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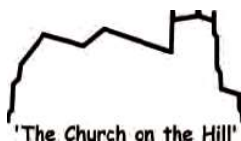
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Heritage Open Day 2023

By our Roving Reporter

Inside the church - Guided Tours, Delicious Cakes and Refreshments, Art Exhibition, Bargain Bookstall, Jewellery and Make-up, Raffles, Bottle Tombola, – an atmosphere of fun and joy.

Outside - A perfect day. Warm sun, fluffy white clouds, Jackie Smith's sizzling barbecue and amazing displays of determination and bravery.

Bravery? Nay - pluck, courage and fortitude in the face of danger.

A constant queue of teddy bears and other cherished toys stilled their pounding hearts and faced the ultimate test. The zip-wire challenge!!!

I could not prevent a tear coming to my eye as I witnessed the collective heroism of these cuddly toys.

At the top of the tower was zip-meister Tony Kershaw, hard hat gleaming in the afternoon sun. Down below was Chris Kneen (also suitably clad in appropriate and risk-compliant protective gear) giving us a hilarious running commentary on the unfolding drama.

The challengers gave their details (true or otherwise) to Jacqui Kneen and were loaded into an impressive wicker basket. No time for going back now! The rope tautens, the basket lifts and the first teddies swing up, up, up, hauled by the muscled sinews of Tony, their temporary guardian.

Seconds later they are clipped to the wire hawser. The crowd below joins in the countdown. 'Three! Two! One! Go!' roar the onlookers. Down, down, down hurtle the teddies. Touchdown! Elation ! Back in the loving arms of their owners!

Many are the tales of these furry challengers. One teddy insisted on competing even though he had only one ear. Imagine! Only one ear! Others – donkeys, camels and Spidermen masquerading as teddies (and probably giving false ages too) insisted on taking part even though they did not fulfil the strict criteria for qualification.

Records were broken that day. An Angel Bear floated ethereally down in serene solitude, John Wayne Teddy showed true grit, and three teddies (Blind Teddy, Little Teddy and Black Bear) with an astonishing combined age of 272 years, came down together as coolly as if they did this sort of thing every week. It is rumoured that as many as five participants crammed into one basket, but the organisers categorically state that no teddy (or toy) was injured in the course of the afternoon.

The Bible Encounter Trust

Many of us will remember with fondness the visits by Julie and Peter Foster, bringing the Bible to life for young and old with imaginative story telling.

Since Peter's passing the work has continued and the Trust is still very active in churches and schools around Greater Manchester, bringing the Bible message to thousands of children and adults who would not otherwise hear it.

Over the next three months Julie and her team will be working in over 50 schools in addition to presenting the Fisherman's Tale story trail and the Christmas story trail at two different churches – an enormous task.

Please pray for:

The children to listen and enjoy, understand and remember the story of Gideon and its message this term.

The success of the story trails in October and December, for God's grace, that many will hear the truth and meaning of Jesus' life and His teaching, and the good news of His coming.

For the schools to have a continued willingness to receive stories and truths of the Bible and for the Trust to be able to meet all the assembly requests.

For all those working for the Trust and their safety as they travel around.

For volunteers to help set up (and dismantle) the Story Trails.

Allen Standeven



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

Deadline for the November issue is Tuesday 24 October.

The magazine should be in church and online by Sunday 5 November.



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



Place of Welcome

Jesus said:

*"Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me,
and anyone who welcomes me welcomes
the one who sent me."* Matthew 10:40



A weekly 'Drop in' afternoon at **Mottram Community Centre**, on Church Brow, SK14 6JJ, where people can come for a couple of hours to a warm building, and share a hot drink and some simple food during the cold winter months.

Every Wednesday 2pm-4.30pm

Do you know someone who might appreciate this? Let them know, or bring them along.

NOTICES (CONTINUED)

Walking with the Walkers

Saturday, 14 October

Meet 10:30am at the Church gates.

Hobson Moor to Swallows Wood

(6.5 miles with a short climb)

Led by Bob - 07546 251709

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.



Pub Night at The Harewood Arms Broadbottom

Tuesday 3 October from 8pm

Join us at one of our favourite local hostelrys. Everyone welcome!



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).

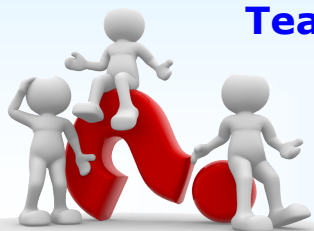
**The next collection of frozen meals will be
Sunday 8 October 10.00am at the church gates.**

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

Thank you to everyone who contributes.

MORE NOTICES

**Friends Quiz Night
and Potato Pie Supper
Saturday 14th October, 7:30pm
Mottram Cricket Club
Bar available
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Tickets £10, children free
available from Chris Kershaw,
Kate Best, Jean Cox, Joan Walker
or Catherine Rogerson.



Once again it's Shoe Box Time!



Let's fill as many shoe boxes as possible to bring joy and wonder to a child who otherwise would not receive a gift this Christmas.

Please take a leaflet from the Shoe Box display which will tell you all you need to know about what to put in your box. Use your own shoe box or buy one for 50p. Please put your money in the tin box provided.


Thank you so much on behalf of the children who will receive your shoe box not only full of goodies but filled with God's love.

Margaret Taylor.

**The church website is at
<https://www.mottramparish.org.uk>**

Altar flower rota October - December 2023

THE FLOWER ROTA



July 2nd 4th Trinity	July 9th 5th Trinity Anonymous	July 16th 6th Trinity Kath Higgins	July 23rd 7th Trinity Patt Kern	July 30th 8th Trinity
August 6th 9th Trinity Betty Gadd	August 13th 10th Trinity	August 20th 11th Trinity Alison & Shirley Greenley	August 27th 12th Trinity Dorothy Stringer	
September 3rd 13th Trinity	September 10th 14th Trinity Sue Joy	September 17th 15th Trinity Monica Powell	September 24th 16th Trinity	
October 1st 17th Trinity Dorothy Greenley	October 8th 18th Trinity Sue Joy	October 15th 19th Trinity Margaret Jeff	October 22nd 20th Trinity Sue Williams	October 29th 21st Trinity
November 5th 22nd Trinity	November 12th Reverence Kath Higgins	November 19th 23rd Trinity	November 26th Christ the King BIBBY	
December 3rd Advent No Flowers	December 10th 2nd Advent No Flowers	December 17th 3rd Advent No Flowers	December 24th 4th Advent First After Christmas	December 31st

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.

LAST NOTICES (FOR NOW)

Baby and Toddler Group



Mondays

during term time

10.00 am to 11.30 am

at

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Church Brow



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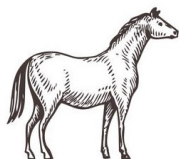
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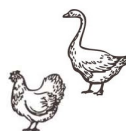
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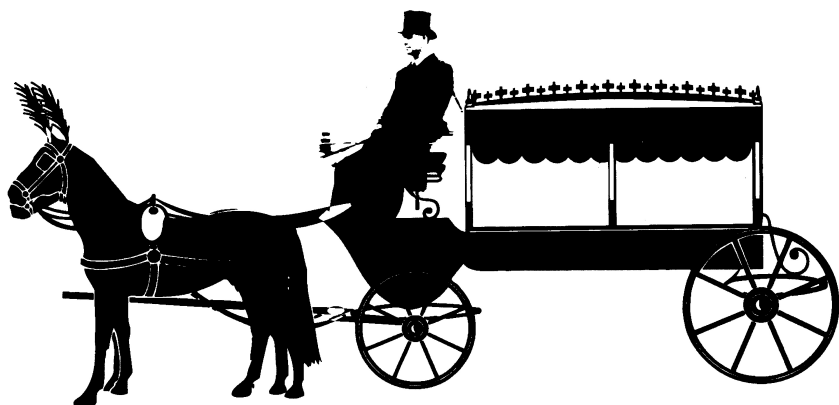
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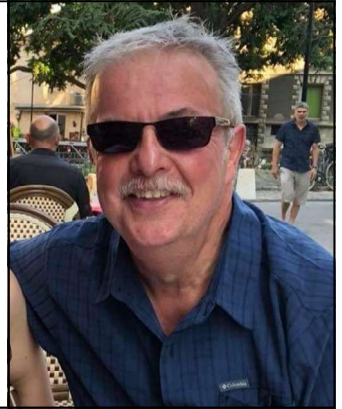
For more information, or to view, please ring Joan on 01457 763247 or see her in church on Sunday morning.

Church News - (1)

Mick Boyle's Licensing.

Mick will gain his licence as a Reader of Mottram Parish Church on Saturday 7 October at 3pm at Chester Cathedral.

If you are interested in coming to the service please sign the sheet at the back of Church. We can then work out car-shares.



Preparation for Holy Communion

If you are a baptised, regular attender of church but are a little too young for Confirmation, or are not ready to make those vows for yourself, and would like to receive communion, we will be running a short

Holy Communion Preparation course

You will receive a certificate and will then be able to take communion.



Receiving a blessing is just as important and you are a valued member of the church, regardless of where you are on your journey with God.

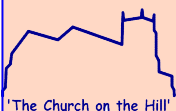


Our weekly 'Drop in' afternoon at Mottram Community Centre.

Every Wednesday 2pm-4.30pm

Can you spare just one afternoon a month, to help serve tea and cake, and welcome visitors?

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



The bells are expected to be back in the tower on the 20th of October.

Alpha Course

**Starts on Wednesday October 11th 7.30pm
At Saint Barnabas, Hattersley,
Hattersley Rd East, Hattersley, Hyde, SK14 3EQ**

Explore the Christian faith in an informal, relaxed, environment. We'll eat some food, watch a video, then you can say what you like about it!

If you think it's not for you, that's fine, you don't have to come back and we won't follow you up.

Alpha is a 7 week course.

Everyone welcome.



Christian Aid connects people and churches to those issues around the world which are on all our hearts.

**We need someone who could receive mailings from
Christian Aid and share it with us.**

You don't have to organize events yourself, just be the person to inform us, encourage us and enable us to get involved.

Brenda's Mini Jam Jars

If you would like 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.



Quote of the month

Mustard seed – a tiny vessel of potential.

The seed grows and develops, one day becoming strong, big and beautiful, like a tree with many branches. Hopefully the birds will be able to take shelter in it - big birds, small birds, vulnerable birds, migrating birds, poor birds, lonely birds.

A tree also offers its oxygen to an often wounded world.

Save the Date



**Saturday
18th November
11am - 4pm**

**St Michael's Christmas Fair
Mottram Community Centre**

**Crafts Jams and Preserves
Cakes and Biscuits
Jewellery Avon Cosmetics
Bottle Tombola Raffle
Refreshments**

(Can you help? - speak to Dorothy Stringer or Sandra Gateley)



High Days & Holy Days

St Luke - 18th October

'Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, bless the bed that I lie on' - my grandma taught me that one. At least it meant I never forgot the names of the writers of the four Gospels. This month Luke, the writer of the third of them, has his feast day - 18th October.

He was, we learn from the letters of St Paul, a 'physician' - an educated man and probably the only one of the writers of the New Testament who was not a Jew. In modern terms, he was Turkish. Paul took him as one of his missionary team on a long journey around the Middle East, and they clearly became close friends. Under house arrest later in his life Paul could write, 'only Luke is with me'.



St Luke
By Andrea Mantegna 15c

However, it is his Gospel which has established him as a major figure in the history of the Christian Church. Mark's Gospel may have more drama, Matthew's more prophetic background and John's a more profound sense of the mystery of the divine, but Luke offers us a Jesus who is utterly and believably real. This man turned no one away, reserved his harshest words for hypocrites and religious grandees, cared for the marginalised, the poor, the persecuted, the handicapped and the sinful. His Gospel is full of people we can recognise - indeed, in whom we can often recognise ourselves.

Try, for instance, the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). Read it not as a sacred text but as a brilliant piece of story-telling: subtle repetitions ('your son, this brother of yours'), believable characters, drama and profound emotion. There is the older brother, so cynical about his sibling's alleged reformation, the 'prodigal' himself, so hesitant about throwing himself on his father's mercy after the folly of his earlier behaviour, and there is the father, abandoning the dignity of his role in the family and actually running to welcome his wretched son's return.

In Luke's Gospel there are more poor people, more lepers, more 'sinners' and tax-collectors; more 'outsiders' who are shown to be 'inside' the love of Christ. This, for many of us, is the great Gospel of inclusion and compassion. Here is a Jesus for the whole world and for every one of us. Thank you, Dr Luke!

By David Winter - Parish Pump



Church Services (1)



All these services are at St Michael's, Mottram

Sunday 1 Oct.

Trinity 17 Pet Service

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Worship for all - Pet Service

Sunday 8 Oct.

Trinity 18

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Worship for all with Communion

Sunday 15 Oct.

Trinity 19 Healing Service

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Worship for all
with Communion and Healing

Sunday 22 Oct.

Trinity 20

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Worship for all

Sunday 29 Oct.

Bible Sunday

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Worship for all with Communion

Sunday 5 Nov.

All Saints

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.



Let's Pray

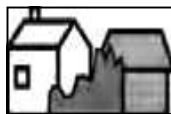


Parish Prayer Rota October 2023

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'

Manley Grove
Kennedy Square
Costobadie Close
Costobadie Way
Arundale Close
Arundale Grove
Abbey Grove
Longdale Drive
Chambers Court
Stringer Avenue



Prayer Requests

Our regular prayer group's next fortnightly 'virtual' meetings are 13th and 27th of October 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.



Church leaders from Azerbaijan are asking for our prayers. Christians on both sides of the conflict are suffering greatly.

"Pray for peace so that the Lord will stop the war. Every neighbourhood has dead soldiers. Now civilians are leaving the area," said one of the pastors.

Another said, "Most importantly, pray that the conflict will be fully resolved, that there will be no more bloodshed. Pray for the families of the victims, so that the Lord will comfort them."

State restrictions on religious activity are why Christians in Nagorno-Karabakh fear coming under the control of Azerbaijan.

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Give us, good Lord, courage, strength and endurance to resist evil and to be loving and helpful in all we do.

*Contributed by
Betty Gadd*

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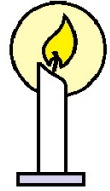
Flying The Flag



Thursday
28 September 2023
**In loving memory of
Sue Wood**

Baptisms

Sunday
17 September 2023
Finlay Lees Elliott



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Funerals and Interments of ashes



Thursday
28 September 2023
Susan Wood

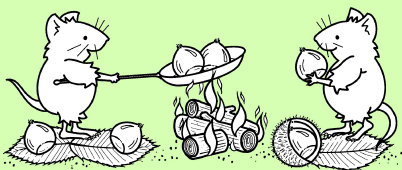
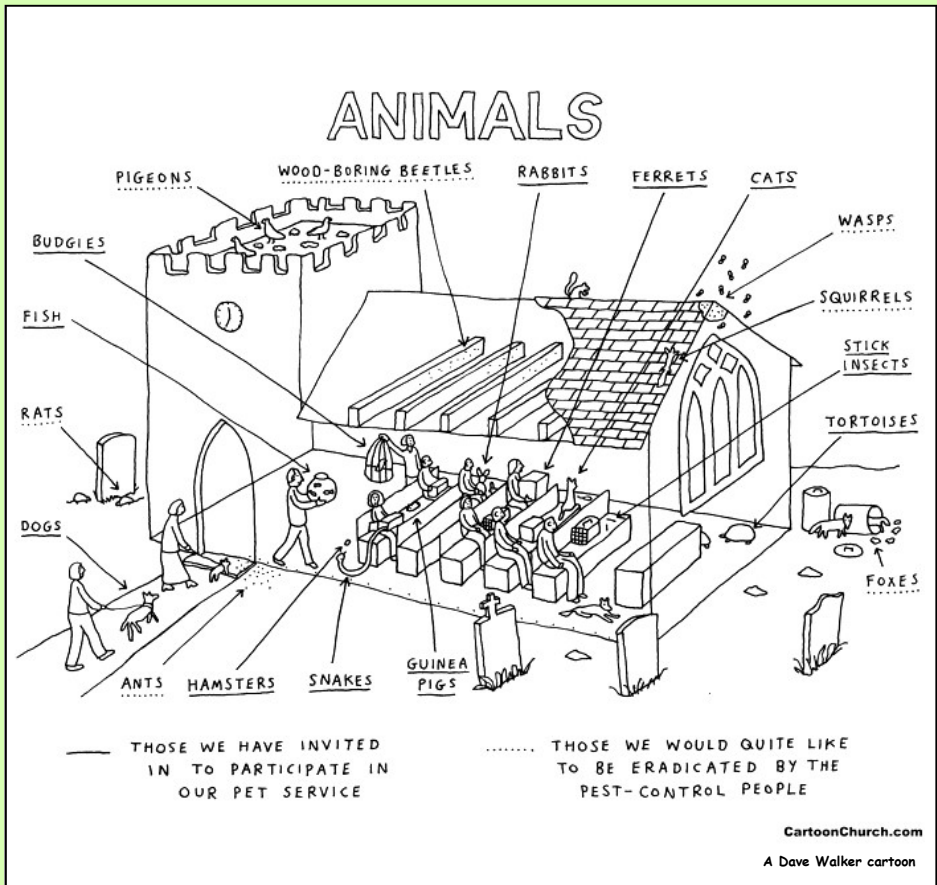
*Goodbye to our friends.
May they rest in peace
and rise in glory.*

Contacts

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



Not to be taken seriously...



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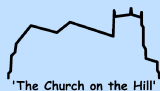
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For more information about ways to help with the finances of the church, for instance:

- 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 Collection Basket



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**

