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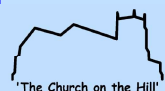
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'The Church on the Hill'



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 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 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**



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## Mottram Parish Magazine



**The Harvest**

*Frederick Morgan 1889*

**We aim to be**

~ a growing fellowship of believers ~  
warm in welcome ~ reverent in worship ~ gracious in witness  
and joyfully serving God and our community ~



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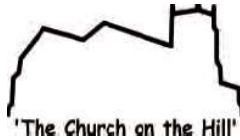
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# Mottram Parish



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www.mottramparish.org.uk

the Church of England in Mottram Parish, serving the communities of  
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

## USEFUL CHURCH CONTACTS IN MOTTRAM PARISH

### Churchwardens

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**Matt Harrison**

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**Christine Kershaw** 01457 765350

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### **Broadbottom Brownies**

07884 006484

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### **Longdendale Neighbourhood Police**

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### **Tameside Council**

www.tameside.gov.uk  
**Councillor Janet Cooper**  
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SK14 6BB

Phone 07828 931 445  
or email magdalenecentre@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  
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Louise:

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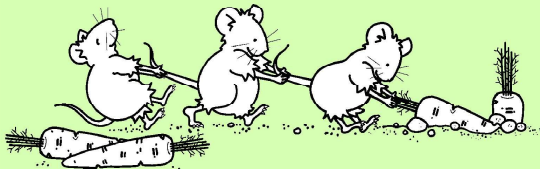
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## Not to be taken seriously...



"Er... vicar – does the church have a position on the donation of GM vegetables for the Harvest Festival?"



## The vicar writes

### St Michael's Day

29 September

As the school summer holidays draw to an end, the church begins a whole season of celebrations. In my diary there is a long list of festivities: Harvest Festivals, Heritage Open Day, the Pet Service (always held around St Francis' Day), All Saints Day, Remembrance and, moving into Advent; the word we do not mention until December, beginning with a C.

However, there is a feast day that we seem to gloss over nowadays and that is St Michael's day. I remember my grandmother talking about Michaelmas being a celebration in her childhood, but I don't believe that it would feature in many children's calendars today.

Part of the reason for that is that our lives are not governed in quite the same way by the seasons, as they were in years gone by. Now, if the temperature drops, we put on the heating. Parents and carers may complain about the heating bills and some may struggle to heat the house, but it is possible to be warmer, even if that means going to a warm hub or Place of Welcome. When we are hungry we can get foods brought in from other countries - again, the rise in the cost of living has complicated this, but food is available. In times gone by, food was scarce at certain times of the year. Michaelmas was the time, after the harvest, when accounts were settled and food and other items were in abundance. Yet, at this point in the year, people were bracing themselves for the colder, darker months, with the knowledge that some of the faces around them might not be with them in next year's summer sun. This is not how we tend to view our lives today.

(continued overleaf)



*St Michael defeats the dragon,  
from a 12th century manuscript.*



'War of Angels' border from the great banner in St Michael's.

So, St Michael's day falls around the Autumn equinox, as recognized in the Northern hemisphere. In some Christian angelology, Michael is considered to be the chief angel.

He defeats the dragon in the war in heaven, as we are told in Revelation 12:7-12. He is the protector against the darkness. Two archangels have guardianship over the year; Gabriel, whose feast day is around the spring equinox, with the annunciation, and Michael who sees us through the winter months.

Early missionaries saw the importance of the times and seasons in the lives of the people they sought to reach, and attributed saints days and Christian festivals to the already established pagan calendar. They drew alongside them, listened to their stories and enabled people to further understand what they knew about their creator.

Today's darkness seems no longer to be seasonal. We face threats of "the black dog"; depression and other mental health issues that we so often have little time to address until it is too late; the threat of energy, housing and food bills rising. It feels like we need the protection of St Michael not only through half of the year.

Last year, Mottram Church, which carries the name of St Michael and All angels, set up a Place of Welcome, to offer a space for people to come for a chat, get a free hot or cold drink and a bite to eat. A Place of Welcome can also offer a chance for

people to get involved. Getting involved can raise a feeling of self-worth, and aid to combat the "black dog" or dragon of today.

Sadly, we have had to close over the Summer holidays, but are starting up again on Wednesday 13 September. If you would like to get involved or would like more information on this or any other activities, please speak to me or Louise Britton.

*Rev. Cait Walker*

### Flying The Flag



Wednesday 2 August 2023  
**In loving memory of  
Dorothy Seaborn**

Saturday 23 September 2023  
**Congratulations to  
Melanie Joy McCormick  
& Neil Paul Midgley on  
their wedding day in  
Yorkshire. Love from  
Mummy and all the  
family.**

**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](http://www.mottramparish.org.uk)

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

### Weddings



Saturday 2 September  
2023

**Sean Phillips &  
Rachael Jane Fitt**

### Funerals and Interments of ashes



Wednesday, 16 August 2023  
**Eve Ditchfield**

Tuesday 22 August  
**Beryl Jean Sidebottom**

Thursday 24 August 2023  
**Irene Dale**

Tuesday 29 August 2023  
**Wilfred Kinsey**

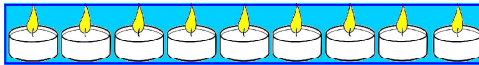
*Goodbye to our friends.  
May they rest in peace  
and rise in glory.*

### Contacts

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



## Let's Pray



### Parish Prayer Rota September 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.

Hodge Lane  
Summerbottom  
Hyde Road  
Hyde Way  
Ford Way  
Atherton Ave  
Atherton Grove  
Ford Grove  
John Kennedy Road  
John Kennedy Gardens

'Love your neighbour  
as yourself'



Lord, Thou knowest  
how busy I must be this  
day. If I forget Thee, do  
not Thou forget me.

*Sir Jacob Astley's prayer  
before the battle of Edgehill  
1642.*

(Contributed by Betty Gadd)

### Prayer Requests

Our regular prayer group's next fortnightly 'virtual' meetings are 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of September 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](mailto:prayer-group@mottramparish.org.uk) or to Tony Kershaw by email, Whatsapp, phone, text or Messenger.

[tonykershaw@mottramparish.org.uk](mailto: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.*

### A prayer for CHRISTIAN STUDENTS AND STAFF

*'You are the light of the world ... let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.'*

**Matthew 5:14-16 (NLT)**

Dear Jesus, please inspire and equip those in our schools who love You to be faithful, loving, bold and wise ambassadors for the gospel, through their words and lives wherever they are.

**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](mailto:mandpbrown@protonmail.com)

**Deadline for the October issue is Tuesday 26 September.**

The magazine should be in church and online by Sunday 1 October.



### HARVEST FESTIVAL

**Sunday 17th September**

**Please bring your  
gifts of toiletries  
and non-  
perishable food  
on the day**



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



## NOTICES (CONTINUED)

### Walking with the Walkers

**Saturday, 16 September**

**Meet 10:00am at the Church gates.**

**An easy walk around Ladybower Reservoir**

**Led by Joan Walker- 01457 763292**

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**

Join us at one of our favourite local hostelryes.  
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 3 September 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.



## Church Services (1)



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

**Sunday 3 Sept.**

**Trinity 13**

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Worship for All

**Sunday 10 Sept.**

**Trinity 14**

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Worship for All with Communion

**Sunday 17 Sept.**

**Harvest Festival**

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Worship for All with  
Harvest service.

**Sunday 24 Sept.**

**Trinity 16**

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Worship for All with Communion

**Sunday 1 Oct.**

**Trinity 17**

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Pet Service

*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.





## High Days & Holy Days

**24<sup>th</sup> September**

**St Gerard Sagredo - teacher and missionary**

How little some things change down the centuries - take the life of Gerard Sagredo. He left his 'comfort zone' of home and church because he felt God's calling on his life. He travelled abroad and taught in order to earn his living in a non-Christian country. In his spare time he shared his faith with the people he met, and gradually some were converted. Soon he had 'planted' a little church.

Gerard's life sounds like that of a Christian missionary in parts of the world today. In fact, he was an 11<sup>th</sup> century monk from Venice. He was the prior of San Giorgio Maggiore, but gave up security in order to attempt a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. But God stopped Gerard when he reached Hungary, for King Stephen not only welcomed him, but pressed him to become tutor to his son.

Gerard agreed, and soon he had converted a group of people around him. In those days monks didn't just plant churches - they planted entire 'sees' of the church, and so the see of Csanad was established, with Gerard as its first bishop.

But the problems of then and now seem surprisingly similar. Gerard Sagredo faced growing hostility from local people of other faiths, and half-hearted commitment from some of his own converts. Nearly 1,000 years later, Christian missionaries all over the world are still facing the same two struggles.

Sadly, the next bit of the story is also all too familiar: King Stephen died, and the new people in power hated Christians. In 1038 persecution began. In 1046 Gerard was attacked in the street, and stoned. A lance was thrust through him and his body was hurled into the Danube.

The non-Christians killed Gerard that day, but they did not kill Christianity. In the years to come many thousands of Christians would die, yet the church grew. Meanwhile, Venice paid homage to her first ever martyr by transferring some of his relics back to the island of Murano in 1333.



## ANOTHER NOTICE

**FREE TO EXPLORE**

heritage open days

[www.mottramparish.org.uk](http://www.mottramparish.org.uk)

**MOTTRAM PARISH CHURCH**

**Heritage Open Day  
and Garden Party**

**Saturday 9th September 2023**  
**12pm - 4pm**

**Church Open to Visitors**

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## THE FLOWER ROTA

July 2nd 4th Trinity	July 9th 5th Trinity	July 16th 6th Trinity	July 23rd 7th Trinity	July 30th 8th Trinity
August 6th 9th Trinity	August 13th 10th Trinity	August 20th 11th Trinity	August 27th 12th Trinity	September 3rd 13th Trinity
September 10th 14th Trinity	September 17th 15th Trinity	September 24th 16th Trinity	October 1st 17th Trinity	October 8th 18th Trinity
October 15th 19th Trinity	October 22nd 20th Trinity	October 29th 21st Trinity	November 5th 22nd Trinity	November 12th 23rd Trinity
November 19th 24th Trinity	November 26th 25th Trinity	December 3rd 26th Trinity	December 10th 27th Trinity	December 17th 28th Trinity
December 24th 29th Trinity	December 31st 30th Trinity	January 7th 31st Trinity	January 14th 1st Trinity	January 21st 2nd Trinity

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.

## Church News - (3)



Saturday  
9th  
September

### HERITAGE OPEN DAY AND GARDEN PARTY

Can you contribute Books, Bottles, Cakes?

Speak to Chris Kershaw, Catherine Rogerson,  
Joan Walker, Jean Cox or Kate Best.

**Monday 18th September**

**Soul Sisters Canal Boat cruise**

Cruise on the canal boat "New Horizons",  
meeting at Marple Locks for a 1pm departure.

Bring a packed lunch. Free tea and coffee.

See Joyce for more details.



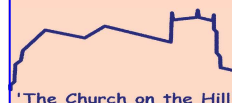
Our weekly 'Drop in' afternoon at  
Mottram Community Centre.

Every Wednesday 2pm-4.30pm

Starts again on Wednesday 13 September

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.





## Church News - (2)

Thank you for sponsoring Barry Edwards  
on the Young Carers Big Walk



Last chance to  
hand in your  
money is this  
week.



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.

### Quote of the month

I love the story of a priest in Starbucks giving as a name for  
his coffee order, 'The Lord be with you'. When the coffee was  
ready this was shouted out, and many people in the café  
replied 'And also with you'.

*Graham Kings, Hon. Assistant Bishop, Ely Diocese – quoted in The  
Church Times.*

## MORE NOTICES

### Baby and Toddler Group



**Mondays**

during term time

**10.00 am to 11.30 am**

**at**

**Mottram Community Centre**

**Church Brow**



**For more information ring Pat on  
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**Tinned  
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**Cakes,**

**Crisps**

**Cereal biscuits**

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to church and  
leave them in  
the box near  
the door or  
leave them in  
the box at  
Tesco's,  
Hattersley.**

**9.30 to 11.30am**

**Almost every Friday**

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

## AND TWO MORE NOTICES

### 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 starting 13 September**

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

### Sunday 1 October 10.30am Pet Service



St Michael's Church invites you to their Pet Service. Your pet will receive their very own blessing card. Refreshments for pets will be available.

A pet free zone will be available for less keen humans.

Please ensure that your pet travels to and from church comfortably and safely.

## Church News - (1)

### Announcement

#### DOROTHY ELIZABETH SEABORN

The family would like to thank everyone connected with our church for their kind expressions of sympathy following our mum's passing. Special thanks to Rev Cait for leading a lovely service and to John (organist) and Kevin (verger). And thanks to friends in the congregation for joining us in church to say farewell to our wonderful mum.

From Brian and the Seaborn family.

### 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.

### Intercession training

Interested in leading prayers in church, or praying with people after the service?

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>  
September at 6.30pm

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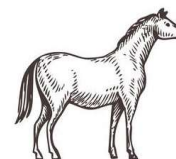
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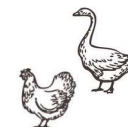
*An independent family-run  
Shoe Shop*  
**Market Avenue  
Ashton-under-Lyne**

*Adverts for items which are  
being offered free, or in  
exchange for a donation to  
church funds, should be sent to  
the editor - tel. 01457 865273  
or email  
[mandpbrown@protonmail.com](mailto:mandpbrown@protonmail.com)  
There is no charge for these.*



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Tel. 0161 368 3722



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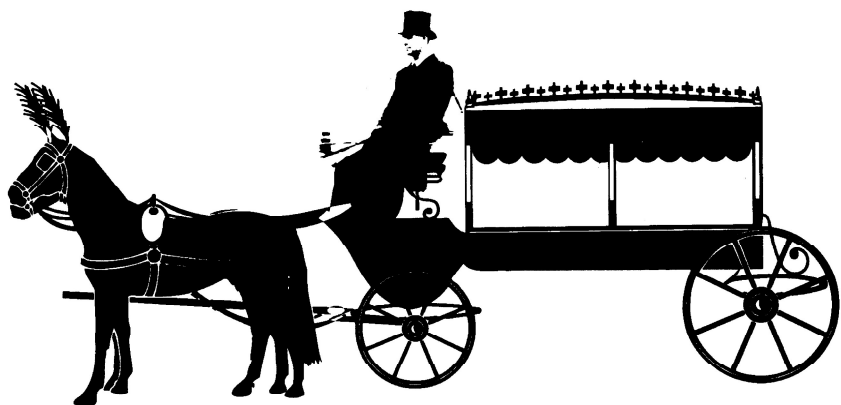
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