



If aught thou hast to give or lend
This ancient Parish Church befriend;
If poor but still in spirit willing
Out with thy purse and give a shilling.
But if its depths should be profound
Thank thy God and give a pound.
Look not for record to be given
But trust for thy receipt in heaven.

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**St. Michael & All Angels
Mottram Parish Church**

Newsletter

January 2019

Dear Member

Thank you for your continued support in helping to maintain our lovely church building.

Our biggest expenditure during the year has been the re-roofing of the clergy vestry, found to be necessary during a routine building inspection, and the re-plastering and repainting carried out afterwards. This was a costly project, as the work had to be done to strict conservation standards.



It's only with your support that it's been possible to fund this work. Thank you.

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2018 Events

Our Spring Concert featured the wonderful One Voice Community Gospel Choir. Past finalists in the BBC Gospel Choir of the Year, they filled the church with their incredible, joyful sound.

The annual Garden Party was blessed with glorious sunshine. Thank you once again to James and Holly for the use of the vicarage garden, and to Janet Rose for making a large quantity of delicious scones!

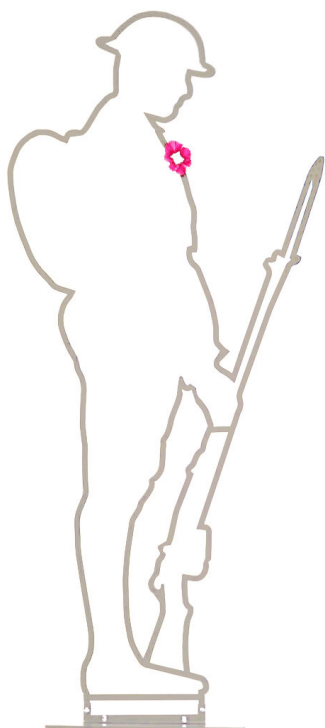
A number of Friends enjoyed a trip to Chester Cathedral in July for a performance of the Chester Mystery Plays. This is held every 5 years, and if you missed it this time, make a note to catch it in 2023!

The exhibition during Heritage Open Days weekend in September showed how the church building has changed over the last five hundred years, and was an opportunity to share something of the church's vision for the future, and comment on the draft proposals.



Tameside Archaeological Society were with us once again over the weekend, and we repeated last year's successful Saturday evening opening, with evening tours, story-telling, wine and nibbles.

As part of the commemorations over Remembrance weekend, the Friends were delighted to be able to purchase 'Tommy'. He stood in the churchyard over the weekend overlooking the Longdendale Valley, and is now standing sentinel at the war memorial.



2019 Events

Our **AGM and potato pie supper** this year will be held on Thursday 7th March 7.30pm at Mottram Cricket Club. This was a very successful and enjoyable evening last year, so we have decided to repeat the format. Do join us, everyone very welcome.

The Laurence Singers will entertain us at our **Spring Concert** on the 11th May.



This mixed choir is based in South Manchester, and performs a broad repertoire ranging from choral pieces and opera classics to folk songs and songs from the shows.

Our **Garden Party** will be held on Saturday 13th July, 2.00pm at the Vicarage, 30a Broadbottom Road, Mottram, when we hope the sun will shine on us once again.

Heritage Open Days will take place over the weekend of 13th - 15th September. It would be lovely to see you at our 2019 events.

For members who pay annually, we have enclosed a membership renewal form, and we would be grateful if you could return this to Ian as soon as possible with your subscription.

Finally, if you haven't yet given us your email address, you can do this on your renewal form, or simply drop us a line at friends@mottramparish.org.uk

This is a good way to keep in touch and keep you up to date during the year. We will pass your email address to Mottram Parish Church, who will contact you and invite you to sign up for the Friends mailing list.

Thank you once again for all your support.

Chris Kershaw

Christine Kershaw, Membership Secretary