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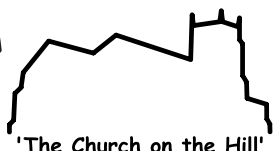


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*Tuesday 10 April 2012*  
**Russell Tyson**  
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*Friday 13 April 2012*  
**Alma Webber**  
 Abbey Gardens, Mottram

*Thursday 19 April 2012*  
**Robert Henry Moran**  
 Dawlish Close, Hattersley

*In our church prayers, we regularly include the names of the sick and those who have died.*

*Please add your prayers to ours, and for all those recorded on this page.*



## FLAG FLYING



*Thursday 5 April 2012*  
**Celebrating Peter Elwood's 90th, a day in advance!**

*Sunday 8 April 2012*  
**60th Birthday memories of Leslie (Les) Thorley, sadly missed**

*Saturday 26 May 2012*  
**60th Birthday memories of Alan Noel Tickle**

*Thursday 31 May 2012*  
**Birthday memories of Tom Edwards**

Jesus told them, "This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God. Luke 24

## FLOWERS



*Sunday 6 May 2012*  
**Sue Joy**  
**George Worrall**

*Sunday 13 May 2012*  
**Rita Leigh**  
**Kath Higgins**

*Sunday 20 May 2012*  
**Carol Barber**

*Sunday 27 May 2012*  
**Gladys Yarwood**



## In need of some hope?

What do you hope for? That there'll be something tasty, healthy and wholesome waiting for your dinner when you get home? That you'll bump into so-and-so on the bus tomorrow, or that they'll call when you're both home again tonight? Or something you can't quite describe - you're finding it hard to see a way out of your current situation so your hope is simply a longing for things to 'just be better'?

Whatever we hope for can have very real effects upon us. If you hope for a satisfying meal, your hope does things to you physically. The hope of a love-struck teenager has emotional implications. An ill-defined, general hope affects the way you look at life, or think about problems - that's a mental effect. All kinds of hopes, all kinds of impacts.

Reflecting on the great Easter story - as we do particularly in this season - the apostle Paul wrote this about hope: "*if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep [died] in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.*" (1 Corinthians 15:17-19).

If only for this life? The point of Easter is that real, true, Christian hope is about more than the here and now. Hoping for a good meal or a chance encounter is one thing. But the truth of Christ Jesus's resurrection from the dead? Well, says Paul, that means we can have a sure and certain hope of being forgiven all our sins, a sure and certain hope of eternal life.

In fact, if we pin our hopes on Jesus and he hasn't been raised, we're much to be pitied - for we're hoping in an eternity which isn't there. No, the only way life-beyond-death could be guaranteed to us is if someone could overturn the judgement we deserve for our sins, for our rebellion against God: the judgement of death.

Christians have hope for eternity, because we know the one who proved stronger than death. If death was once the ultimate statistic (100% of people die), now Jesus is the ultimate hope (he proved death is not the end). Jesus is the only way to everlasting life. And that offer, that hope, should affect us physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually - as we begin to live this life in the light of the next.

Certain forgiveness and eternal life. How about that as something to hope in?

*In Christ,  
James*

## NOTICE BOARD

**Prayer Group**  
**Tuesday 1st May, 8pm**  
 at the home of  
 Betty Gadd (01457 765365)

**A Walk With The Walkers**  
**Saturday 19th May**  
 Lyme Park  
 How far? 4 – 7 miles  
**Transport?** car share if needed  
 Meet John and Joan at Mottram  
 church gates at 10.30am

**Friends of Mottram Parish  
 Church**  
 Saturday 2nd June  
**Cathedral trip to Derby  
 with tour and lunch**  
 for further information, contact  
 Kathleen Jubb on 0161 338 7546

**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**  
 Monday 14th May, 7.45pm  
 this month at the Roe Cross Inn  
 a talk by Carolyn Brierley:  
**'Tameside Young Carers Project'**

**WORKING PARTY**  
 Tuesday 1st May, 10am-12noon  
*weeding in the Memorial Garden*

**PRAISE AND PLAY**  
**Every Tuesday afternoon**  
 in Mottram Parish Church  
 during school term time  
**2.30 pm to 3.15pm**  
 Songs, music, crafts  
 bible story, and lots of fun

**Trefoil Guild**  
 3rd Thursday of every month, 7.30pm  
 at Mottram Community Centre  
*sorry – no meeting in May*

**WOMEN'S SOCIETY**  
 Tuesdays, 8.00pm at Mottram  
 Community Centre  
**1st May – Blind Jack of Knaresborough**  
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**15th – Health through your spine**  
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## WORSHIP DIARY

May



2012

Sunday 6 EASTER 5  
 8.30am Holy Communion, Common Worship  
 10.30am Holy Communion & Prayers for Healing  
 6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 13 EASTER 6  
 8.30am Holy Communion, BCP  
 10.30am All Age Service

Thurs 17 ASCENSION  
 7.30pm Holy Communion (*see Newslines for venue*)

Sunday 20 THANKSGIVING SUNDAY  
 8.30am Holy Communion, Common Worship  
 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 27 PENTECOST  
 8.30am Holy Communion, BCP  
 10.30am Holy Communion

### Every week in Mottram Church:

Tue 2.30-3.15pm Praise and Play  
 (term time only)  
 Fri 10am-12pm Church open:  
 Chapel available for private prayer

### Every week at St. Barnabas, Hattersley:

Wed 10.00am shared Mid-week Communion



## SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS



May 6 Acts 8: 26-end; John 15: 1-8  
 13 Acts 10: 44-48; John 15: 9-17  
 20 Deuteronomy 6: 2-13; Matthew 22: 15-22  
 27 Acts 2: 1-21; John 15: 26-27, John 16: 4b-15

## THE WORD

Canon David Winter, a former Head of Religious Broadcasting at the BBC, continues his series presenting a point of view...

### The Way I See It: The dignity of work

May 1st is marked as 'Labour Day' in many countries, and is seen as an opportunity to recognise the role of work in society and to honour its value and dignity.

In the biblical story of creation, Adam was immediately given work to do by the Creator: 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it'. So Adam the gardener took on what was probably a rather pleasant if lonely job, only blotting his employment record when he flagrantly broke the Boss's rules, aided and abetted by his new wife, Eve. It concerned a piece of fruit, you may remember.

Subsequently in the long history of humanity, work has been a common experience - not always enjoyable. Indeed, part of the penalty for Adam and Eve's disobedience in that ancient story was that the man's work, hitherto a joy, would become hard and painful- 'by the sweat of your brow you shall eat bread'. And so it has been. Most people throughout human history have worked for a living, or have worked equally hard in the home, and much of that work has been onerous.

On the other hand, work has benefits over and beyond mere economic survival. There is a distinct satisfaction in a job well done, whether it be brain surgery or feeding 40 hungry kids in a school canteen. The Old Preacher Ecclesiastes in the Bible talks of 'taking pleasure in all our toil',

and in a sense most of us know what that means. To that simple feeling of achievement ('it was tough, but I've done it!') we can add the satisfaction of team work, the daily presence of work colleagues and the reassuring rhythm of a daily routine. And then there's the pay - a kind of recognition that what we have done has value to others. Add all that together and one can appreciate why not working can seem like a distinct deprivation.

So on Labour Day we might think this year about all those who have no work to do - certainly not in the sense of a paid job. I'm not thinking of those whose invaluable 'work' is at home, raising and caring for children - it's hard to think of a more important task to undertake. But for the rest, the very word 'unemployed' has an empty and rather desperate ring to it. I have friends who have been looking for work for months, and I know how discouraging the whole experience must be. The last thing they need is to be labelled as failures, or even work-shy.

As we see around us many people struggling with the fear that they won't ever get a job at all, it's important that we don't shut our eyes to the problem. Prayer, yes of course. But whenever we can, by the votes we cast, the decisions we make about spending, by the support we can give to projects to create jobs, we can help to make a society that works, in every sense of the word.

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June Molyneaux, Kate Best,  
Richard Mortimer, Julie Standeven,

**1st meeting Thursday 10th May**  
the Magdalene Centre, 7.45pm

**Sidespeople should attend the**  
**Archdeacon's Visitation:**  
Holy Trinity Stalybridge  
Monday 14th May, 7.30pm

**Community Groups/Charities**  
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### Cousin Jeanie's Canny Sayings

The smallest kind deed is better than the greatest intention.

...advance notice...

### CONCERT BY PATCHWORK GUITAR DUO

**Saturday 23rd June**  
at the Magdalene Centre  
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**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 13th-19th MAY 2012**

There's even more reason to give generously this Christian Aid Week as your donation could be doubled thanks to the government's UK Aid Match scheme.



The Department for International Development (DFID) will match the first £5m pound for pound donated to Christian Aid Week, enabling the charity to help more people in poor communities around the world work their way out of poverty.

**Give the tools to help people out of poverty**

The DFID money will be used to support poor communities in Africa and Burma to improve access to healthcare and build sustainable livelihoods.

It will support enterprise-based development, with a strong focus on farmers and landless labourers.

These funds will also allow the charity to do more to reduce maternal and child mortality, decrease incidences of malaria, and reduce the stigma against people living with HIV.

**More from the mouths of babes and sucklings...**

- ☺ In the first book of the bible, guinessis. God got tired of creating the world so he took the sabbath off.
- ☺ Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
- ☺ Samson slayed the philistines with the axe of the apostles.
- ☺ Moses led the jews to the red sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.
- ☺ The first commandments was when eve told adam to eat the apple.
- ☺ The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
- ☺ The greatest miricle in the bible is when joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
- ☺ David was a hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.
- ☺ Solomon, one of davids sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
- ☺ When mary heard she was the mother of jesus, she sang the magna carta.
- ☺ Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a jezebel like dellilah.
- ☺ The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels.
- ☺ The epistels were the wives of the apostles.

**Mea Culpa**

A group of lads took a trip to France and decided to attend Mass in a small town, even though none of them understood French.

They managed to stand, kneel and sit when the rest of the congregation did, so it wouldn't be obvious they were tourists. At one point, the priest spoke and the man sitting next to them stood up, so they got up, too. The entire congregation broke into hearty laughter.

After the service they approached the priest, who spoke English, and asked him what had been so funny. The priest said he had announced a birth in the parish and had asked the father to stand up.

**Gift?**

I asked my mother if I was a gifted child... she said I must be, because they certainly wouldn't have paid for me.

**and the prize for the magazine with the earliest mention of Christmas goes to...**



*Don't cry darling, the man with the white beard and the pointed hat who is resigning, is the Archbishop of Canterbury - not Father Christmas!*



"I think we'll give role-play a miss in future - these kids are too good at it!"  
 Unsung heroes number twenty two. **thank you** to all those who give of their time and effort to staff our Sunday School every week.

**CHRISTIAN AID IN MOTTRAM PARISH**

**How you can help**

- As last year, we will not be doing an organised **House to House Collection** – although if anyone would like to collect in their street, that would be great, just let Chris know.
- **Envelopes** will be available as usual in church during Christian Aid week, so please put your gift in the envelope and pop it on the plate with your normal collection.
- Do come to the **Coffee Morning** on 26th May at the Magdalene Centre.
- To give direct, **call 08080 006 006**
- or **visit [www.christianaid.org.uk/give](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/give)**

We raised £588 last year - if we could increase that to £600 this year, then with the DFID match-funding, that will be £1200 to...

**Help people in poverty out of poverty**

- When you've been to the coffee morning in Broadbottom, why not make a day of it and carry on to Hyde for the...

**Annual Giant Book Sale** for Christian Aid from 10.30am until 3pm at **The United Church**, Union Street, Hyde.

**caring for the kids of Kibera** Kibera is a 2.5sq km 'shanty town' on the outskirts of Nairobi, Kenya with anywhere from 600,000 to 1m people living in 'homes' with corrugated metal roofs, walls made from reclaimed oil drums and doors fashioned from cloth. Homes that measure barely 10 sqft and typically house families of two, three and four people.

**Broadbottom Primary School** have teamed up with Des Lee from **Gifted Hands** and **Lifecentre Hattersley**, to help the kids that live there.

In May 2011 more than 100 children from the school wrote letters to children at the school in Kenya. And they all got a letter back. The excitement generated in both schools has been stunning and lovely to see.

Head teacher, Esther Bland says, "The way the girls and boys here have taken to this 'adventure' is so good to witness. Not just the letter writing but in the enthusiasm to

do a sponsored walk and cook cakes has been brilliant. They've raised enough so far to provide a meal, every day for every child at Gifted Hands School well into 2012."



**What's next?**

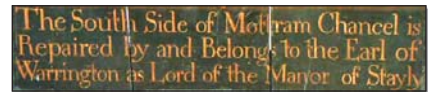
On the 29th April 2012 Des Lee will be running the Manchester Marathon. You can donate via [mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/deslee1](http://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/deslee1) or post it to him at 262 Woodlands Grove, Broadbottom.

**Mottram's Missing Treasure**

Anyone watching Antiques Roadshow on Sunday 15th April, will have had a bit of a shock. Even those of us who know a bit about the history of the Parish Church, were surprised to see one of Mottram's long lost treasures – at Manchester Town Hall!



The gentleman is the owner of a biscuit factory, which he had bought in 1980 – we are not told where. At the back of a dusty storeroom, he found the painted board shown here. The text reads *'The South Side of Mottram Chancel is Repaired by and Belongs to the Earl of Warrington as Lord of the Manor of Staly'*.



Our guide book tells us that in 1633, over the chancel arch were the Royal coat-of-arms, flanked by the coats-of-arms of the Booths of Dunham Massey and the Wilbrahams of Woodhey, and that these were removed in 1879 by Canon Miller shortly after his arrival.

George Booth was 1st Earl of Warrington and Lord of the Manors of Staley and Hattersley, and Henry his son was the 2nd Earl. Which one repaired the chancel is not known – George died in 1694, the date mentioned in the programme.

In the programme, it is said that the board was sold to the original mill-owner by one of the Chapman family in 1854. When the Chapmans bought the Hattersley estates they did acquire the rights to the Staveley Chapel and other artefacts in the church belonging to the Earl. The year 1854 was just before the great 1855 restoration, when the roof was raised, the chancel was re-roofed and the nave pillars were rebuilt etc. So that date might be correct, or it might refer to a different board. The board in the programme is almost identical (but without the text) to a canvas coat-of-arms sold at Christies in 2009, fetching £12,500!

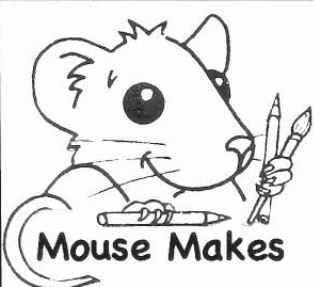


Another connection to the Booth family still in the church, is one of the Bread Boards in the north aisle. This was the gift of Elizabeth Booth, widow of William Booth, much earlier, in 1619. Her gift of £2-10s for the poor of the parish, was later invested with other charitable endowments, in Mottram Parish Charities, a fund that still helps needy people in Mottram and is administered by the Churchwardens.

As the present generation continue to look after the Parish Church in the 21st century, the story of the boards reminds us that we will not be the first to carry out a Fit for Purpose exercise for this beautiful building!


Help your child with the activity below. If it helps, read the bible verses to your child using a modern version of the bible – there are some very good children's bibles available from Christian bookshops, or from the bookstall at Mottram Church.

Praise and Play: for pre-school children, every Tuesday afternoon in Mottram Parish Church during school term time: 2.30 pm to 3.15pm Songs, music, crafts bible story, and lots of fun. Come and join us!




**Mouse Makes**


When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost there was a noise from the sky which sounded like the blowing of a violent wind and what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person.





**I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL PEOPLE**  
ACTS 2:17


Read the story of Pentecost in ACTS 2:1-41




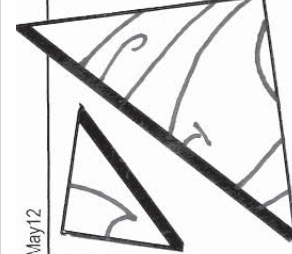



















The wind has mixed up these puzzle pieces. Cut them out and rearrange into a flame shaped picture →



## Magdalene Centre Open Day

Easter Saturday was the first opportunity for many people to come and see how good the place is looking – and how warm and welcoming!

A team of volunteers served refreshments and organised an Easter Bonnet Parade and activities for children, and we were blessed to see 150 people come through the doors. Unfortunately, due to a fault discovered at the last minute, it wasn't possible for the organ to be played, but we enjoyed music played on the newly installed sound system instead. A special day – thank you to all who came!

Comments received on the day included:

*“The first time I’ve been since the renovation, and I’m really impressed.” . . . “I can’t get over how light the building is!” . . . “What a wonderful space.” . . . “I have just booked a reception for my daughter’s wedding next year, I wish I had known about this place, I could have done my own catering, and the alterations have made no difference to the feel of it being a church building.” . . . “I didn’t think it was so big inside - can I go and have a look at the other room?” . . . “This doesn’t look like most other church halls I have seen.” . . . “Who do we contact to make a booking?”*

Thanks to Paulo Ferreira for his photographs, a few of which can be seen here:



## 1953 and all that...

Don't forget – we asked you for your recollections of Coronation Day for next month's magazine. But first, to get you in the mood, our roving reporter William Jubb has been musing on what a busy year it was...

In the early 1950's Britain was still emerging from the dark clouds of World War II, with food, clothes and petrol all on rationing. Britain was a grey, class-ridden society but 1953 included events, disasters and achievements that remain in my memory some 59 years later. I have to admit that I have had to check with Mr Google to verify some of the factual information, and the chronological order of the events.

### 1953 was the year that...

#### January

A car ferry sank in the Irish Sea, drowning 133 people.

#### February

The North Sea flood killed hundreds of people on the east coast of Britain



The DNA molecule was discovered.

#### March

Tommy Taylor transferred from Barnsley FC to Manchester United for a record fee of £29,999. Deliberately less than £30,000 to avoid criticism!



Queen Mary, the consort of the late George V died, age 85.

#### April

James Bond first appeared in the book "Casino Royale".

#### June



The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II and the announcement that Mount Everest had been climbed for the first time.

#### July



A science fiction serial by Nigel Kneale called "The Quatermass Experiment" was televised by the BBC. Mass excitement throughout the country.

#### August



For the first time in 19 years, England beat Australia to win the Ashes under Len Hutton.

**September** Sugar rationing ended.

#### October



Troops sent to British Guiana to sort unrest caused by communists.

#### November



Piltdown Man's fossilised remains, 'found' in 1912, exposed as a hoax.

**December** Winston Churchill won the Nobel Prize in Literature.

