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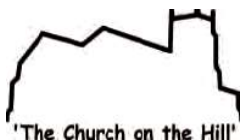
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Revd Lynn writes

Today whilst in the supermarket, I saw a sign for 'Pancake Day'. It happens each year – nowhere do we read its rightful name: 'Shrove Tuesday' because if we did, no one would have any idea what it means! It is another Christian tradition which has become thoroughly secularised. Of course, within the church we remember it as the day when Christians traditionally attended church to confess and be absolved of their sins before entering into the penitential season of Lent on Ash Wednesday.

And here lies another day which goes without notice, sadly, both outside and within the church. Ash Wednesday is a day of obligation for Christians – a day when we are called into church to mark the beginning of Lent. On Ash Wednesday we are invited to face the need for penitence, if Lent is to be a true time of spiritual growth and discipline.

Each year we pause on Ash Wednesday to reflect upon how we will spend the weeks of preparation leading us to Holy Week and Easter. Traditionally it is a time for self-denial and self-examination, but it is also a great opportunity for us to really reflect upon the person of Jesus of Nazareth. Who was he? What did He come to teach us? Why did He die for us?

Jesus Christ, the Son of God ~ fully human and yet fully divine, was subject, just as we are, to temptation and experienced the vast array of human emotions; He knew joy and happiness and laughter and the love of family and friends; He also knew anger, frustration and hurt. He knew fear, anguish and loneliness, He knew humiliation and mockery. He knew what it was to feel totally alone, and He knew how it felt to be robbed of all dignity.

And in Gethsemene, and on the cross, He knew desperation. He experienced life in all its dimensions because Jesus Christ came to share fully in our humanity and it is because of this we can be assured that whatever we have to go through in life, however difficult or daunting it might seem,

(continued overleaf)

Lent (continued)

He has already been there, and He will be there alongside us, walking with us and when we need it, holding on to us tightly.

As we move through Lent we are drawn closer to the foot of the cross where we will witness the very worst the world has to offer ~ hatred, pride, fear, jealousy, greed, cowardice and envy; but where we are also brought face to face with the overwhelming love, grace, mercy and forgiveness of our suffering Lord. The love, grace and mercy of our God on the cross has the power to defeat all the evil of this temporal existence. We only have to trust in it.

And so, as we move through Lent and we try to give up the little luxuries and avoid temptation, let us also be realistic in accepting that we are merely human. This doesn't mean we shouldn't accept responsibility for our weaknesses, our mistakes and our failures. It means we should accept them, and having accepted them we should bring them to the foot of the cross in real penitence and faith, asking for God's forgiveness; forgiveness for times when we have doubted Him, forgiveness when pride has obstructed our judgement, forgiveness for the times when we have failed to be as caring and compassionate as Jesus taught us to be, forgiveness for the times we have failed to trust in Him, forgiveness for the times we have just really got our priorities in life all wrong.

Let each of us use the forthcoming Lenten period to reflect upon Jesus and upon our discipleship as we prepare to stand before Him, just as we are, at the foot of the cross.

Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes 7.00pm 14th February



God Bless us all
Lynn

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 March issue is Tuesday 27 February.

The magazine should be in church and online by Sunday 3 March.

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 18 February 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.



NEXT CHURCH WALK

24 February 2024 Chapel-en-le Frith and Ridge Hall

4½ miles - easy to moderate.

Led by Tony & Chris Kershaw 0772 986 6803

Meet 10.30am at the church gates. We car share so can offer a lift to non-drivers. Everyone welcome (not just church goers)!

As usual, please come prepared for all weathers with appropriate clothing, suitable footwear and a packed lunch.

We collect a voluntary donation of £1 per walk in aid of a chosen charity.

More about the Church Walks programme in 'Church News (2)' page 10.

NOTICES (CONTINUED)

Get Active through Football with Everyone's Game in Hattersley!

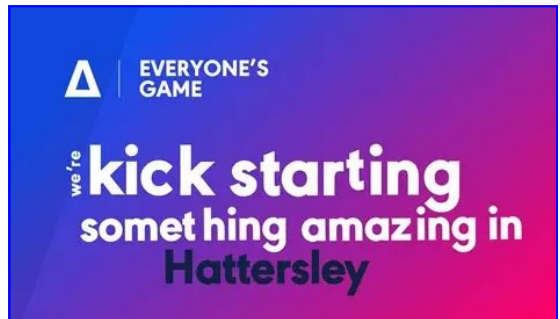
Everyone's Game is an exciting new initiative, using football-themed exercise and activities to help more people get more active.

Whether you're a first-timer or ex-pro, improve your fitness, have fun and become part of something great. You don't need to be good at football or even a fan to get involved. Just bring your feet and we'll do the rest!

All information on our local sessions can be found here - <https://www.activetameside.com/services/everyones-game/>

Everyone's Game

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News & Prayer letter January 2024



Nduli Health Centre is being built with a lot of sacrificial love and voluntary giving of time, skills, energy and money.

The team above is amazing: Stanley (treasurer), Swai (engineer), Daniel (headmaster) and Pastor Zeph. A year ago, what you see in the photo (left) was just a field!! There are still all the electrics, plumbing, windows, finishing and equipping to do: but people are moving into the area as the Health Centre is being built!

The Nduli Health Centre build is so big and beautiful!!



Please pray for the Health Centre to be completed. As with any venture of faith, we have met a few barriers recently that we need to overcome, as God shows us the way ahead. We can do nothing without God's presence in the vision.

Meanwhile in Dodoma:

The Tazama na Tunza Dispensary team is doing so well, 5 years on. Laura did a financial audit which shows that as well as being able to offer trustworthy care to the poorest in the community: the health centre is breaking even financially: This is a miracle in a time when the cost of living in Tanzania has doubled and for those with Health Insurance, the Government have not paid any health service like us for, 6 months+ Teresa, shown here with a patient, is our new scanner and is wise and experienced. The team is developing, sharing God's love.



Here is Pastor Zeph with a pupil, Elisha, at the Church School in Dodoma. Elisha is an orphan, and has inherited HIV. He is cared for by the Church, attends Wisdom School, and his health is cared for by the Tazama na Tunza Health Centre. So Jesus has his arms round Elisha, and many others too.



Nduli needs finance:

Please pray about whether you can support God's work in Tanzania.

CAN YOU HELP?

- Buy a water tap: £30
 - Buy an examination bed: £85
 - Buy a Lab microscope: £195
 - Support a Doctor for 2 years: his/her wage is £175 a month
- Tanzania (UK) Trust
s/c: 08-92-99, a/c: 65382637

JOIN US: TRIP 2024 Interested in an adventure of voluntary work in Tanzania for 2 weeks? Dates undecided: either May or Sept.....Contact me!

Altar flower rota February - June 2024

Altar Flowers 2024

January 7th Epiphany	January 14th Epiphany 2	January 21st Epiphany 3 <i>Sue Williams</i>	January 28th Resurrection 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 Easter
April 7th Easter 2	April 14th Easter 3	April 21st Easter 4	April 28th Easter 5 <i>Sue Williams</i>
May 5th Easter 6	May 12th Easter 7	May 19th Pentecost	May 26th Trinity
June 2nd <i>Sue Joy</i>	June 9th	June 16th	June 23rd June 30th



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

Baby and Toddler Group



Mondays

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at

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Leaflets at the back of Church.

A NOTICE FROM WILLOW WOOD

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING RAISES TREE-RIFIC HOSPICE FUNDS



Willow Wood's Christmas tree recycling service has raised a tree-mendous amount towards supporting patient care at the Hospice.

The convenient recycling initiative allowed residents in Tameside and Glossop to register their trees online to be collected and responsibly disposed of in the new year, whilst making a donation of their choice to the Hospice.

498 real trees were collected and £7,175 was raised, which will make a difference to patients from our communities with life-limiting illnesses.

In Tameside, trees were chipped by Tameside Council's Greenspace team, who will re-use them in local parks.

In Glossop, the trees were collected by Amazon and A&D Distribution and taken to Hartleys Garden Centre. They will be chipped by Bankswood Treecare and used by the Pony Patch to lay a new path for the ponies.

Samantha Kitch, Fundraising Manager at Willow Wood Hospice, said: "On behalf of us all at the Hospice, a sincere thank you to all of our brilliant partners for facilitating the collection and recycling of the trees, and to everyone who registered their trees and donated to Willow Wood. "We would also like to thank all those who helped to spread the word and raise awareness of the tree recycling service.

"With only 20 per cent of our funding coming from central government, the support we receive from our local communities is absolutely vital."

Tameside Council Executive Member responsible for environmental services, Cllr Denise Ward, said: "This is a fantastic result and has been a great opportunity for people to do something positive for the environment while also supporting a charity that is important to so many local people and that does a lot of positive, valued work in our community.

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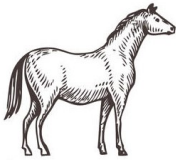


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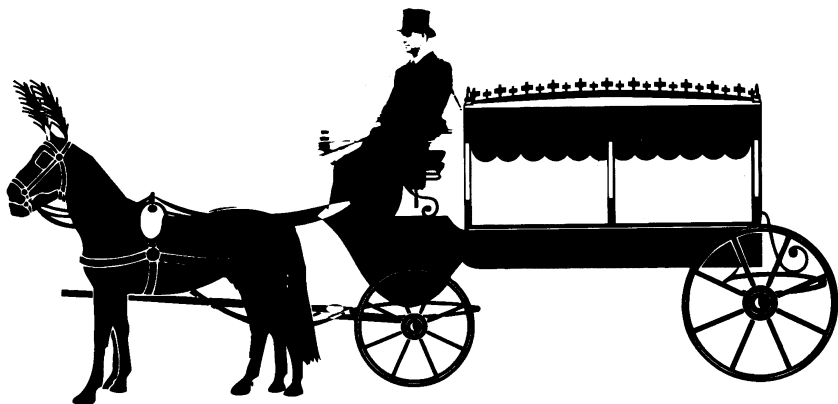
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Magdalene Centre Manager:
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Office hours:

Tuesday 9:15am - 11:15am

Tuesday 6pm - 9pm



**The Church website is at
www.mottramparish.org.uk**

Church News - (1)

A letter from Catherine Rogerson

Dear All

As you probably know, Carl and I have had a dramatic few weeks. I was rushed into hospital with sepsis and have no recollection of the first few days. I was well cared for by the consultant and the staff and can only offer them a gold star each. When I came home, it was hard to get up and down stairs and I needed Carl's assistance.

I had been home about three days when we received a telephone call from the Registrar at Tameside Hospital saying that Carl's blood tests showed potentially fatal results and he had to go to hospital immediately. As I could not drive, they sent a taxi to collect him. However, we are both now doing well and starting to get about.

I want to thank all the congregation for their good wishes, visits and prayers. They all made a big difference to our well-being. We had never been in such physical need before and the thoughts and attention were incredibly encouraging. When any of us are seriously ill, it makes you review your situation and priorities and acknowledge what family, friendships and your spiritual family mean and to accept that these are the most important focus of all our lives.

We would like you to know how much your support, and feeling wrapped in the care of the Church family, meant to us during those difficult times.

Our grateful thanks to you all.

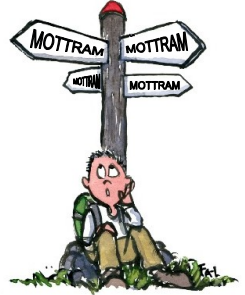
Love, Carl and Catherine Rogerson

Church News - (2)

Church Walks 2024

A walking calendar will be published shortly, meanwhile here are the proposed dates for the next 12 months:

24 February, 23 March, 20 April, 18 May, 15 June, 13 July, 10 August, 7 September, 5 October, 2 November, 7 December, and 1 January in 2025.



However, this comes with a warning that changes may be made; in particular with the September walk as this date falls within the Heritage Open Days period. Our Church activity during Heritage Open Days has not yet been decided.

We collect a voluntary donation of £1 per walker per walk in support of an agreed charity. Many thanks to everyone who contributed in 2023. £98 was raised and a donation of £100 made to Willow Wood Hospice.

Please bring your suggestions for our 2024 charity to the 24 February walk.

With regards and all God's blessings to you all for 2024,
Bob & Sue

Quote of the month

"Even those who have renounced Christianity and attack it, in their inmost being still follow the Christian ideal, for hitherto neither their subtlety nor the ardour of their hearts has been able to create a higher ideal of man and of virtue than the ideal given by Christ."

Fyodor Dostoyevsky (1812-1881)

News from Ukraine ... and Russia

From the Bible Trust

For more than 600 days, colleagues in Ukraine have been taking aid, medicine and the Bible to people across the whole country.

Gen. Secretary Anatoliy Raychynets has returned from visiting troops on the front line outside Bakhmut. He met soldiers who were manning a cannon, but also reading Psalm 91.



'We were interrupted by shell explosions,' said Anatoliy. 'When I found myself in a trench next to a soldier called Kyrylo, he told me that two weeks ago we had come and given him a Bible.'

Kyrylo told him: 'I have never been to church, never read the Bible, because I never had one. Here, at the combat positions, in short moments of silence, I started reading prayers from the Book of Psalms, as you advised me back then.

'I feel warmth inside me while reading. I have never experienced anything like this in my life. I realised that it was God who came to me, a sinner, at the age of 57. He came here, to the swamp, to the horrors of the war, to find me. Thank you for the Bible. It revived me to a new life, a life with God.'



From Moscow *(source - The Church Times)*

More than 11,000 Russian Orthodox Christians have signed an open letter urging Patriarch Kirill to reinstate a much-loved priest in the capital, the Revd Alexei Uminsky, who refused to recite an official prayer for their country's victory over Ukraine. Instead, he prayed for peace.

More than 300 Russian Orthodox priests have signed an appeal against the Ukraine invasion. Most of them have since been silenced or forced to emigrate. Some have joined a new clergy association, Christians for Peace, whose website, christians4peace.com is blocked in Russia.

The Union of Orthodox Journalists commented -

"To ban a priest from ministry simply for refusing to read a prayer that contradicts his ethical views clearly has nothing to do with the Kingdom of Heaven and brings enormous harm to the Church."

High Days and Holy Days

29 February - St. Oswald of Worcester: The saint for Leap Year

There is a saint for Leap Year: He is St Oswald of Worcester, who died on 29th February 992. His family story was extraordinary, and full of some surprising 'leaps' itself. It provides a tantalising glimpse of what happened to at least one of those pagan Viking warriors who settled in Anglo-Saxon Britain.

Oswald's great-uncle had come to England c 865, as part of the 'Great Heathen Army' of Viking invaders. But his son, Oswald's uncle, Oda, forsook paganism, and not only converted to Christianity, but actually ended up as Archbishop of Canterbury. From there, Oda was in a position to help his nephew Oswald, another Christian convert.

Oda sent young Oswald to be educated at Fleury Abbey, the great Benedictine monastery and centre of learning in France. There Oswald absorbed the Benedictine ideals which guided his later life and work.

Back in England, he became bishop of Worcester in 961, and with the support of King Edgar, eagerly joined in major reforms of the Anglo-Saxon church. In 972 Oswald was made Archbishop of York, and did much to renew the church in the Danelaw. He founded Ramsey Abbey, which became one of the great Fenland monasteries.

Oswald was a popular archbishop. It was his daily custom in Lent to wash the feet of the poor. On 29th February 992 he had just completed this service at Worcester when he collapsed and died. In later years, Worcester adopted him and Wulfstan as its two chief saints.



*Stained glass window of St Oswald
in Worcester Cathedral.*



Church Services



All these services are at St Michael's, Mottram

Please note that 9.15am Early Communion is temporarily suspended.

Sunday 4 Feb..	2nd before Lent 10.30am Holy Communion.
Sunday 11 Feb..	Next before Lent 10.30am Holy Communion.
Wednesday 14 Feb..	Ash Wednesday 7.00pm Holy Communion with Ashing
Sunday 18 Feb..	1st of Lent 10.30am Family Communion.
Sunday 25 Feb..	2nd of Lent 10.30am Holy Communion.
Sunday 3 March..	3rd of Lent 10.30am Holy Communion.
Sunday 10 March..	Mothering Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion.

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.





Parish Prayer Rota February 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.

Tonge Green
Edge Lane
Roe Cross Road
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Dewsnap Lane
Hobson Moor Farms
Lodge Court
Old Road
Spout Green
Roe Cross Green

*Love your
neighbour
as yourself'*



Prayer Requests

Our regular prayer group's next 'virtual' meetings in our cyber prayer room is 12th February 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 and we'll include it in our prayers.

If you would like to ask for a prayer - in complete confidence - email your request to prayer@mottramparish.org.uk

or contact Tony Kershaw by phone, text, email, Whatsapp or Messenger.

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.

We are asked to pray for the work of the YMCA in the Holy Land.

Bless the work of E. Jerusalem YMCA – may the children they support and counsel learn to overcome their trauma and flourish in spite of difficult circumstances.

Surround these precious young lives with your love and keep them from harm.

We pray that you would restore broken relationships and lead us to a future where all peoples of the Holy Land can live in safety and freedom.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Father, I thank you for all you have given me, for everyone and everything I love, for my freedom to enjoy and serve you in your world, and to share in your life.

Contributed by Betty Gadd

Let us pray with the persecuted church in the 10 countries where following Jesus Christ costs the most:

North Korea, Somalia, Libya, Eritrea, Yemen, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sudan, Iran, Afghanistan.

Registers and Records

Flying The Flag



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

We ask for a £15 donation, towards church funds. Contact Tony on 01457 765350 or email flag@mottramparish.org.uk

Funerals and Interments of ashes



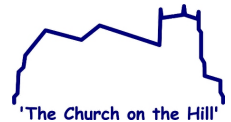
Monday 5 February
12.30pm
Richard Taylor

*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.

Family History

Immediately surrounding St. Michael's, the churchyard has been in use for centuries, the oldest grave being one from 1649. We have a list of all the surviving inscriptions, and can help you with your family history enquiries if you have an ancestor buried here. To make an enquiry, use the general contact form at www.mottramparish.org.uk



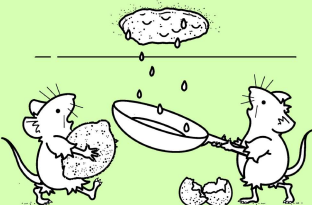
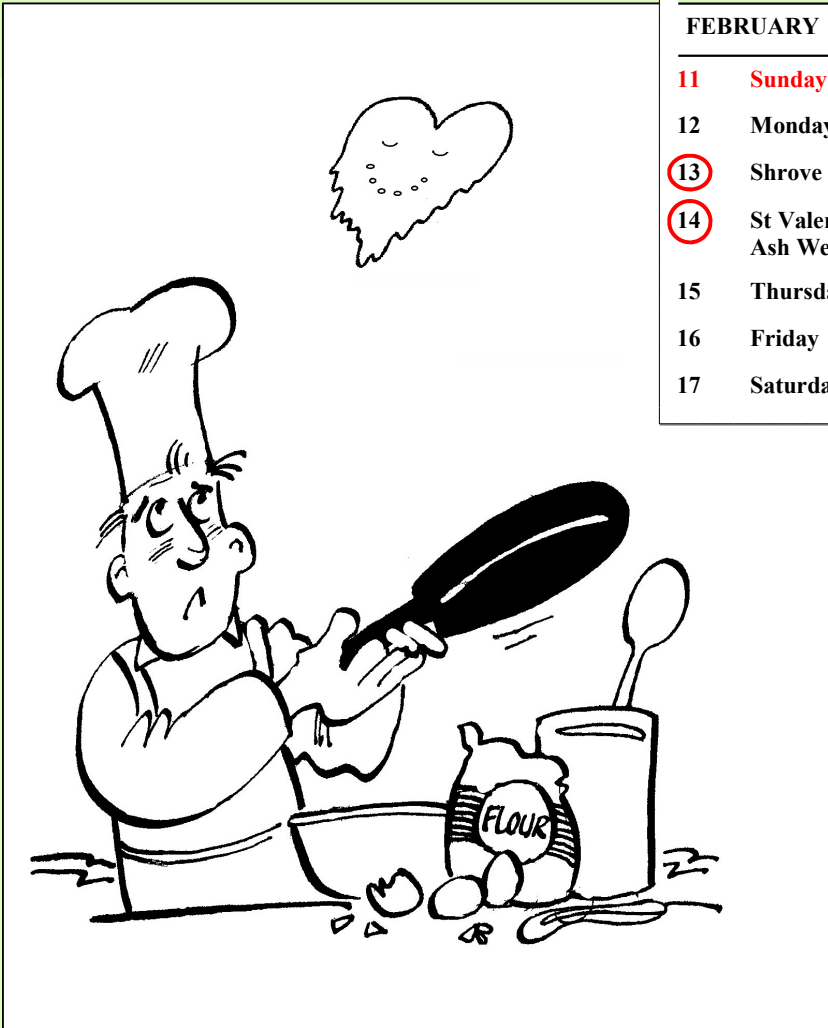
Mottram Cemetery

The cemetery beyond the churchyard walls is administered by Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council. You can explore their on-line records by clicking on the *Burial and Cremation Records* link at the bottom of their Bereavement Services page.

Not to be taken seriously...

FEBRUARY Week 2

- 11 Sunday
- 12 Monday
- 13 Shrove Tuesday
- 14 St Valentine
Ash Wednesday
- 15 Thursday
- 16 Friday
- 17 Saturday



COMMUNITY CONTACTS IN MOTTRAM PARISH

Mottram Primary School

01457 763368

admin@mottram.tameside.sch.uk

Broadbottom Primary School

01457 762382

admin@broadbottom.tameside.sch.uk

Arundale Primary School

01457 762328

admin@arundale.tameside.sch.uk

Broadbottom Pre-school

01457 764423

Broadbottom Brownies

07884 006484

Broadbottom & Mottram Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

07912 387358

Police - in emergency dial 999

Non-emergency - dial 101

Longdendale Neighbourhood Police

0161 856 9484

Tameside Police

0161 872 5050

Longdendale Councillors

Gary Ferguson 07842 297520

Jaqueline North 07517 680211

Jaqueline Owen 07891 138943

Member of Parliament

Jonathan Reynolds MP 0161 367 8077

jonathan.reynolds.mp@parliament.uk

Tameside Local Studies & Archives

0161 342 4242

Hattersley Library, in the Hub

0161 342 2552

The Magdalene Centre Broadbottom

Available for hire - see adverts.

Mottram Road Broadbottom

SK14 6BB

Phone 07828 931 445

or email magdalenece-

tre@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
- soft outdoor play area

Great for children's parties, meetings, etc.

To book:

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.

contacts: Ted Bussell

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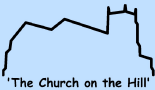
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For more information about ways to help with the finances of the church, for instance:

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

Please speak to 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**

