

Mottram Parish Magazine



Photo - Church Times

"Imagine the World to be Different"

The garden from St James's, Piccadilly, which has won a gold award in the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. The garden, designed by Robert Myers, celebrates the significance of urban "pocket parks", which are often connected with historic churchyards.

2nd June 2024 is Environment Sunday

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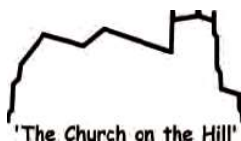
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Mottram, Broadbottom and Hattersley East
together "seeking to know Christ and to make Christ known"

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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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOPS OF CANTERBURY AND YORK

PRAY . . . and take part.

This was the Archbishops' injunction after the Prime Minister announced that the country would go to the polls on 4 July.

On Wednesday afternoon, just minutes after Rishi Sunak announced the General Election, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York released a statement inviting people to pray for the nation, and to "think about how we all can play our part both as voters and, more broadly, as citizens".

"It is a time for us all — people of all faiths and of none — to ask important questions about what kind of country we want to be," they said.

"We are facing epic challenges both in our country and our world: from questions of war and peace, to poverty and injustice and very future of the Earth God has given us.

"Faced with such huge questions, our instinct as Christians is to turn to God in prayer and so we want to put prayer at the very heart of this campaign."

In a pre-recorded video, Archbishop Cottrell said he hoped that people would vote, and that Christians would place their vote "based on what's going to be best for God's world".

Church House will be releasing prayer materials during the campaign, under the banner #PrayYourPart.

The statement from the Archbishops included a plea for the run-up to the election to be "marked by respect for one another, for good grace and a commitment to truth and integrity".

The Archbishop of Wales, the Most Revd Andrew John, echoed their call for civility, and urged "everyone to make full use of our democratic freedoms and to take part in the debates and the decisions which are before us".

chpublishing.co.uk/prayyourpart

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

In June, a week-long event will celebrate wildlife in churchyards and cemeteries, which have provided wildlife havens for centuries.

During Love Your Burial Ground Week and Churches Count on Nature (June 8-16), everyone is invited to explore these unique places and contribute to wildlife surveys. The initiative, organized by Caring for God's Acre and supported by the Church of England, the Church of Wales, and A Rocha UK, builds upon the Church of England's commitment to promote and document biodiversity in its churchyards, as declared at the General Synod in February.

Participants can use the iNaturalist app to record the wildlife they encounter. A series of webinars will also be available.

Over the past three years, more than 1,300 events involving more than 24,500 participants have resulted in 37,355 wildlife records submitted, a testament to the vital role these spaces play in preserving and nurturing our natural heritage.

Jill Elston, Chair Designate of the EcoDiocese Group says, "It's easy to join in with the Churches Count on Nature week (8-16th June) and record some of the wildlife in your churchyard or on your church land. If you have access to a smartphone or tablet you can download the iNaturalist app and register within the app for the Beautiful Burial Ground Project. The app allows you to take photos and gives you help to identify species. It can be great fun and highly addictive once you get started! Why not invite others from your community to join you?

"Taking part in Churches Count on Nature can help you in your Eco-Church journey and supports the motion passed at General Synod in February where Bishop Graham Usher warned that the U.K. is now one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world. If you take part please share pictures and we can celebrate the wonderful bio-diversity of many of our churchyards."



NOTICE BOARD

Community Groups and Charities

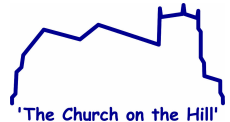
You can make use of our notice boards - it's free!

Send your notice to the editor at mandpbrown@protonmail.com

Deadline for the July issue is Tuesday 25 June.

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

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



A request from the pastoral team.

We visit the sick, the bereaved and the housebound, but unfortunately sometimes we do not know that someone is ill or in hospital. If you know of a congregation member who is ill or has been taken into hospital please could you inform one of us, either at church on Sunday morning or by telephone.

Christine Brandreth 01457 238268 Chris Kershaw 01457 765350

NEXT CHURCH WALK

Saturday, 15 June 10:00am – 4:00pm

Longshaw Estate

5 miles, easy-moderate, led by Joan 01457 763292

We can share so can offer a lift to non-drivers.

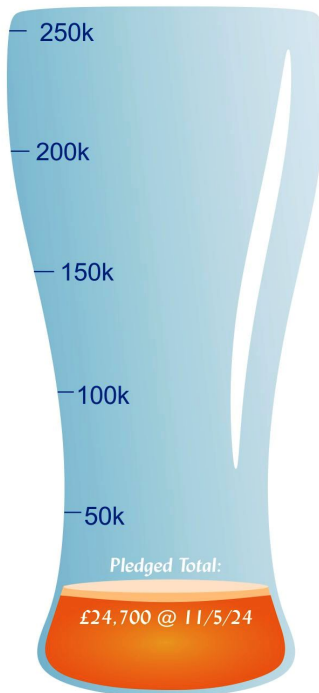
Everyone welcome (not just church goers!)

**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.**

Save the Harewood Arms

Broadbottom Community Pub Group



We're aiming to form a Community Benefit Society to buy our local pub through a combination of government funding and community shares.

The success of our funding application hinges on our ability to show a genuine willingness and financial commitment in Broadbottom and surrounding villages to raise sufficient funds for a successful purchase.

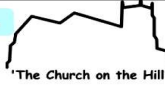
This is an invitation to pledge your intention to buy shares and become a proud co-owner of our pub as a community asset. We're looking for pledges of between £100 and £25,000. A full share prospectus will be issued as soon as plans are in place.

Please send us a pic of your completed pledge form, or pop it in the post box on the bar in the pub, or email details of your pledge to: communityharewood@gmail.com

Name:	Pledge: I pledge to buy shares worth £ to save our community pub
Phone:	
Email:	
Address:	

MORE NOTICES

MOTTRAM PARISH CHURCH INVITES YOU TO AN ALL
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Tea & Cakes

Tuesday

18 June

2 - 3.30pm

**Community
Centre**

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Save the date!

Saturday 13 July

12pm - 4pm

**Friends
Garden Party**

**St Michael's
Church**

**Stalls, cream teas
and much
more.**



Spotlight Meals

Provides hot meals for the homeless in Greater Manchester and
for local families in crisis due to loss of income.

**Next collection of frozen meals will be
Sunday 16 June 10am at the church gates.**

If you are going to bring any please ring Christine on
01457 238268.



ANOTHER TWO NOTICES

The Food Bank needs:

Tinned meat Tinned fish

Tinned fruit Tinned veg.

Milk (UHT or powdered) Cereal

Cooking sauces Noodles Jam

Long-life puddings Fruit juice (long life)

Toiletries and loo roll

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

Pick up a leaflet in church for more information, or if you are able to contribute financially.



**First Steps Baby & Toddler Group
meets on Mondays 10:00am
Mottram Community Centre
Church Brow, Mottram, 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
Or just turn up on the day!

10am every Monday during June.



NOTICE - COMMUNITY CENTRE

Need a space to meet?

Come and have a look round -
Mottram Community Centre
Church Brow SK14 6JJ

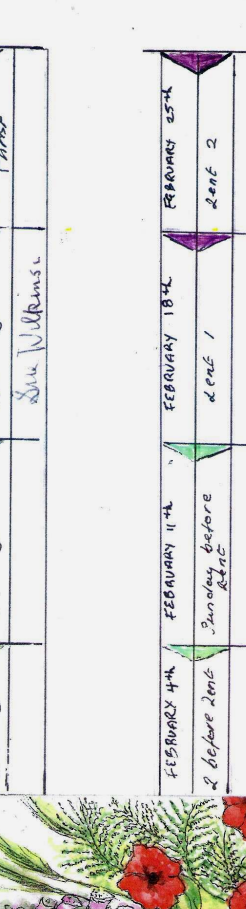
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Altar Flowers 2024



January 7th	January 14th	January 21st	January 28th
Epiphany	Epiphany 2	Epiphany 3	Presentation of Christ
		Shrove Week	

FEBRUARY 4th	FEBRUARY 11th	FEBRUARY 18th	FEBRUARY 25th
2 before Lent	Sunday before Lent	Lent 1	Lent 2
March 3rd	March 10th	March 17th	March 24th
Lent 3	Mothering Sunday	Lent 5	Palm Sunday
April 7th	April 14th	April 21st	Shrove Week
Easter 2	Easter 3	Easter 4	Easter 5
May 5th	May 12th	May 19th	May 26th
Easter 6	Easter 7	Pentecost	Trinity
Shrove Week	June 9th	June 16th	June 23rd
June 2nd			June 30th

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

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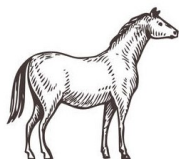


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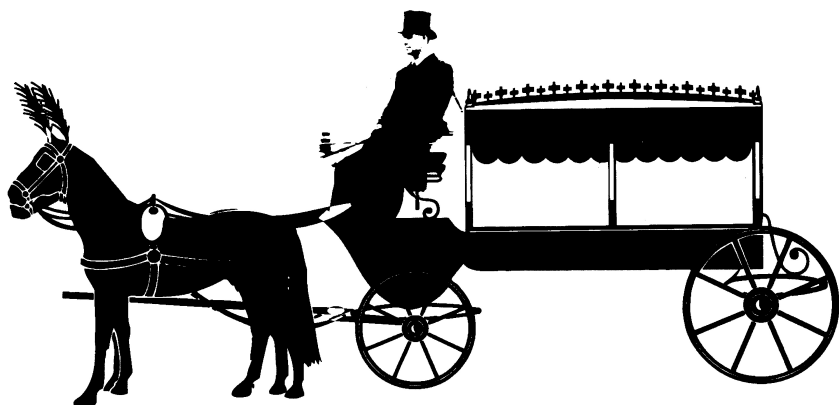
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Willow Wood's charity shop in Glossop has moved into a much larger home.

The new shop is at 12 High Street West – just across the road from their old premises.

Pauline Lunt, Head of Retail, said: "We had outgrown our space in Glossop thanks to the fantastic

support of the local community.

"We wish to express our thanks to local businesses who have supported us in getting the new shop up and running, including Colebarn Developments Ltd in Hadfield."

Caroline Lillis, Glossop shop manager, added: "We are really excited to open our new Glossop shop, which is bigger and brighter with an extended range of items."

The shop will open seven days a week – 9.30am to 4.30pm Mondays to Saturdays and 10.30am to 4.30pm Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays. You can contact the shop by calling 0161 669 4855.

Donations, dropped off during the shop's opening hours, are always much appreciated. See which items you can donate at <https://willowwood.org.uk/what-can-i-donate/>

The Hospice would also be grateful to anyone who can spare a few hours every week to lend a hand in the new shop. No previous retail experience is needed as training will be given. You can express your interest by visiting <https://willowwood.org.uk/hospice-volunteering/interest/>

More information about the Hospice's Retail Team vacancies available at <https://willowwood.org.uk/vacancies/>

CHURCH NEWS (1)



Our friend Rev Cait being licensed by Mark, Bishop of Middleton, in the Chapel at the Royal Oldham Hospital on Friday 17th May. Lord, we ask you to be with our sister Cait, and pray that you will make her light shine brightly in this her new ministry.



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CHURCH NEWS (2)

Email scam

A number of people with @mottramparish.org.uk addresses (including me) have had emails in May purporting to be from Kevin, saying he is in a meeting and needs their help. They're asked to reply to the email, at which point the scammer will try to get some money out of them.

These emails usually come from a gmail address. This has happened in the past, pretending to be from James, then Cait.

There's nothing I know of that we can do to stop them. I usually put the gmail address on our Namesco blacklist, but frankly that's locking the proverbial stable door.... They use a different gmail address on each new occasion.

There is not really any way to circulate everyone in our email system to warn them, either. However, nobody has been seriously fooled for long by this scam, in the past.

Please pass this information on to anyone you think might need a warning.

Tony Kershaw

Quote of the Month



**"When people say that religion
and politics don't mix,
I wonder which Bible it is they
are reading"**

Desmond Tutu

Tunnels

Of all remarkable engineering projects, one of the greatest is surely the Channel Tunnel. This undersea railway is the longest in the world and connects Kent, England with Calais, France. It is over 31 miles (50.46 km) long and opened just over 30 years ago, in May 1994.

After six years of construction, this massive enterprise created three tunnels, running parallel to each other. Trains go through two large tunnels with a smaller service tunnel for ventilation and access. Every day, about 500 trains go through the tunnels carrying passengers, cars, lorries and coaches.

The Bible tells us of another mighty tunnelling project. King Hezekiah needed to fortify the city of Jerusalem against the invading Assyrian armies and had to protect the water supply. Using simple hand tools, and digging through solid rock, the workers completed a tunnel one third of a mile long (533 m). It still exists and tourists with torches can shuffle along the cold, wet, narrow passage from one end to the other.

Close to the tunnel an original inscription describes how the tunnel was excavated. Two teams, one starting at each end of the curving channel met in the middle. Their direction was guided by men listening to hammering sounds as they gouged through the rock.

Hezekiah's tunnel was an incredible feat of engineering, accomplished without modern machines and sophisticated technology. His vision and careful planning saved his people. (2 Kings ch. 20 v. 20) and (2 Chronicles ch 32 v 30)

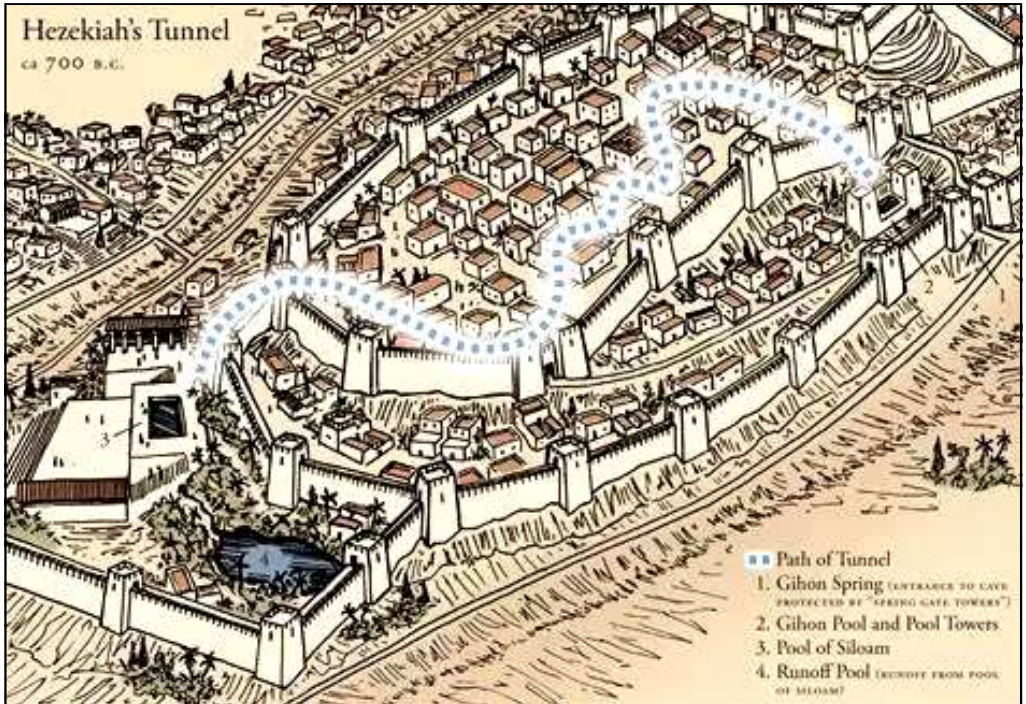
At the end of his eventful life, a eulogy was written that '*King Hezekiah did what was right and what was pleasing to the Lord his God.*'

We may well ask, when our time draws to a close, if such a tribute will be given to us.

Lester Amann (in Parish Pump)

(more overleaf)

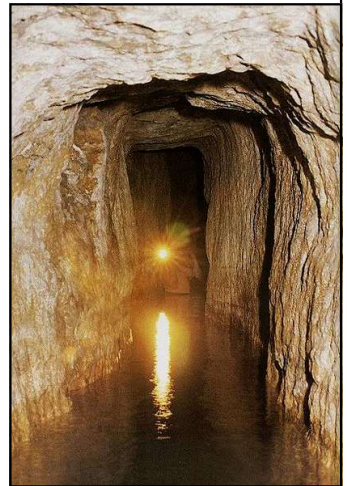
Hezekiah's Tunnel (continued)



In 1934 the traveller H. V. Morton wrote "I am sure that Hezekiah's Tunnel will never become a popular sight with visitors to Palestine. It is wet, messy and dangerous, and you have to explore it at night in order not to stir up the water of the Virgin's Fountain, in which the women of Siloam wash their clothes during the daytime..."

"...how astonishing it is that this tunnel of Hezekiah should exist today almost as it was 700 years before Christ. Hezekiah was king in Jerusalem when the Assyrian Sennacherib was preparing to come down like 'A wolf on the fold'. The only spring of water in those barren hills lay just outside the city walls"

So they dug a tunnel and sealed the spring.



Today Hezekiah's Tunnel is a feature of many tours of the Holy Land



Church Services



St Michael and All Angels, Warhill, Mottram

Early Communion, using the Book of Common Prayer, takes place every Sunday at 9.15am.

Our main Sunday worship is Holy Communion at 10.30am.

Sunday 2 June

1st after Trinity

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Holy Communion.

Sunday 9 June

2nd after Trinity

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Holy Communion.

Sunday 16 June

3rd after Trinity

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Family Communion.

Sunday 23 June

4th after Trinity

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Holy Communion.

Sunday 30 June

5th after Trinity

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Holy Communion.

Sunday 7 July

6th after Trinity

9.15am Early Communion

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 **June 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.

War Hill
The Mudd
Whitegates
Broadbottom Road
Church View
Winslow Avenue
Woodlands Grove
Woodlands Close
Bucklow Close
Gorse Brow

*Love your
neighbour
as yourself*



Prayer Requests

Our regular prayer group's next 'virtual' meeting in our cyber prayer room is Monday 17th June, 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.



I thank You for prayer, for love, for joy, for faith;
Let me always be prayerful, loving, joyful, faithful.

Guigo the Carthusian (d.1188)

God of life,
we praise you for the beauty of creation, its richness and variety;
yet, through greed and ignorance,
we scar your world with plastic waste and throw so much away.
Make us more like Jesus, treading gently on our common home,
and breathe your Spirit on us,
that we may care more deeply for your Earth.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*Rt Revd Graham Usher
Bishop of Norwich and Lead Bishop on the Environment*

Registers and Records

Flying The Flag



Sunday 16 June 2024
**In loving memory of
Bernard Dowd.**

Thursday 23 June 2024
**Loving birthday memories
of my Peter (Redfern)**

Saturday 29 June 2024
**Happy 70th birthday to
Chris Kershaw.**

**Birthday memories of
Pauline Willerton**

**Birthday memories of
Janette Baxter**

Sunday 7 July 2024
**Remembering our beloved
Mum Audrey Kenyon,
who would have been
100 years old.**
(Barbara, Geoff, Phil and
Fred.)

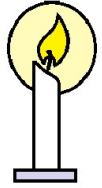
Contacts

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

Baptisms

Sunday 19 May 2024

**Isabella Sarah
Booth**



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 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

Family History

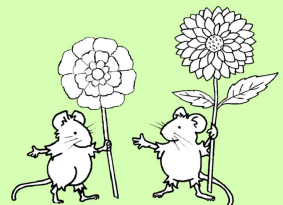
St. Michael's churchyard has been in use for centuries, the oldest grave being dated 1649. We have a list of all surviving inscriptions, and can help you with your family history enquiries if you have an ancestor buried here.

To make an enquiry, use the general contact form at www.mottramparish.org.uk

Not To Be Taken Seriously



"Of course, the main reason churchyards make such good wildlife sanctuaries is that the cars only go at walking pace."



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admin@broadbottom.tameside.sch.uk

Arundale Primary School

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*Providing sport and leisure activities
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Our large indoor arena is for hire.

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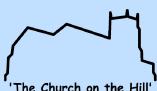
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The Collection Basket

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.

We now have a collection during the service again.
There is also a card-reader and a collection basket at the back of church or you can donate by BACS.



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**

