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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

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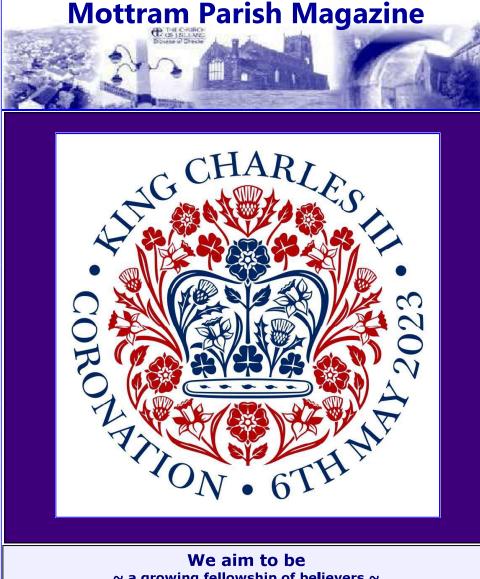
Our Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is:

#### 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.

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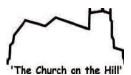
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www.tameside.gov.uk

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## Not to be taken seriously...



After the Coronation the King and the Archbishop found the refreshments stimulating.



### **The Coronation**

## Of His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen Consort.

The Coronation is based on a solemn religious ceremony which has remained largely unchanged for more than 1000 years. For 900 years, the ceremony has taken place at Westminster Abbey. It is conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

King Charles III will be crowned, and then in a similar, simpler ceremony at the same service, the Queen Consort will be crowned.

### Some facts about King Charles III

He was born on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1948, to Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip, at Buckingham Palace in London.

He is the first monarch in British history to have earned a university degree. From 1967 to 1970 he studied history at Cambridge.

He can speak Welsh. He spent several months learning the language in 1969, as he prepared to become the Prince of Wales. He still speaks it today.

He is a qualified pilot and diver. While serving in the military in the 1970s, he trained as a jet and helicopter pilot and became a confident diver.

He is a keen watercolour painter, a published author, and a music lover, who played the cello at Cambridge. He has made a couple of guest appearances on TV, once on ITV's Coronation Street and once on the BBC weather forecast.

As Prince of Wales, he founded nearly 20 charities. Together, they raise £140 million each year for good causes. He is passionate about the environment, and spoke out against plastic pollution as early as 1970.

Aged 73, King Charles III is the oldest monarch ever to be crowned in British history.

He has two children, Princes William and Harry, and five grandchildren. Prince William is next in line to become King and became Prince of Wales in 2022.

## The Good Friday Agreement - 25 years on

This letter (slightly abridged) is reprinted by permission from an online Christian forum. The writer lives in Northern Ireland. His name has to be withheld for security reasons.

'Back in 1998, US Senator George Mitchell, Prime Ministers Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern, and Northern Ireland (NI) political parties agreed a pathway for the governing of Northern Ireland on a power sharing basis.

The role of political leaders, especially David Trimble and John Hume, is well documented, but that played by clergy and laity from different denominations is less well-known. During the violence of the late 1960's to the 1990's it was realised that as religion was part of the problem, it needed to become part of the answer, Prayers for peace in church and well-meaning words condemning violent acts needed to be accompanied by actions. This meant meeting together for cross community services, attending the funeral services for victims of violence, (not just for one's own denomination) meeting political parties linked to paramilitary organisations and eventually meeting those organisations themselves.

These actions carried a risk from "one's own side", They stood accused of political and theological compromise from those who believed they should be showing unequivocal loyalty to particular political viewpoints rather than allowing them to be challenged by Biblical teaching. One clergyman acknowledged that a vast majority of the population would not actively take part in an act of violence, but there was some degree of sympathy for "one's own side".

This view had to be challenged. Examination of thoughts, attitudes and motives on a continuous prayerful basis was needed to bring a Christian perspective to the issues facing NI.

Once the GFA had been agreed by the politicians, the electorate in both NI and the Republic of Ireland voted on its proposals. The only major party to oppose was the DUP, who said that to vote "Yes" was morally wrong. In response, 150 Protestant clergy and 100 laity issued a document entitled "We're Saying Yes". It addressed head-on and biblically the DUP's position. It gained extensive coverage. Some of the spokespersons and signatories were victims of violence. This intensified the impact of the statement.

On 22 May 1998, the agreement was backed by 95% in the RoI and by 71% in NI. Importantly, cross-community approval in NI was obtained. 25 years later the Good Friday Agreement is still with us. We need to see all three strands fully implemented. It has improved life on the island.'

## **Registers and Records**

## **Flying** The Flag



Friday 5 to Monday 8 May 2023 The Union flag to celebrate the Coronation of their Majesties

the King & Queen.



Sunday 4 June 2023 In loving memory of Sheila Sutcliffe

## Weddings



Saturday 13 May 2023 **Alistair Stuart Bower** Catherine O'Malley

Saturday 20 May 2023 Joseph William Stanley Kathryn Evelyn Davies

## **Funerals** and **Interments** of ashes



Wednesday 10 May 2023 **Chris Connell** 

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

## **Baptisms**

Sunday 16 April Max Kershaw

Sunday 23 April **Archie Brierley** 

Sunday 30 April **Betty Yolanda** Maria Britton

**Fred Charles Glvn James Britton** 

Ralph William John Britton

Arlo Williams

**Avery Williams** 

#### **Contacts**

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

## Let's Pray

#### **Parish Prayer Rota** May 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.

**Broadbottom Road** Church View Winslow Avenue Woodlands Grove **Woodlands Close Bucklow Close Gorsey Brow** Bank Gate **Bank Street** Cross Street

Love your neighbour as yourself'



A prayer for Ascension from Corby Glen Virtual Church.

Risen Christ, vou have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in alory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **Praver Requests**

Our regular prayer group's next fortnightly 'virtual' meetings are 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 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 or to Tony Kershaw by email, Whatsapp, phone, text 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.

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King. Bless his reign and the life of our nation. Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen,

A prayer for Pentecost - 'Thy Kingdom Come'

God of truth.

bless those who are searching for you and lead them to the right way. May they hear the true voice of Jesus the Christ in the words of your holy scriptures.

May they be encouraged to seek him present among his disciples today as in the Upper Room

where Thomas the doubter confessed "Mv Lord and mv God!" Amen

## **NOTICE BOARD**

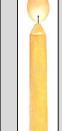
#### **Community Groups and Charities** You can make use of our notice boards - it's free!

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

### Deadline for the June issue is Monday 29 May.

The magazine should be in church and online by Sunday 4 June.





## **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 Brandreth.



## The next collection of frozen meals will be: Sunday 11 June 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.

## **NOTICES** (CONTINUED)

## Walking with the Walkers

#### Saturday 20 May Meet 10.30am at the Church gates Uppermill - an easy walk of 4 miles

Led by Joan 01457 763292

As usual - 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:

07721419866 cfm@mottramparish.org.uk or ring

### The Foodbank needs:

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

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

The next meeting of the PCC will be on Tuesday 9 May.

(Minutes of the previous meeting are on the notice board.)

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#### **God in the Arts -** The Book of Kells



The opening words of St Mark's Gospel -'INITIUM EVANGELII IHU XRI'

In 563 an Irish monk left his homeland due to a conflict that had led to misuse of power and to bloodshed. On Pentecost Sunday he arrived on Iona off the north-west coast of Scotland with twelve companions. There he began a new way of life, founded on Christ's mercy and forgiveness of the past, and so created one of the great centres of faith and mission in the Christian Church. His

Revd Michael Burgess looks at the Book of Kells

His monastery on Iona started as a small cluster of wooden buildings with a church and a guesthouse. They had fields of crops, cattle and bees. Under Columba's guidance, it grew, and from Iona monks were sent into Scotland as one arm of a missionary advance that reached through England to France and across Europe.

It was an amazing achievement. Just as amazing was the monastic way of life on Iona that resulted two centuries later in the Book of Kells. This text

of the four Gospels was begun by scribes and artists in the library of Iona. It grew into one of the masterpieces of Celtic art that was taken to Kells in Ireland to escape the Viking invaders who ravaged Iona.

Along with the text of the Gospels, there are illustrations of Jesus, Mary and the four evangelists, together with decorations at once intricate and fantastic: patterns that interweave and interlace across the page with an odd face here and a weird creature there. The design is in brilliant detail, and you can follow the lines as they weave in and out. This delight in patterns is evident in lots of Celtic art.

It is good to imagine Columba meditating on the thread of God's grace woven into his life as he looked back to his years in Ireland and his pilgrimage to Iona. It might have seemed a complicated interweaving of events and experiences, but perhaps as he looked again, he saw God's love threading its way through that history and redeeming both it and him.

As we look at our lives, they may seem complex and involved patterns of events and circumstances taking us here and there. As we ponder those patterns, we can begin to see a thread woven into them that guides and leads us. And as we stand back, all the patterns and threads seem to make sense as we spot that guiding thread. Just as we can stand back from the designs of this page and see God's love spelling out the name of Christ, our Lord.

(From Parish Pump)



## **Church Services** (1)



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

**Sunday 7 May 5th Sunday of Easter** 

> 9.15am Early Communion 10.30am Coronation Service -Worship for All with Communion

**Sunday 14 May** Early Communion 9.15am

10.30am Worship for All

**Thursday 18 May** Ascension

7.00pm Communion

**Sunday 21 May** 9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Worship for All

**Sunday 28 May Pentecost - Whit Sunday** 

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Worship for All with Communion

**Sunday 4 June Trinity Sunday** 

9.15 am 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.





#### 9.30 to 11.30am almost every Friday

St Michael and All Angels Church open for visitors and private prayer.

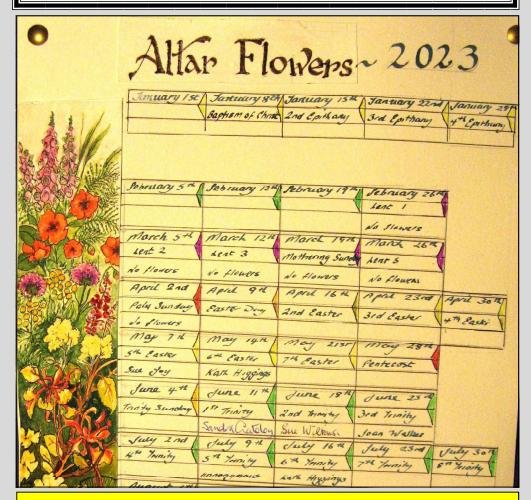


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#### FRIENDS SPRING CONCERT



### THE FLOWER ROTA



## Altar flower rota 2023 January - July

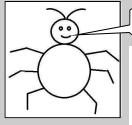
If you would like to dedicate altar flowers in memory of a loved one please get in touch with Sue Joy or Kath Higgins or email flowers@mottram.org.uk or sign the list in the porch.

There is also a collection basket at the back of church.

May 2023 page 6 **Sponsored by Betty Gadd** 

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## Church News - (3)



## **Beetle Drive Winner!**

A triumphant Jackie Kneen displays the remarkable trophy she won in the Beetle Drive. A great time was had by all and the event raised more than

£300 for church funds. Thank you to the organisers and the providers of the delicious refreshments. (I believe there was a good deal of expert input from the ladies of the Trefoil Guild - ed.)

Jackie has promised to inscribe her name and the date in permanent marker on one of the golden globules of this iconic art work (FIFA eat your heart out) and to keep it very, very safe until next year. Could this be starting a great Mottram tradition?



#### **Take Mark**

This year, through all the Sundays of Lent, culminating in the Passion and Resurrection of Christ, Mark Britton gave us an unforgettably powerful dramatic presentation of St Mark's Gospel.

(See the sign-up sheet at the back of church for a year-long Bible study of Mark.)



Photos -Charmian Wilby

## **Quote of the month**

"The Bible is the only book whose author is always present whenever it is read."

Contributed by Betty Gadd

## **Church News - (2)**

## ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING (continued)

Application forms for the following posts are available at the back of church.

**Churchwardens** are elected at the Vestry Meeting which takes place immediately before the APCM. Dejan is standing down this year, so there is one vacancy. Nominations must be received in writing by the minister before the start of the meeting.

Proposers and seconders must be on the Electoral Roll of this Church or this Parish.

## **Election of members to the Deanery Synod:**

Dorothy Stringer and Sandra Gateley were elected by the PCC to fill the 2 vacancies in July 2022.

Dorothy and Sandra, if they wish to continue, must now stand for election again, this will be for a period of 3 years. (The Deanery Synod gives people a chance to discuss the church's ministry and mission. The lay members serve for three years. The Synod meets three times a year, visiting different parts of the Deanery, and its business is organised by a small Standing and Pastoral Committee which has both clergy and lay members.)

#### **Election of members to the PCC:**

Our number on the electoral roll is currently 144, so we are entitled to 12 PCC members.

There are **4 vacancies** for **3 years 2 vacancies** for **2 years**.

David Woolstencroft, Tony Kershaw and Margaret Taylor have come to the end of their term of office but are eligible to stand for re-election should they so wish.

**Sidespersons** are appointed by the PCC at their first meeting after the Annual Parish Church Meeting - ie 13 June.

## **A FEW MORE NOTICES**



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

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## **Safeguarding**

#### **HOW SAFE DO YOU FEEL?**

Our mission at Mottram Church is to know God's love and to make it known to other people. We also want to prevent harm, to protect those who are being harmed, and to promote people's healthy growth within the church. This is called "Safeguarding".

We all know that some people within the church family are especially vulnerable – the young, the old, and those experiencing bereavement or other difficulties, for example. So we want to make sure that the things we do keep people safe and help us to spot danger signs if we think that things are going wrong or that people are acting improperly. People such as Sunday School teachers and those who visit older people are recruited carefully and attend regular training sessions to help them be aware of the signs of abuse and how to act in ways which will keep themselves safe and free from false accusations or misunderstandings.

Every few years, those who lead in the church, especially those who lead activities with more vulnerable people, get together to discuss our safeguarding policy and our processes, to check that they are still relevant. We have just completed that audit process: we talked to the Diocese about a suitable format, and the Safeguarding Lead convened a group which included representatives from children's, families' and adults' work, the PCC, and a critical friend. This group has met twice to consider the audit. We concluded that there was a good basic level of safeguarding, but that there were aspects which needed updating or tightening, especially in the light of the developing ministry of the church and changes we have experienced over the past six years. Members of the group have been allocated actions arising from the audit, a copy of which is available on request from the Safeguarding Lead.

If you are worried about your own safety, or that of other people, or if you think that there are things which happen within the church which make you feel uncomfortable, please talk to someone.

The Parish Safeguarding Lead is Claire Bibby (01457 763758), or you can report confidentially on the church safeguarding account safemottram@gmail.com This account is checked every day, and only Claire has the access details. You can find the safeguarding policy on the parish website under the "Join In" tab. There are also contact details for other organisations on the notice board at the back of church.

## **Church News - (1)**

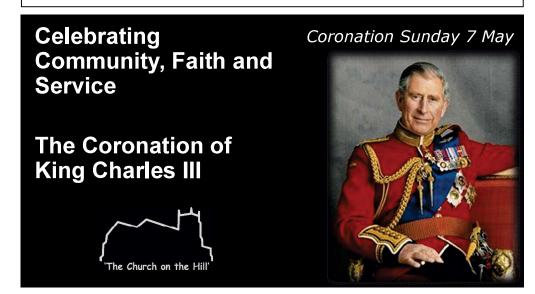


Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 4.00 pm

Bishop Sam of Stockport is leading the Confirmation service for:

Betty Britton, Fred Britton, Reuben Walker, Morgan Robson, Naimh Bradburn, Arran Laycock, Bess Reynolds, Lucy Rushton.

Do stay for refreshments after the service.



## **ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING**

(After the 10.30am service on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May) Please pray and think about how you might help with the running of the church. Would you like to consider:

- ♦ Standing for election as a Churchwarden? (1 vacancy)
- Signing up to be appointed as a Sidesperson?
- Joining the Parish Church Council?
- Serving as Deanery Synod Representative?

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