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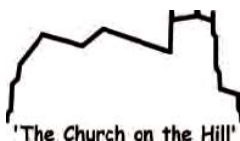
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Epiphany

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among the people,
To make music in the heart.

By Howard Thurman

Howard W. Thurman (1899 – 1981) was an American author, philosopher, theologian, mystic, educator, and civil rights leader.

He played a leading role in many social justice movements of the 20th century, and his theology of radical nonviolence influenced a generation of civil rights activists.

Thurman served as dean of the Rankin Chapel at

Howard University, Washington DC from 1936 - 1944.

In 1944, he co-founded, along with Alfred Fisk, the first major interracial, interdenominational church in the USA.

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Cover picture **The adoration of the Magi**

Painted by Jan Gossaert circa 1510,

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This large altarpiece is wonderfully crammed with peasants, animals, angels and richly dressed kings and courtiers - all coming to worship the infant Jesus. The artist has signed the painting on the crown of Balthasar, the king on the left, and on the silver collar of one of his attendants.

In a palatial but much ruined building, the Virgin Mary sits with the Christ Child on her lap. She holds a golden goblet containing gold coins, the lid of which lies at her feet. It is the gift of the elderly king, Caspar, who kneels before her, his hat and sceptre on the ground. Christ holds one of the coins in his left hand, accepting the gift.

Between Balthasar and the Virgin, Saint Joseph leans on his staff and gazes up at angels hovering in the air above.

Father Patrick van der Vorst Christian Art info@christian.art

A letter from the Editor



A big thank you to all contributors, deliverers, sponsors, subscribers and everyone who supports Mottram Parish Magazine.

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Deadline for the February issue is Tuesday 30 January.

The magazine should be in church and online by Sunday 4 February.

Spotlight Meals

Provides hot meals for the homeless in Greater Manchester and for local families in crisis due to loss of income. For more information and how to help - ring Christine (see below).

**The next collection of frozen meals will be
Sunday 14 January 10.00am at the church gates.**

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NOTICES (CONTINUED)

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A NOTICE FROM OPEN DOORS

OPEN DOORS

There is still time to invite your MP to the launch of the World Watch List 2024.

This event on 17 January 2024 is an opportunity for MPs to hear new research, first-hand accounts from persecuted believers and our recommendations on what they can do to protect religious freedoms.

Behind the facts and figures are stories which deserve to be heard. Please take a few minutes to send a personal invitation to your MP. This event will inform MPs about the 50 countries where following Jesus costs the most. We will present new research, first-hand accounts from persecuted Christians, and provide MPs with recommendations on what they can do to protect religious freedom around the world.

God bless - *Open Doors Advocacy Team.*

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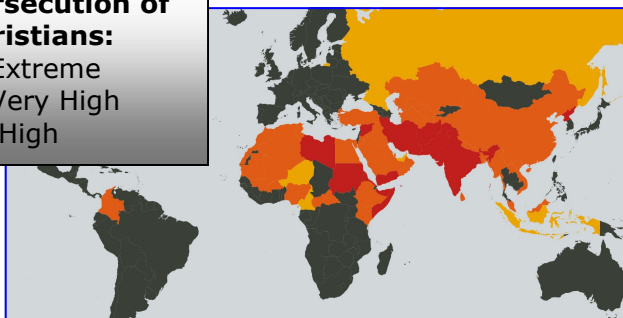
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For more information: contact@opendoorsuk.org

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- Extreme
- Very High
- High



Altar flower rota January - June 2024

THE FLOWER ROTA

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| January 2nd Epiphany | January 14th Epiphany 2 | January 21st Epiphany 3 | January 28th Presentation of Christ |
| FEBRUARY 4th 2 before Lent | FEBRUARY 11th Sunday before Lent | FEBRUARY 18th Lent 1 | FEBRUARY 25th Lent 2 |
| March 3rd Lent 3 | March 10th Mothering Sunday | March 17th Lent 5 | March 24th Palm Sunday |
| April 7th Easter 2 | April 14th Easter 3 | April 21st Easter 4 | April 28th Easter 5 |
| May 5th Easter 6 | May 12th Easter 7 | May 19th Pentecost | May 26th Trinity |
| June 2nd Trinity 1 | June 9th Trinity 2 | June 16th Trinity 3 | June 23rd Trinity 4 |
| | | | June 30th Trinity 5 Joan W. |
| | | | March 31st Easter |

If you wish to dedicate altar flowers in memory of a loved one please speak to Sue Joy or Kath Higgins or email flowers@mottram.org.uk or sign the list in the porch. There is also a collection basket at the back of church.

AND MORE NOTICES

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Mondays

during term time

10.00 am to 11.30 am

at

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Brenda's Mini Jam Jars

If you want to join in with this easy fund-raising scheme just pick up a jar from the back of church, take it home, fill it with spare change, bring it back and put it in the collection basket at the back of Church.



The mini jam jars have raised over £1,200 so far. Thank you Brenda and everyone who has contributed. Keep them coming!

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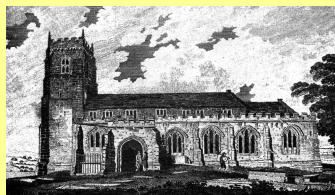
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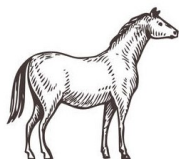
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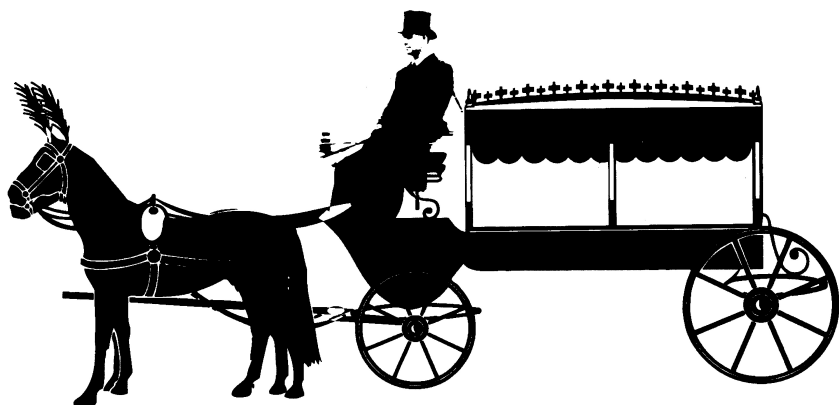
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Church News - (1)

It's so nice to hear good news from old friends ...

Congratulations to Rev. James Halstead

on his promotion to Director of Discipleship and Ministry in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.

James will lead and manage the Discipleship and Ministry Team as it continues to focus on church revitalisation and planting, reaching the young, discerning vocations to ministries, developing lines to train and equip lay and ordained leaders, serving communities, and offering support and training for the mission and ministry of all, both lay and ordained.



James on the Mottram Skyline Walk, May 2016. Possibly somewhere between Kinder and Bleaklow. (The mist was down that day and one cairn begins to look very much like another.)

ED BURROWS - Mission Aviation Fellowship - 2024

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- Pray
- Connect
- Give



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Mission Aviation Fellowship

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as diverse as digging wells in Mali, providing disaster relief services in Sumatra, installing jungle communications and internet wifi networks in Papua New Guinea and Ecuador, operating computer centres in rural Africa, providing air ambulance services in East Timor and Haiti, and showing the movie *Jesus* in remote villages. Its learning technologies division provides training and biblical resources for thousands of isolated pastors and church leaders. The organization focuses its mission work in the areas of evangelism and church nurture; medical assistance; disaster response; community development; and training and development of indigenous peoples.

Ed is the son of Rev. Philip Burrows, our vicar in 2003 who left to become an army chaplain. As a teenager Ed was a ringer on the Mottram bells.

Ed and his young family are soon due to fly out to Liberia for MAF.

Church News - (2)

Wanted - New Vicar for the Church on the Hill

We are seeking a vicar now that Rev. Cait has left to take up her new post as chaplain at Oldham Royal Hospital.

Mick Boyle, who has much experience of the process in other churches, and Pat Hall, who has much experience of the life of our church, are putting together a 'Parish Profile'.

This, it is hoped, will entice lots of suitably qualified candidates to apply for the job.

In the meantime, all we can do is wait, hope and pray.



Could this be for you?

Would you like to help on the Sound Desk?

- No technical knowledge necessary
- Just an attentive ear to know when to adjust the volume up and down

**Speak to Tony or Barry
for more information**



Church News - (3)



Our weekly 'Drop in' Afternoon At Mottram Community Centre Every Wednesday 2 - 4.30pm.

Could you spare just one afternoon a month to help serve tea and cake and welcome visitors? If you can, please sign up on the list at the back of church.

Do you know someone who might appreciate a couple of hours with a hot drink, some simple food and friendly company in a warm building during the cold winter months? Let them know, or bring them along.



STOP PRESS

Louise Britton, our Children & Families Missioner, is delighted to announce that Mottram Parish Church has just received Lottery funding of £9800 to run and grow **Place of Welcome** as a community outreach event. Congratulations Louise, and thanks for all your hard work!

Quote of the month

As time goes by...

As a New Year begins, do you suspect it is time to tone down your lifestyle? Remember...

King David and King Solomon
Led merry, merry lives,
With many, many lady friends
And many, many wives;
But when old age crept over them,
With many, many qualms,
King Solomon wrote the Proverbs
And King David wrote the Psalms.

By James Ball Naylor



High Days and Holy Days

11th Jan: Mary Slessor of Calabar

Mary Slessor was born in December 1848 into a wretchedly poor family. Her father was an alcoholic who lost his job as a shoemaker. Mary was the second of seven children. In 1859 the family left Aberdeen for the foetid slums of Dundee. Her father and mother worked in the mills, and Mary joined them when she turned 11.

After Mary's father and two brothers died of pneumonia, her mother struggled to keep the family alive. At 14 Mary was working a 12-hour day as a jute maker.

Life was not all drudgery. Mary's mother was a devout Christian who read the Bible to her daughters, and also the *Missionary Record*, published by the United Presbyterian Church. The tales of missionaries captivated Mary. When she heard that David Livingstone, the great missionary explorer, had died, she determined to follow in his footsteps by taking the gospel to Africa. She was 25.

In 1876 the Presbyterians sent her to Calabar, Nigeria, where no European had ever set foot. With her red hair and blue eyes, Mary drew attention wherever she went, but despite recurring illness and constant danger, she settled happily among the tribes. She learned their traditions, and quickly became fluent in their language, Efik. Soon she won the confidence of the tribal leaders. She taught their children and was determined to put an end to some of their barbaric practices, such as the killing of twins (whom they thought were evil).

Mary adopted every twin child she found abandoned. and she talked endlessly about Jesus Christ, the passion of her life.

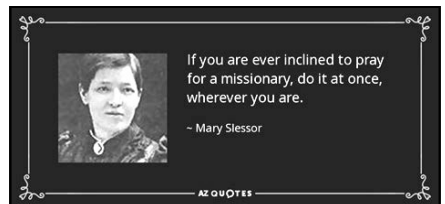
It has been written of her: "Practically singlehanded she transformed three pagan communities in succession. It is a question if the career of any other woman missionary has been marked by so many strange adventures, daring feats, signal providences, and wonderful achievements." (Dr R. H. Glover, *The Progress of World-Wide Missions*.)

In 1901 Southern Nigeria became a British Protectorate and Mary was appointed the first ever female Magistrate in the British Empire. She became a skilful diplomat.

She was known for saying: "It is not Mary Slessor, but God and our united prayers that have brought blessings to Calabar. Christ has all the honour and glory."

Mary Slessor wrote to a friend who had long prayed for her: "I have always said that I have no idea how or why God has carried me over so many funny and hard places, and made these hordes of people submit to me, or why the Government should have given me the privilege of a Magistrate among them, except in answer to prayer made at home for me. It is all beyond my comprehension."

Mary Slessor died of fever in January 1915.





Church Services



All these services are at St Michael's, Mottram

Please note that 9.15am Early Communion is temporarily suspended whilst we get the heating sorted out.

Sunday 7 Jan.

Epiphany

10.30am Worship for all with Communion.

Sunday 14 Jan.

Epiphany 2

10.30am Holy Communion.

Sunday 21 Jan.

Epiphany 3

10.30am Family Communion.

Sunday 28 Jan.

Presentation of Christ in the temple

10.30am Worship for all with Communion.

Sunday 4 Feb..

2nd before Lent

10.30am Worship for all.

Sunday 11 Feb..

Next before Lent

10.30am Worship for all.

Visitors who regularly take communion in their home church are welcome to join us at the table.



St Barnabas, Hattersley

Every Wednesday 10.30am

Holy Communion - a joint service with our friends and neighbours at St Barnabas Church, Hattersley Road East, Hattersley, SK14 3EQ.



Let's Pray



Parish Prayer Rota **January 2024**

Month by month, we invite you to pray with us for all the residents of the parish, asking for God's blessing or healing touch wherever it is needed.

'Love your neighbour as yourself'

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Blundering Lane

Matley Lane

Hill View

Kinder Fold

The Mall

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Mottram Road

Gallowscough Road

Tonge Green



Prayer Requests

Our regular prayer group's next 'virtual' meetings in our cyber prayer room are 8th January and 22nd January 7.30 - 8.30pm

Let us know what's on your mind, for yourself, those you love, or for the world. Reply to our regular Facebook post or eNews bulletins, and we'll include it in our prayers.

If you would like to ask for a prayer - in complete confidence - send your request by email to prayer-group@mottramparish.org.uk or to Tony Kershaw by email, Whatsapp, phone, text or Messenger.

tonykershaw@mottramparish.org.uk
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We don't always get the answer we expect or want, but it's always good to share with God.



Please pray for the 50 -70,000 Christians in North Korean prisons for the sake of their faith. They face starvation, torture and back-breaking labour in terrible conditions.

The Christian communities in the Bible Lands continue to provide ministry in the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas. Will you pray for their safety and for the impact of their witness? Pray for an end to the war. Ask God to intervene to stop the bloodshed, the pain and the suffering. Pray that people in Israel and Gaza will experience healing and the divided communities will be reconciled. Pray for strength and perseverance in mission workers. Pray that the Church in Israel and Gaza will remain full of grace and not give in to anger or fear.

Registers and Records

Flying The Flag



Wednesday 10 January 2024
In loving memory of
Ben Timperley

Contacts for arranging
baptisms, thanksgivings,
weddings, blessings and
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Funerals and Interments of ashes



Thursday 21 December
Harold Haddock

Thursday 28 December
Allan Irvine

Tuesday 9 January
Veronica Spooner

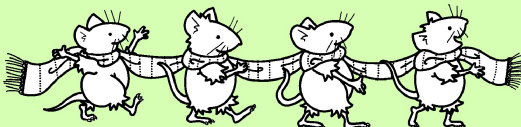
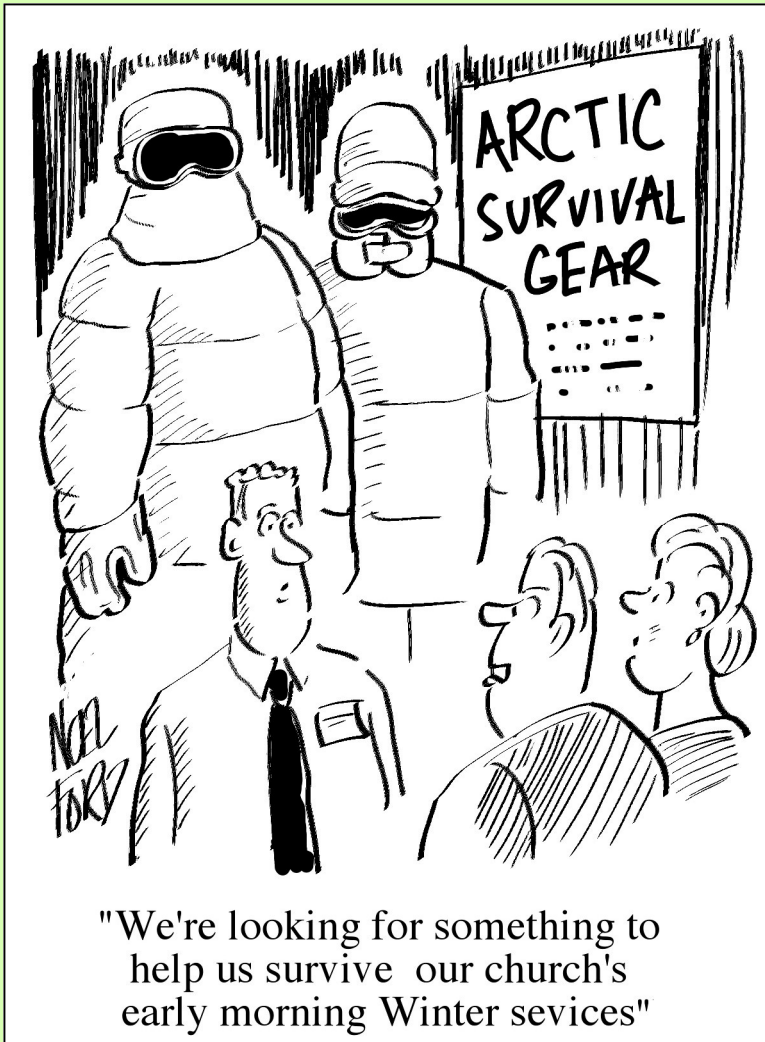
Thursday 11 January
Ann Houghton

Monday 15 January
Margery Martin

*Goodbye to our friends.
May they rest in peace
and rise in glory.*



Not to be taken seriously...



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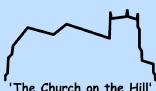
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The Collection Basket

For more information about ways to help with the finances of the church, for instance:

- Giving by standing order.
- Remembering the church in your will.
- Joining our finance team.

Please speak to one of our churchwardens.

Although we do not have a collection during the service, please remember that we rely on faithful giving to fund our mission in Mottram Parish.



The contactless cardreader

Our Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is:

Claire Bibby 01457 763758

If you are worried about a particular person or situation in connection with any church activity, ring Claire, or you can use a safe email address to report it; this email is checked daily, and can be accessed only by Claire.

Contact: **safemottram@gmail.com**

