with the occasional parishioner's comment!

The extract is from **WARTIME**

5th March 1941
'It was proposed that in case of a raid in the vicinity the Registers in the Church be taken to the cellars in the vicarage for safety'

(*The current PCC couldn't imagine wanting to rush to and fro from church to vicarage whilst the bombs fell!)*

7th April 1942
'A letter was read from the Bishop conveying his appreciation of the regular and full payment maintained by the parish of the Diocesan Quota' (*forever difficult!)*

5th August 1942
'A proposal from a Mrs Maxwell was considered the GFS would work on an embroidered reredos panel for the church. The council decided that they would be pleased to consider designs at some future time, but that they didn't think the present time was suitable for any further decoration of the church' *(Seems very sad and pessimistic in time of war)*

The Vicar (Revd G A Duncan) reported that authentic papers had been found at Rostherne Church showing that the whole of Mere New Park lies in that parish'

9th February 1943
'The council increased the salary of the Organist by £2.10.0 per annum, as a mark of appreciation'

(This caused the PCC much amusement when Revd Philip read it out ...)

18th April 1945
'A very kind offer of the late Mrs Leech's invalid chair for the use of Over Tabley Parish was accepted with appreciative thanks; the chair to pass into the custody of the churchwardens. Mrs Carter kindly provided a home for the chair at Burnt House Farm'

LITTLE BOLLINGTON W.I.

Members were thrilled to able to meet together for a Christmas Party on December 2nd. The committee provided a wonderful buffet which was appreciated by all. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed watching an amazingly agile belly dancer, who entertained us with her dancing , but also told the story of how belly dancing originated, with humour and knowledge. She explained how it had its origins in ancient Egypt as a fertility dance, and had developed into many different forms

Members took up a collection for Macmillan nurses as a thank you for the meal.

The Book Club are reading 'The house on the Hooghly' by Eugenia Fraser.

Both the walking group and the Art and Craft group will resume in the New Year.

The January meeting will take place on 13th January.

If you have any queries please contact Pam Winward on 01565 830567.

Christmas Flowers and Decorations

Thank you to all who helped to decorate the churches for the Christmas Season. The lovely displays have been admired by those who attended our services and events.

At St Mary's, a new idea for the Crib was put together by Libby Whittle and Judith Etheridge. With help from Andrew Simpkin and Revd Philip, the Altar was turned round and set out as the stable underneath.. A blue backcloth, some hay and an arrangement of holly and other greenery along the front formed the stable and the figures were arranged inside. Revd Philip set up two battery powered lights so that the crib scene was clearly visible.

The effect was much appreciated by everyone, particularly the children and was used as the backdrop for a recorded Carol Service for the Care Homes in our parishes. Revd Patricia blessed the Crib at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve.

Not Just Sunday: #EverydayFaith

WHAT IS IT: Lay Conference
WHEN IS IT: The weekend of 25 to 27 March 2022
WHERE IS IT: The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire

Each parish is allocated one free place at this conference and other people can attend if they by paying. This conference is for any church member.

Sunday morning is a time to draw closer to God, and to reflect on the week gone by and the week to come. Many of us leave church with a spring in our step; the fellowship and joy we can experience at church often fill us with the hope and encouragement we need to live and share our faith confidently with others.

However, harnessing that confidence so that it sustains us and guides our words and actions and identity through the whole week, doesn't come easy to everyone all of the time.

At the Lay Conference, we will explore – in a fun way and with active participation - how we can encourage each other to live out our faith confidently every day of the week, *Not just Sunday*. We hope that everyone who attends will leave feeling encouraged and equipped with:

a clearer sense of their Christian identity in everyday life,
Individually and collectively;
an increased confidence to express their everyday faith; and
an idea of how the gathered church can resource everyday faith.

Join us as we address these ideas and explore together the ways in which we can rise to the missional challenge before us and lead the Church into growth.

For further information can be found on the Lay Conference webpage. Go to:

Lay Conference 2022 Tickets, Fri 25 Mar 2022 at 16:00 | Eventbrite

News from St John's

Thank you for Christmas church decorating

St John's has been decorated beautifully not only for Christmas but also for Advent.

One window starts with the Sunday before Advent commonly known as "Stir-up Sunday" from the opening to the collect for that day in the Book of Common Prayer: "Stir up we beseech thee O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people." The Advent tree remains lit throughout Advent along with the Advent wreath.

Our Christingle and Carol services are demonstrated and of course, there is much that illustrates the story of Christmas itself and its traditions both inside and outside church.

Our thanks go to Elaine, Margaret and Christine who practically lived at the church for a week, but who couldn't have managed without the practical support of Stewart as well as Julie, Liz, Norma and the other Elaine who beautifully decorated several windows and the porch.

Little Acorns Christmas Party

Little Acorns held their Christmas Party on 14th December. All the usual expectations of games and singing, party food and of course a visit from Santa Claus himself with gifts for the children. Here he is (AKA Stewart!) along with the little ones and their mums, dads, grans and grandpas.

Christmas Crafts Afternoon The recent Christmas Crafts afternoon was really enjoyed and everyone produced at least one beautiful new Christmas decoration. Those who attended the afternoon tea spoke highly of both the speaker and the delicious individually prepared afternoon tea.

St. John's Christmas Tree of Hope

The support shown to the Hope Centre and its work with the people of Partington has been tremendous. Goods have continued to be donated and we have sent several boxes at various times to them.

The Tree of Hope has been really well supported and over £300 has been donated so far to support the special work of the Hope Centre and the Hideaway in providing Christmas gifts and dinners along with assistance for heating and other Christmas essentials. Along with the money, tens of Christmas wishes were also sent on our Christmas stars.

Supporting the Hope Centre has enabled members of our congregation who are unable to attend church at the moment to continue to feel part of the church by participating in the mission of this church to show our care for those who are in need.

We will continue to collect the following items in 2022:
Tinned items: vegetables, beans/spaghetti, fruit, tomatoes, meat.
Snacks: biscuits, cereal bars, crisps.
Drinks: tea, coffee, juice, long-life milk.
Other: rice, condiments, baby food/milk, cat and dog food.
Non-food items: Nappies, baby wipes, toiletries.

Hope Journey Nativity

High Legh Primary School along with three Lymm schools attended this event held on 3rd December at Lymm Methodist Church. Chris, Trish and Stewart helped with the event which is organised through Churches Together in Lymm and District. All the children followed a journey around several rooms to meet the Angels, shepherds, innkeeper & donkey, wise men and – of course – Joseph, Mary and a real live baby! Here is Stewart as "Seth" the shepherd! Roger is "David" – the other shepherd on duty that night.

Christingle

Thank you to all those who contributed to our Christingle service and donated towards the work of the Children's Society. So far, we have counted over £130 with some more collecting candles to collect.

Update on the Electrical Work Undertaken Recently at St John's

As you will all know by now the work to the Church electrics and Lighting has now been completed. I would like to thank Brian Green for his usual stewardship on the matter.

Regarding the cost of the work I would like to thank all of you, who have willingly and generously supported us. To date we have raised half of the cost, so we still have so way to go with our appeal. This work has now depleted our general reserve, leaving us vulnerable financially in the event of any unexpected costs. Therefore, once again I appeal to you to help us to raise the remaining cost, approximately £3500.

If you need any clarification on how you can donate to Church please do not hesitate to contact me

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MILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Casual Vacancies

Millington still has two Councillor vacancies available on Millington Parish Council.

If you are a parishioner, have the passion and time and would like the opportunity to assist our Parish Council, we urge you to contact the Parish Clerk or Chair Cllr Diane Flanagan, via the Millington Parish Council website www.millingtonparishcouncil.co.uk or via email millingtonparishcouncil@outlook.com :

We hope to be more proactive this forthcoming year so we will look forward to hearing from you.

Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to report since the last meeting.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 8th February 2022, details will be posted on the website and notice boards.

Millington Parish Council would like to take the opportunity to wish all our parishioners and neighbouring Parishes the compliments of the season and a happy and healthy 2022.

New Year Resolutions?

Perhaps the idea of having New Year resolutions isn't quite as popular as it used to be. I haven't heard them discussed for a couple of years. Maybe we have been so busy battling Covid that we haven't had so much time to think about resolutions. Many people are concerned about what the New Year will bring, not only in the scale of infection but the possible rise in the cost of living. We are told that 2022 will be the year of the squeeze as families face rising bills. It all looks a little gloomy and the tendency may be to think more about the things that worry us than looking forward to any opportunities there may be.

One way to attempt to overcome these difficulties and face the year in a more positive way, would be to take stock at the end of each day and reflect on the good things that have happened. These can be jotted down in a notebook or a diary. If difficult days come along you can look back over the good things and be encouraged by how you have been blessed.

LITTLE BOLLINGTON NEWS

NEXT PARISH MEETING

The next Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 January at 7pm at Little Bollington School. The meeting will consider a number of important matters affecting the village and community a set out below. All are welcome so do please attend and have your say on decisions affecting you.

NEW CHAIR AND CLERK

The meeting will seek to appoint a new Chair. This is an important role to lead the Parish Meeting in addressing the issues which affect our community. Nominations are still open and everyone should help to find the right person for this position. The meeting will also consider how to move forward in appointing a new Clerk. It now seems likely that an external salaried appointment will be required. This will involve an increase in the Parish Precept which is the local charge included in the Council Tax bill for every household. The meeting will decide on this and your views are important.

NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

The meeting will also formally approve the establishment of the Community Forum and will appoint the first Chair. This new body is required in order to complete the Neighbourhood Plan and seek to have it formally adopted. The Neighbourhood Plan is important in guiding planning and development for the village. It will offer some protection against inappropriate development to protect the green belt and the rural nature of the area.

MOTORWAY SERVICE AREA

The meeting will consider the views of residents on the proposal to build a motorway service area just outside the village on the M56 / A556. Please send your views on this to the Parish Clerk

BENCH AND PLANTING

The meeting will look at options for creating a new rest and meeting point in the village with a bench and planting. This has been enabled by a generous grant from the Co-op Community fund.

FUTURE OF THE PARISH MEETING

Finally we hope to hear the latest on the proposals by Cheshire East Council to merge the parishes of Little Bollington, Agden and Millington. This would bring an end to Little Bollington Parish Meeting after 125 years. Following discussion in the community we have reported some concerns to Cheshire East Council. Chief among these is the importance of ensuring support for the local community of Little Bollington. We have suggested that a merger of Little Bollington with Agden may work better than the larger combination of three areas.

PARTICIPATION

Little Bollington Parish Meeting is a democratic body where local people come together to discuss and decide on matters affecting their village and community. It is important that everyone in the community has their say on local matters. Please feel free to pass on your views to the Parish Clerk. And do please attend the Parish Meeting on Tuesday 11 January.

Happy New Year!

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The Great Outdoors in January

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While you're out walking the dog, cycling, hiking or gardening - whatever it is that takes you outdoors - look out for signs of new life among the bare trees and hedgerows. The first flowers of the year aren't necessarily snowdrops, although they are probably the most familiar to us with their white nodding heads. The aconite with its cheerful yellow petals also appears this month. It grows close to the ground and you will see it in woods, verges and hedgerows.

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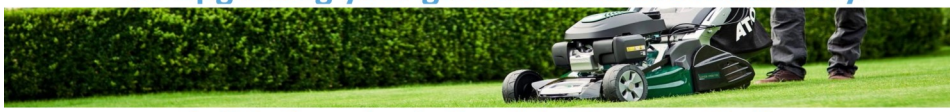

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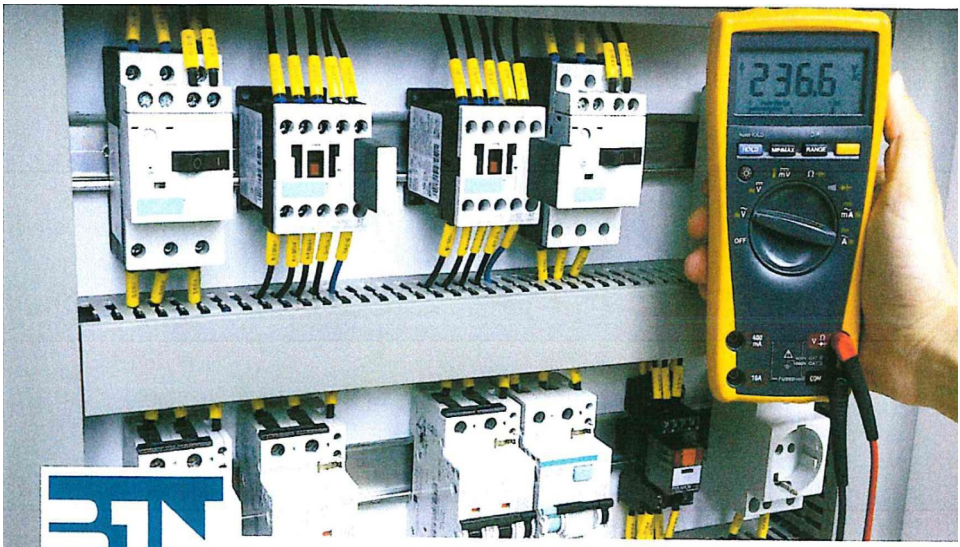

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