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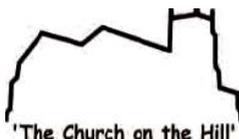
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COVER PICTURE

What Our Lord Saw from the Cross

'*Ce que voyait Notre-Seigneur sur la Croix*' was painted about 1890 by the French artist James Tissot (1836 -1902).The work is highly unusual for its portrayal of the Crucifixion of Jesus from the perspective of Jesus on the cross. The scene shows witnesses including Jesus' followers, participants and bystanders; of Jesus' own body only the feet can be seen, at the bottom of the picture.

In 1882 James Tissot had returned to Paris following an 11-year sojourn as a successful painter of London society. He intended to produce a series of paintings of fashionable Parisian women, but in 1885, in the church of St Sulpice, he had a vision of Jesus tending to people in a ruined building.

It was his Road to Damascus. He devoted the rest of his life to producing paintings about biblical events. This picture is part of his great series *The Life of Jesus Christ*.

To prepare for this artistic effort Tissot travelled to the Middle East in 1886, 1889, and 1896 to make studies of the landscapes and cultures This would come to distinguish his work from

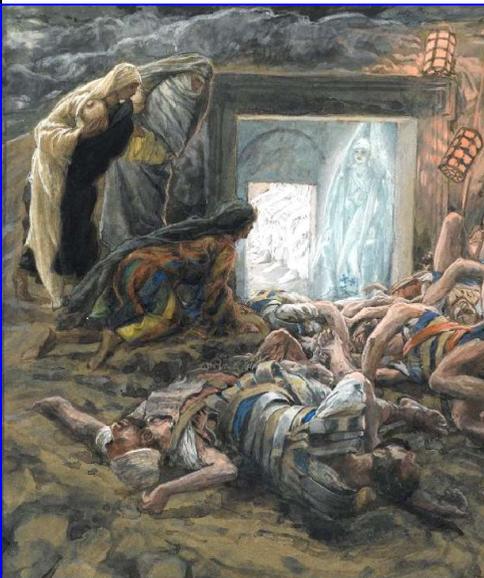
contemporary Biblical art through its striving for accuracy rather than religious emotion.

His series of 365 gouache illustrations of the life of Christ was shown to critical acclaim and enthusiastic audiences in Paris (1894–1895), London (1896) and New York (1898–1899).

In 1900 the entire series was bought by the Brooklyn Museum, New York.

Mary Magdalene and the holy women at the tomb.

James Tissot



A BOOK FOR LENT

Every year, hundreds of millions of Catholic and Protestant Christians around the world celebrate Lent. For the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday, observers devote themselves to fasting, prayer, study and acts of generous giving.

Lots of people who might not be observant, also give something up. In 2023, Country Living listed 32 ideas for what you might curtail, from "commenting on social media", "road rage" and "ignoring your health" to "speeding", "snacking" and "single-use plastic".

Archbishop Justin Welby has chosen a new book by British theologian Selina Stone as his annual recommendation for study in Lent. Entitled '*Tarry Awhile: Wisdom from Black Spirituality for People of Faith*', this selection speaks to the growing salience of Black spirituality globally, especially in regards to Christianity.

The Archbishop's Lenten book choice cordially redirects religious literary attention to the influence of Black spirituality in Anglican thought.

A most intriguing aspect of this selection is what, for many, will be an infrequently used word in the title. "To tarry" is to linger in anticipation. In a Christian context, it is about waiting on God expectantly.

"Tarrying gives us an opportunity to rest," Welby writes in his foreword, "to see the realities of the world more clearly and to imagine more boldly what the world could be".

Stone, in her introduction, says the practice recognises "the interdependence of the individual and the community for encounter with God". She exhorts her readers – whether tarrying, as a tradition, feels like home to them or is entirely new – to be open, as they wait for the justice and peace so sorely missing from the world.

The Bible uses the word "tarry" at least 30 times. In particular, as Stone highlights, it is the word (in the King James Version) the Gospel of Matthew uses, when Jesus is in the garden of Gethsemane with his disciples. Overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death, he asks his disciples to, "tarry here and watch with me".

In a world where people are often encouraged to forsake relationship for productivity, perhaps all of us would do well to partake in a little more tarrying in our everyday lives.

Christopher Wadibia

Junior Research Fellow in Theology, University of Oxford

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NOTICE BOARD

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

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

Deadline for the April issue is Thursday 21 March.

The magazine should be in church and online by Sunday 31 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 24 March 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

Saturday 23 March Holme / Digley Dam

4 miles, led by Joan and Jean 01457 763292

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.

NOTICES (CONTINUED)



FRIENDS TO EMBARK ON ZIP LINE ADVENTURE FOR HOSPICE

Four friends are gearing up for a day of thrills when they take on the world's fastest zip line in aid of Willow Wood Hospice.

Sue Lord, Julie Trickey, Nanette Backhouse and Alison Gough will rise to the challenge of speeding up to 100mph over Penrhyn Quarry in

picturesque north Wales.

Sue, Julie and Nanette are members of the Willow Wood Hospice Choir, which sings every Tuesday evening at the Hospice and holds fundraising events throughout the year.

The ladies are in their 40s, 50s and 70s respectively and all live in and around the Tameside area.

Sue already knows what to expect as she braved a zip line for the Hospice at the same site some 12 years ago.

"It was awesome, just amazing," she said. "I really enjoyed it. The whole experience was exhilarating and we all had a really good time.

"I chatted to Sam, the Hospice's Fundraising Manager, and suggested doing it again. I would highly recommend it to anyone. It's organised as a package now, which is brilliant."

Sue – who worked at Willow Wood for 15 years in the finance department and now volunteers since retiring 7 years ago – got her fellow team members on board, but the Hospice means so much to them all.

"Julie has done an abseil from IKEA and danced at one of the Strictly events for the hospice," Sue explained.

"Nanette has volunteered in the gardens, and the zip line has been on Alison's bucket list so she was keen to get involved too.

"We just want to raise as much money as possible for Willow Wood whilst having lots of fun. We are really looking forward to it."

Save your used postage stamps for Willow Wood.

There is a box for them at the back of church (tea corner). Please cut the stamps off, leaving about 1cm around each.

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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 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.

AND MORE NOTICES

Baby and Toddler Group



Mondays

during term time

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at

Mottram Community Centre

Church Brow



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church if you are able to
contribute financially.**

The Holy Dusters

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9.30 - 11.30am.

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Contact Jackie Smith on 07791 517468 for more info.



LAST BATCH OF NOTICES

Could this be for you?

Would you like to help on the Sound Desk?

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

Speak to Tony or Barry
for more information



From the East Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.

'Many thanks for hosting the branch ringing event at Mottram last Saturday.

'They always were a fine peal of bells but now the work that's been done on them, together with the removal of the heating monstrosity in the ringing chamber, make for a very pleasurable experience.

'I know that you've lost several ringers from the band but hopefully you few remaining can keep the bells ringing.'

Clive Calton (East Cheshire Branch Secretary)



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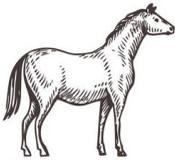


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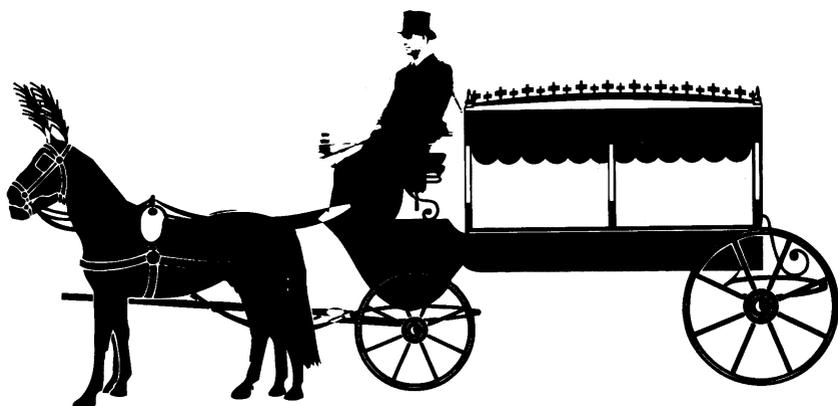
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**The Church website is at
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CHURCH NEWS (1)

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.

Therefore we would appreciate your help.

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

**Do you have any bright ideas for social events?
If so, the Social Committee would be delighted to hear from you.**

Please phone Sandra on 07989 624637

or Dorothy on 07498 291892

(or speak to them in church)

The next PCC meeting will be on the 12th March.

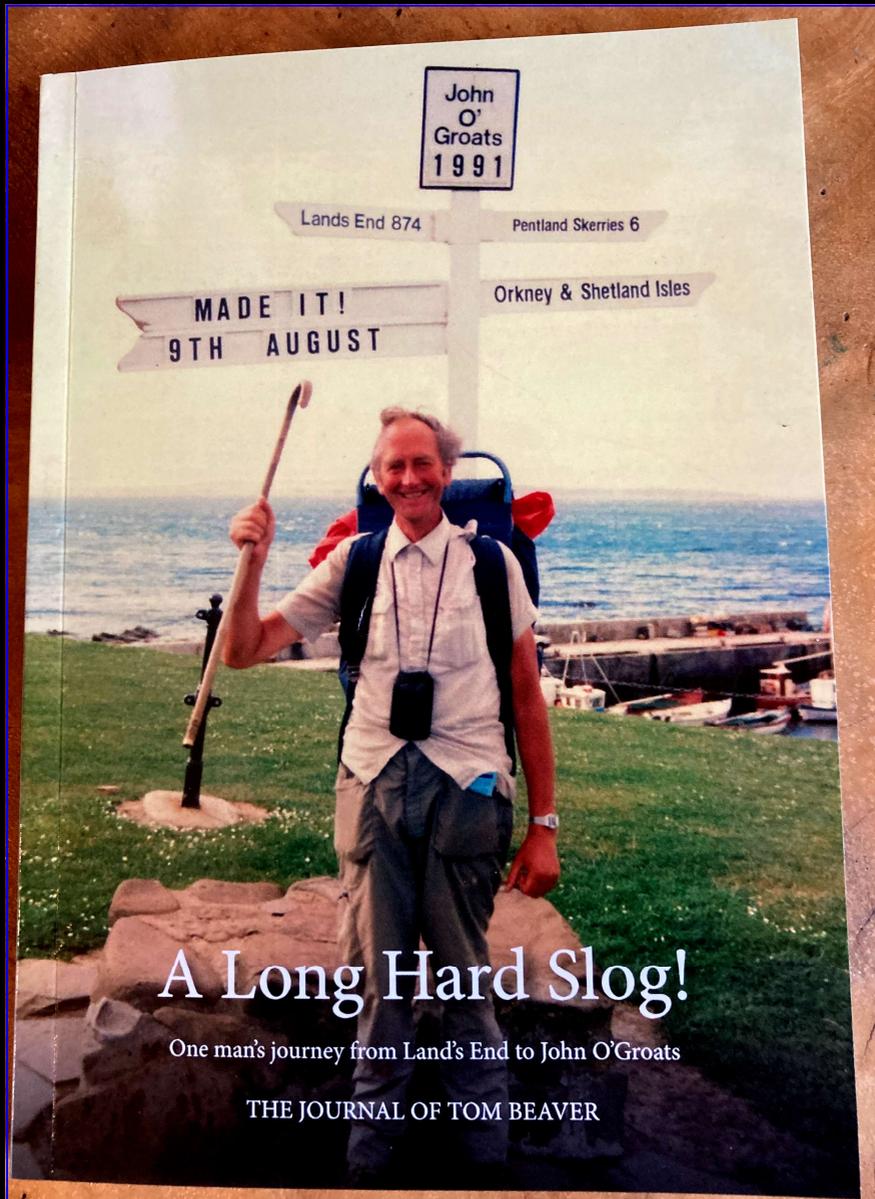
(This is not a scheduled meeting)

Quote of the Month

The death of Christ was the most dreadful blow ever given to the empire of darkness.

William Plumer

CHURCH NEWS (2) - Tom Beaver



Tom Beaver (continued)

THE JOURNAL OF TOM BEAVER

One man's journey from Land's End to John O'Groats

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with humour and humility of spirit.

Tom Beaver lived in Mottram for over 63 years.

Many of you will have known him.

His wife Mildred worked at Mottram C of E school and they brought up their two daughters Susan and Julie in Mottram.

Sadly, Tom passed away in October 2021.

In 1991 following the death of his beloved wife Mildred, to try and cope with his grief and to raise money for Francis House Children's Hospice, Tom walked on his own from Land's End to John O'Groats.

After each day's walk he wrote an account of his adventures and encounters.

After Tom's death his daughter Julie decided that his achievement should not be forgotten. To honour her father's memory and endeavours Julie set about turning his daily journal into a book, which has now been published.

For those of you who enjoy walking it may inspire you to do some of or even all of the journey. There may be others who cannot do the walk but this book can transport you through his writing to take the journey alongside him.

All proceeds, every penny, from the book sales will go to Francis House Children's Hospice.

If you would like to purchase a book the cost is £9.95
plus £3.49 postage.

To order a book please contact his daughter Julie on 07555604698.
Or email julieraghib@gmail.com

CHURCH NEWS (3)

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.



St Michael and All Angels **Mottram**

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9.30 - 11.30 am



To the congregation at St Michael's

Thank you for supporting the foodbank over many years.

We would like to invite you to join us for a Prayer Meeting for Foodbank.

The aim is to thank God for the wonderful provision he has made for hungry people in Tameside over the last 10 years and to ask for his guidance and blessing for the times ahead. We continue to face challenges - food distributed is 27% up on the year from April over the previous date. We want to continue to be a channel for the local church to express Christ's love to the local community.

**The meeting will be Tuesday 5th March 1.30pm
at St Barnabas Church, Hattersley Rd East, SK14 3EQ**





Church Services



All these services are at St Michael's, Mottram

Please note that 9.15am Early Communion is temporarily suspended.



Sunday 3 March

3rd of Lent

10.30am Holy Communion.

Sunday 10 March

Mothering Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion.

Sunday 17 March

Passion Sunday

10.30am Family Communion and Baptism.

Sunday 24 March

Palm Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion.

Thursday 28 March

Maundy Thursday

7pm Holy Communion with Foot Washing.

Friday 29 March

Good Friday

10.30am - 12.00pm

The Good Friday Service will feature reflections on the Crucifixion with Hymns and Prayers

Sunday 31 March

Easter Day

10.30am Holy Communion.

Sunday 7 April

2nd of Easter

10.30am Holy Communion.

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



Parish Prayer Rota **March 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.

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Old Hall Close
Hall Close
Hall Drive
Tollemache Close
Tollemache Road
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Elm Close
Oak Close
Four Lanes

*Love your
neighbour
as yourself'*



Prayer Requests

Our regular prayer group's next 'virtual' meetings in our cyber prayer room are 4th March and 25th March 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.

A prayer for Mothering Sunday

Thank you God for the love of our mothers:

thank you God for their care and concern;
thank you God for the joys they have shared with us;
thank you God for the pains they have borne for us;
thank you God for all that they give us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Let Nothing Disturb Thee

Let nothing disturb thee,
nothing affright thee;
All things are passing;
God never changeth';
Patient endurance
Attaineth to all things;
Who God possesseth
In nothing is wanting
Alone God sufficeth.

By St Teresa of Avila

Registers and Records

Flying The Flag



Thursday 28 March
In loving memory of my
Peter (Redfern)

Friday 1 March

Y Ddraig

Goch

For all

Welsh folk

on St David's Day

Thursday 14 March
To celebrate and give
thanks for the life of
Ian Roebuck

Sunday 31 March
Christ is risen!



Funerals and Interments of ashes



Sunday 3 March
Joan Ellis

Thursday 14 March
1.30pm
Ian Roebuck

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

Contacts for arranging thanks-
givings, baptisms, weddings,
blessings and funerals can be
found inside the front cover.



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 anniversary, birthday, graduation, or in memory of a loved one.

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MRS DAVIES

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MRS THOMAS

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MR TAYLOR

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MRS WILSON

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MR EVANS

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MR JOHNSON

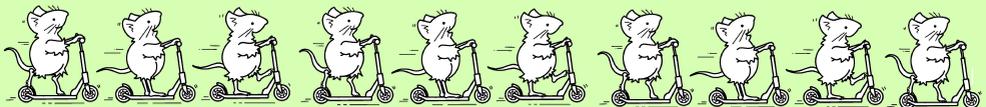
MUST BE PICKED UP FIRST. DETESTS SINGING, OPEN WINDOWS AND LATENESS

MISS JONES

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tre@mottramparish.org.uk

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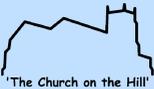
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The Collection Basket

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

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

Please speak to one of our churchwardens.

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



The contactless cardreader

Our Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is:

Claire Bibby 01457 763758

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

Contact: **safemottram@gmail.com**

