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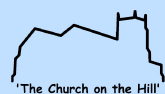
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'The Church on the Hill'



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 our treasurer, Juliet Edwards, or 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**



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# Mottram Parish Magazine



## The Good Shepherd

*My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one.'*

JOHN 10: 27-30



**We aim to be**

~ a growing fellowship of believers ~  
warm in welcome ~ reverent in worship ~ gracious in witness  
and joyfully serving God and our community ~



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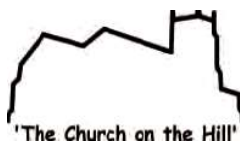
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the Church of England in Mottram Parish, serving the communities of  
Mottram, Broadbottom and Hattersley East  
together "seeking to know Christ and to make Christ known"

**OUR MAIN SUNDAY WORSHIP IS AT 10.30am** (see p 11)  
St. Michael & All Angels, Warhill, via Church Brow, Mottram, SK14 6JL

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### **Tameside Local Studies & Archives**

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### **The Magdalene Centre Broadbottom**

Available for hire - see adverts.

Mottram Road Broadbottom  
SK14 6BB

Phone 07828 931 445  
or email magdaleneccentre@mottramparish.org.uk

## Tameside South & Longdendale Foodbank

Here in the hard times

St Barnabas Church  
Hattersley Road East  
Hattersley SK14 3EQ  
9.00 - 11.00am

We operate on a referral system  
Please speak to/email/phone  
Louise:

cfm@mottramparish.org.uk  
or ring 07721419866



## MOTTRAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Church Brow, Mottram

- Two large halls and stage • kitchen
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Ring 01457 763504  
(call screening in operation - please be patient)  
or email  
janisbond1@gmail.com



## ETHEROW CENTRE BROADBOTTOM

Providing sport and leisure activities  
for people with disabilities.

Our large indoor arena is for hire.

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edward.bussell@btinternet.com  
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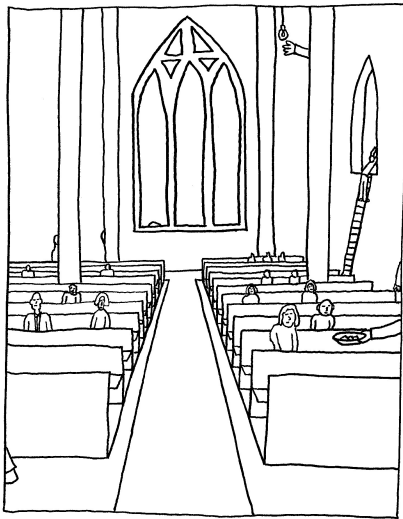
## Not to be taken seriously...

### SIDESPERSIONS

THESE ARE A SPECIAL CLASS OF PEOPLE WHO LURK UNSEEN DURING THE SERVICE BUT THEN SPRING FORTH AT MOMENTS OF LITURGICAL OR PRACTICAL NEED

SIDESPERSIONS OFTEN GO UNDETECTED BY THE UNTRAINED EYE

HOW MANY CAN YOU SPOT IN THIS PICTURE?



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### SIDESPERSIONS

COMMON MISUNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT THEIR ROLE



PEOPLE WHO KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS FROM THE SIDE AISLES



FRIENDS WHO ONLY ORDER CHIPS AT A RESTAURANT



PERSONS MADE UP ONLY OF SIDES



BACKING DANCERS FOR LITURGICAL ROUTINES

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## The Vicar Writes

On 15<sup>th</sup> June, people in our community woke to hear the devastating news that a young girl had died in the Etherow River, in Broadbottom, the previous evening. I have been reflecting on the ensuing events over the last few days and I would like to share some of my thoughts with you in this article.

Soon after the news of the girl's death became known, there was a flurry of social media as people shared the story and tried to ascertain who knew her, who would be most affected by the news, and who would need support. These are all very commendable reactions and are often the response in communities when people try to work out the most appropriate way to respond. It became clear that the girl's family had not disclosed her name, and with continued respect, I will not use her name here. However, on the day I and others in the church were continually asked by the press to confirm who she was. We were aware of the family's wishes at this point in time, and therefore we did not mention her name to the press. It was not our place to do so.

I reflected on how we source our information in today's age, and what and with whom we share on social media. It is a natural response to be curious about people, but sometimes our curiosity gets the better of us.

The church's response was to open the Magdalene Centre with a book of condolences there, to provide a place for quiet reflection and prayer, a safe place for grief to be held, and the opportunity to light a candle for the girl and her family. At the same time, with so much information being shared online, there was also a need to keep abreast of events, and how, as a church, we should continue to respond. Consequently I discovered a tension between the need for respectful silence and the need for up-to-date information. I have reflected that I didn't personally get that balance right all of the time.

Another thing I noticed about people's responses was the endless flow of 'Could have...should have...would have' that circulated. The modern human tendency of 'who can we blame for this?' came quickly to the fore. For example, people were asking if schools or councils do enough to educate children of the dangers. My experience is that pointing out where others have possibly overlooked something will not bring comfort to those who are grieving and possibly may add to their own thoughts of 'what could I have done differently?' These are words I have heard so many times at funeral visits, 'I could have done...if only I got there quicker...maybe if I had insisted that the doctors did more...' It is often the case that there is something to learn from a tragedy of this nature, and responses can be made in the days to come, but I am not sure that this is the best time to voice it.

My final reflection is to encourage us to do something that is becoming harder and harder for most of us. I would like to encourage us, in times of sadness and loss, to switch off our phones, even if it is just for a short while. This may give us the space to pause in our grief and sorrow and fear, and listen to our own hearts and the gentle voice of God rather than the endless notification clamour emitting from our mobiles.

In this space we may be able to give time to emotions and internal responses which are crucial not to ignore. We are able to pray for those who are grieving or in shock and for those who respond to the situation and offer care. We can also think carefully about what is and is not ours to share with other people, to refrain from offering insights and opinions that will not prove helpful and will only add to the maelstrom of noisy information.

We continue to hold in our prayers the girl's family and all who are deeply touched by this sad event in the midst of our local community. As we look ahead to the summer to come, I pray for all our young people, that they may have a fun, safe summer and a well-earned break.

God bless.

Rev'd Cait

## Registers and Records

### Flying The Flag



Saturday 29 July 2023

In loving memory of  
Ivy Fern.

**St Michael's flag** is flown for church festivals, community events, and special occasions.

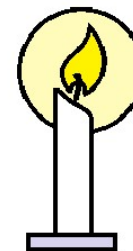
*The flag can also be flown for your own special occasion such as an anniversary, birthday, graduation, or in memory of a loved one.*

*The dedication is recorded here in the Parish Magazine and on the flag page of the website at [www.mottramparish.org.uk](http://www.mottramparish.org.uk)*

*We ask for a £15 donation, towards church funds.  
Contact Tony on  
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### Contacts

*for arranging baptisms, thanksgivings, weddings, blessings and funerals can be found inside the front cover.*



### Baptisms

Sunday 4 June  
2023

Carter Graham  
Donovan Walsh

### Funerals and Interments of ashes



Monday, 19 June 2023  
Hilda Rostron.

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





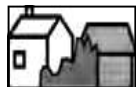
## Let's Pray



### Parish Prayer Rota July 2023

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*



Old Street  
Olive Terrace  
St Ann's Street  
Well Row  
Mill Brow  
Market Street  
King Street  
Gibble Gabble  
Harewood Lodge  
New Street

### Prayer Requests

Our regular prayer group's next fortnightly 'virtual' meetings are 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of July 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 [prayergroup@mottramparish.org.uk](mailto:prayergroup@mottramparish.org.uk) or to Tony Kershaw by email, Whatsapp, phone, text or Messenger.

[tonykershaw@mottramparish.org.uk](mailto:tonykershaw@mottramparish.org.uk)  
tel. 01457 765350

*We don't always get the answer we expect or want, but it's always good to share with God. He shared with us on the cross.*



*I said:  
Lord,  
Why should this happen to me?  
What did I do to deserve it?  
How can I possibly cope?*

*He said:  
Don't blame me; cling to me,  
Don't question me; trust me,  
Don't shut me out; call me in.  
  
You are not alone  
I am with you now  
Rest in my love.*

*O God,  
Give us work till our life shall end,  
And give us life till our work is done.*

*Thanks to Betty Gadd for contributing the two prayers above.*

### Confidence in God

Alone with none but Thee,  
My God,  
I journey on my way.  
What need I fear  
When Thou art near  
O King of night and day?  
More safe I am within Thy hand  
Than if a host did round me stand.

*By St Columba*

## NOTICE BOARD

### Community Groups and Charities

**You can make use of our notice boards - it's free!**

Send your notice to the editor at [mandpbrown@protonmail.com](mailto:mandpbrown@protonmail.com)

**Deadline for the August issue is Tuesday 25 July.**

The magazine should be in church and online by Sunday 30 July.



Baptism / preparation for Holy Communion / Confirmation  
There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church or speak to Rev Cait



Interested in making crafts and having a chat and a cuppa?

### Mottram Craft Group

Every other Wednesday at  
Mottram Community Centre

Next meetings  
5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July 2 - 4 pm  
*Whatever craft you do, you're welcome.*



**9.30 to 11.30am almost every Friday**  
**St Michael and All Angels Church open for visitors and private prayer.**

## NOTICES (CONTINUED)

### Walking with the Walkers

**Saturday 22 July**

**Meet 10.30am at the Church gates  
Ludworth Moor - 4 miles with a moderate climb.  
Led by Mark Dean 07849 172288**

Please come prepared for all weathers with suitable footwear, and bring a packed lunch. We meet at the church gates, and car share, so can offer a lift for non-drivers.

**Welcome to all - not just churchgoers!**

We collect a voluntary donation of £1 per person per walk for the benefit of an agreed charity - Willow Wood in 2023.

**One Pot At A Time** is a Tameside initiative for families struggling with soaring food and energy costs.

Anyone that is struggling can contact Louise Britton **CONFIDENTIALLY**. Louise will complete the referral to apply for a slow cooker starter kit.

Please speak to/email/phone Louise:

cfm@mottramparish.org.uk or ring 07721419866



### 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 23 July 10.00am at the church gates.**

Please let Christine Brandreth know nearer the time if you are going to bring any: ring 01457 238268.  
Thank you to everyone who contributes.



## Church Services (1)



**All these services are at St Michael's, Mottram**

**Sunday 2 July**

**Trinity 4**

9.15 am Early Communion  
10.30am Worship for All

**Sunday 9 July**

**Trinity 5**

9.15 am Early Communion  
10.30am Worship for All with Communion

**Sunday 16 July**

**Trinity 6**

9.15 am Early Communion  
10.30am Worship for All

**Sunday 23 July**

**Trinity 7**

9.15am Early Communion  
10.30am Worship for All with Communion

**Sunday 30 July**

**Trinity 8**

9.15am Early Communion  
10.30am Worship for All  
with Summer Communion

**Sunday 6 August**

**Transfiguration**

9.15am Early Communion  
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.



## Church News - (4)

### Appointment of Sides-persons

The following 17 persons have offered to serve in this important role:

Kate Best, Shirley Brierley, Jean Cox, Sandra Gateley, Bob Joy, Bill Jubb, Chris Kershaw, Monica Powell, Brenda Roberts, Donna Robson, Morgan Robson, Catherine Rogerson, David Russell, Dorothy Stringer, Margaret Taylor, Eli Walker and Reuben Walker.

This is for both the 9.15am and 10.30am services.

The young people will be paired with an experienced sides-person.

### PCC meeting 13-6-2023.

The full minutes of this meeting can be seen on the notice board at the back of church.

**A big THANK YOU to Bill Jubb,  
who is retiring as our  
Churchyard History contact.**



Are you interested in local history?

Would you be willing to handle enquiries from people about the graves in our churchyard?

We have a comprehensive index of all the names, dates and inscriptions.

Please speak to Chris Kershaw.

### Please sponsor Barry Edwards on the Young Carers Big Walk

He's walking 32.4 miles around Tameside on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th August.

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.



### Brenda's Jam Jars

Well done to Brenda and Graham for raising over £1000.

If you would like to join in with this easy fundraising scheme, just pick up a jar from the back of church near the entrance, take it home and fill it!

### Quote of the month

If Jesus is the revelation of the heart of God, it's very good news about the nature of God.

*R Rohr*

## MORE NOTICES

### St Michael's Churchyard

#### **There is a serious problem with dog fouling in the Parish Churchyard.**

Dog dirt is being walked into school by small children cutting through the churchyard on their way to Mottram Primary School. This is dangerously unhygienic.

The mess is also making things very unpleasant for the churchyard and memorial garden maintenance teams, all of whom are unpaid volunteers.

Dog owners are very welcome to exercise their pets in the churchyard but please keep your dog under close control and clear up any mess.

If you live nearby and let your dog out to relieve itself in the morning, please ensure that it does so in your own garden/ on your own land.

**We ask everyone to remember that Mottram Churchyard is a designated Public Space and therefore subject to Tameside bylaws. Allowing your dog to foul the churchyard could result in a fixed penalty notice enforced by Tameside Council. A first offence would cost £80. A second offence, or failure to pay the £80 fine, would cost £1,000.** Please, think on and be considerate.



### Choir Rehearsals

Friday evenings 7.30pm In Church

Come along and meet the choir. Learn new songs and new skills. All ages, all abilities, no weekly commitment.

Be part of a great historic tradition in this church and its future.



# THE FLOWER ROTA

July 2nd 4th Trinity	July 9th 5th Trinity	July 16th 6th Trinity	July 23rd 7th Trinity	July 30th 8th Trinity
August 6th 9th Trinity	August 13th 10th Trinity	August 20th 11th Trinity	August 27th 12th Trinity	
September 3rd 13th Trinity	September 10th 14th Trinity	September 17th 15th Trinity	September 24th 16th Trinity	
October 1st 17th Trinity	October 8th 18th Trinity	October 15th 19th Trinity	October 22nd 20th Trinity	October 29th 21st Trinity
November 5th 22nd Trinity	November 12th Renewance	November 19th East Trinity	November 26th Christ the King	
December 3rd Advent	December 10th 2nd Advent	December 17th 3rd Advent	December 24th 4th Advent	Post After Christmas

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.

## Church News - (3)

### Chess Club

Congratulations to Louise Britton, our Children and Families Missioner, on achieving a Tameside grant to set up an All-ages Chess Club in the parish. Here's the story in her own words:

"In my other job outside Children and Families Missioner I teach chess in primary schools and over the past few months have been asked by numerous people if I teach chess to adults. After about ten people had contacted me I thought I must listen and pray about it.

This then led to me applying for a grant within Tameside to set up a community All-age Chess Club.

Around March this year I also started a free chess club at Mottram Primary School and each week have between 25 and 40 children choosing to play chess in their lunch break.

In early June the All-age Chess Club was shortlisted. I presented the project to a panel who loved the idea and voted for the funding to go ahead!

I am so excited to bring all ages together in the community, playing a game of chess and meeting up over a brew to learn, socialise and get back to human contact.

A big thank you to Sharron Power, our Community Partnerships officer, for her support and encouragement with the bid.

The funding is expected to come through in a couple of months. Watch this space!"

*Louise Britton*







### Ed Sheeran

...serenades Broadbottom.

Our entry in this year's Broadbottom Scarecrow Festival (theme - Pop Stars) recently spotted busking outside the Magdalene Centre.

Thanks to Reuben, Tony, Chris and Cait for creating the fellow, and to everyone who kindly donated clothing and props.

**We would like to produce a 'Welcome Pack' for newcomers to church and the village.**



Do you have any experience in putting words and pictures together for publicity?

Are you interested in helping with this project in any way?

Please speak to Rev Cait or the churchwardens.



## A COUPLE MORE NOTICES

### The Etherow Centre, Broadbottom

Come and join us!

We are a small and friendly group of trustees meeting monthly and helping to maintain the building both as an important heritage site and a place where inclusive groups can meet to participate in various activities.

Currently, we are looking for someone with experience of social media who may be interested in joining the committee and someone with experience of chairing meetings who may be willing to take on the role of chairperson.

If you feel that you may be able to help, please either contact Jenny Wetton on 07973 127464 or pop along and have a chat with us. Our maintenance group will next meet on Saturday 15 July between 10am and 12pm.

Alternatively, you may wish to come and see us at our next monthly meeting which will take place on Wednesday 19th July at 7pm.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Jenny Wetton<jenny.wetton61@gmail.com>

(Acting director)

### The Foodbank needs:

**Tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned spaghetti, soups, long-life puddings, cakes.**

**Bring your gifts to church and leave them in the box near the door or leave them in the box at Tesco's, Hattersley.**





## AND TWO MORE NOTICES



### Hattersley Bazaar Monthly Makers Market

**First Tuesday of the month  
At Hattersley Hub 9.30am - 12.30pm**

We are looking for members of the community who craft, cook, garden, knit, paint, build models, carve wood, bake or carry out any similar hobbies. Would you like to sell any of your wonderful creations? Maybe you would like to take the plunge and see if you can start a business?

### WE WANT TO MEET YOU!

Individuals, community groups and local businesses can hold a stall at our **Monthly Morning Makers Market**.

Only £3 per stall!

Contact [Samantha.powers@onward.co.uk](mailto:Samantha.powers@onward.co.uk)  
or telephone 07889 646 619



**First Steps Baby & Toddler Group**  
meets on Mondays 1.30 - 3.00pm  
**Mottram Community Centre**  
**Church Brow, Mottram, Hyde, SK14 6JJ**

For more information contact Pat Hall on 01457 861827  
or Pat Hall and Charmian Wilby at [www.mottramparish.org.uk/intouch/contact/pat](http://www.mottramparish.org.uk/intouch/contact/pat)  
Or just turn up on the day!



## Church News - (1)

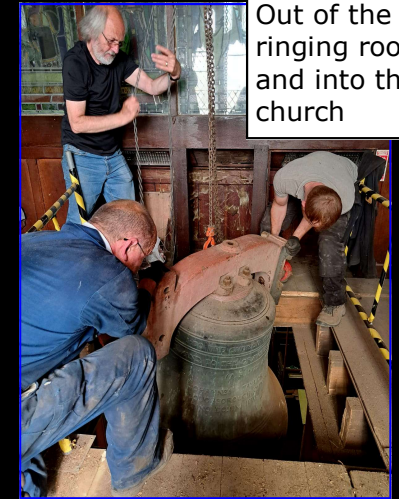


Out of the belfry and into the ringing room

On 15th June, work started to remove Mottram's 8 bells in order to replace the rusting bell frame.

The bells are now at the workshop of Tom Blyth & Co in Newark where a new frame will be built and tested.

The new installation should last for at least a hundred years and was made possible by a bequest from the late Rev Dr Richard Hills MBE.



Out of the ringing room and into the church



All lined up waiting for the lorry

The bells should be back by early October. Meanwhile the ringers are keeping in practice on hand bells and at neighbouring towers. Grateful thanks to all who helped.



Loading the treble





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**the  
Magdalene  
centre**

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*Great  
for Kids!*



*Great for  
Entertaining!*



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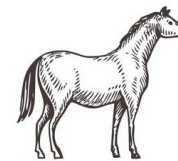
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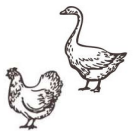
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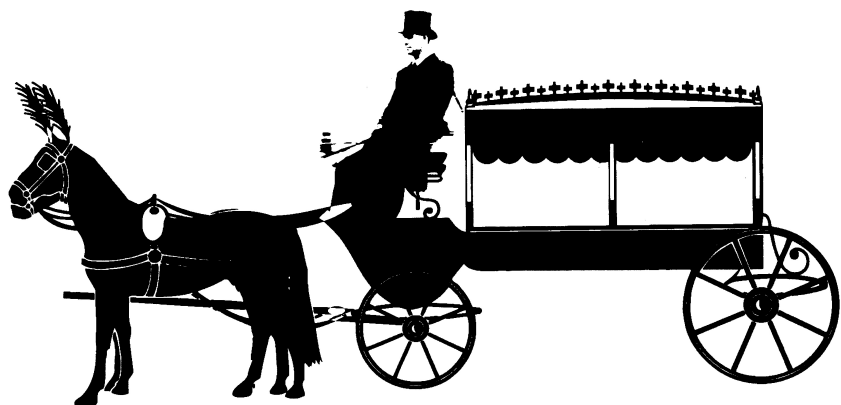
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