

Mottram Parish Magazine



Remembrance Sunday

12th
November

When you go home,
tell them of us, and say
‘For your to-morrows
these gave
their to-day’

(The Kohima Epitaph)

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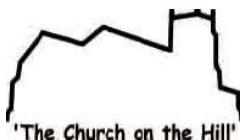


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OUR MAIN SUNDAY WORSHIP IS AT 10.30am (see p 11)

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A Letter From Rev. Cait

Rev Cait's last service at St Michael's will be Sunday 26 November.

Please see Church News (1) on page 9



Reuben came home with some RE homework. He had to ask three different people what they believed in, why, and what had influenced their beliefs.

Why did I believe what I believe in?

I began with the Anglican party line – Scripture, Tradition, Reason. I added Experience, as a nod to

my Methodist education, but then I began to write:

'I have studied both sciences and arts and, whilst I think the sciences have a lot right, there is always room for more discovery. Science still cannot explain the soul, or spiritual connection between beings. I find it hard to believe that we are nothing but a collection of atoms. There are so many things that only the spiritual can explain.

Mostly, I believe that God is love and that we each contain a piece of God's love. I refuse to believe that the love I feel for my children is just a response to chemical reactions and synapses firing and misfiring. I have worked with people who are broken hearted, and no amount of science can explain why they would feel such pain for so long if it is just a physical response – it is illogical.

Without there being more to life there is no reason for law and no morality. Please don't get me wrong, I am not saying that those without a faith have no morality, but to say there is nothing other than the physical existence; no spiritual reason for love, no soul, for me, negates morality; what would be the point? Why would we care if someone was hurt; why care about the people who were killed by the Hamas attack at the music festival or those killed by the response? Why cry when we watch something on the TV, even to the extent of crying when watching an animated story (did anyone cry whilst watching Bambi, Watership Down or UP)?

In the book of Daniel; Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to worship an idol because they would prefer to die than to live in a world where they turned their back on God. The chronicles of Narnia retell this story, with Puddleglum saying he would rather not live in a world where Aslan does not exist.

Continued overleaf

A Letter From Rev. Cait *(continued)*

Without the love of God within us, we can excuse any behaviour we like. We can move our objective from our calling from God to love one another and focus on the minutiae of our own desires. We can march up to people and bark our own demands or accusations without concern for how that affects the rest of their day, the work they will do or the people they will be with. We can increase someone else's struggles by off-loading any frustrations or responsibility onto them, we can reject others because their image, or way of life makes us uncomfortable, we can reject understanding of others' needs, we can rationalise war and greed and destruction; but to do so requires turning our backs on the love that God has placed within us.

Sadly, sometimes turning away from love for particular others is needed, but as created beings, we need to return to God's love regularly; to check in with God and to ask what next? That's where continued prayer comes in.

For all the things that we strive for in life, love is the ultimate – to be loved by family, friends, a special person, and for some the love of God is the ultimate. Yet God's love is unconditional and does not rely on anything from us. When we strive for that love, we are striving to increase the love within us; our love for God; our desire to be more like God.

I believe because I have felt that love and I cannot explain it through chemicals and electrics of the body. For me that is faith, and my faith is characterised by the belief that God sent His only Son to live among us, to experience the human condition of love and pain and to die upon the cross, absolving our wrong thoughts and actions and bringing us closer in relationship to God.'

And you thought I would be talking about my upcoming departure from Mottram Church. Well, I firmly believe that God's love is here. I am told that vicars often try to tell churches what to look for in their next vicar. I am not going to do that. I am going to ask you to look to yourselves; to look for God's love in your lives; for the things that cannot be explained by science or money; for what matters to you, as a collective body of the church in this place; where you wish for that body to go and to be. Once you have the answer, pray to God, placing that love in your hearts and at the forefront of everything you do.

May God's love bless you.

Cait

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 December issue is Tuesday 28 November.

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

CONTROL

A live theatre piece, highlighting the issue of coercive control in a faith context. Designed to help the church and other professional bodies identify warning signs, consider biases and assumptions, and provide signposting for professional support.

**BECAUSE ABUSE HAPPENS
IN CHURCHES TOO**

The performance will last approximately one hour,
followed by time for discussion

Due to its content, this event is not suitable for the under 16s.

**The Magdalene Centre, Mottram Road
Broadbottom, SK14 6BB**

PRESS RED
Turn the silence off



**8th November 7.30pm
Free Admission**

NOTICES (CONTINUED)

Walking with the Walkers

Saturday 11 November

Meet 10:00am at the Church gates.

Werneth Low (with act of remembrance at the cenotaph)

Led by Tony - 07729 866803

Please come prepared for all weathers with appropriate clothing, suitable footwear, and 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
Wednesday 15 November
from 8pm**

Join us at one of our favourite local hostelrys. 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 19 November 10.00am at the church gates.**

Please let Christine Brandreth know nearer the time if you are going to bring any: ring 01457 238268.

MORE NOTICES

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

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.



Once again it's Shoe Box Time!



Let's fill as many shoe boxes as possible to bring joy and wonder to a child who otherwise would not receive a gift this Christmas.

Last date for your boxes is Sunday 12th November.

Thank you so much on behalf of the children who will receive your shoe box not only full of goodies but filled with God's love.

Margaret Taylor.

The church website is at <https://www.mottramparish.org.uk>

Altar flower rota November - December 2023

THE FLOWER ROTA



July 2nd 4th Trinity	July 9th 5th Trinity Anonymous	July 16th 6th Trinity Kath Higgins	July 23rd 7th Trinity Beth Kohn	July 30th 8th Trinity
August 6th 9th Trinity Betty Goss	August 13th 10th Trinity	August 20th 11th Trinity Alison & Shirley Greenley	August 27th 12th Trinity Dorothy Higgins	
September 3rd 13th Trinity	September 10th 14th Trinity Sue Joy	September 17th 15th Trinity Monica Powell	September 24th 16th Trinity	
October 1st 17th Trinity Dorothy Greenley	October 8th 18th Trinity Sue Joy	October 15th 19th Trinity Margaret Jeff	October 22nd 20th Trinity Sue Williams	October 29th 21st Trinity
November 5th 22nd Trinity	November 12th Remembrance Kath Higgins	November 19th 23rd Trinity	November 26th Christ the King BIBBY	
December 3rd Advent No Flowers	December 10th 2nd Advent No Flowers	December 17th 3rd Advent No Flowers	December 24th 4th Advent Post After Christmas	December 31st

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.

AND 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
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the box near the
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them in the box
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LAST NOTICES (FOR NOW)



WILLOW WOOD HOSPICE

Willow Wood is delighted to announce that Ellie Leach has become the Hospice's youngest ever patron. The 22-year-old actress is already a Friend of Willow Wood, where her Grandad passed away.

Ellie will be familiar to the many fans of ITV's 'Coronation Street' after starring as Faye Windass for 12 years.

She has connections to Tameside, where the Hospice is based, as she was born in Audenshaw and is a former pupil of Fairfield High School in Droylsden.

Ellie can be seen on our TV screens every Saturday night in 'Strictly Come Dancing' on the BBC, alongside her professional dance partner Vito Coppola.

Ellie said: "I am honoured to become a patron for Willow Wood. I am in awe of the work that the Hospice does."



People can support the hospice by making donations, organising or supporting fundraising events, donating or buying goods in Willow Wood shops, joining the weekly lottery or volunteering. To find out more, visit www.willowwood.org.uk or contact Willow Wood on 0161 330 1100.

The Friends of Mottram Church

raise funds for the preservation and upkeep of the building.

Its members do not have to be churchgoers or even Christians, but often have a link to the church or simply a love of this incredible old building.



Do take a leaflet from the back of church or speak to Chris Kershaw.



Brenda's Mini Jam Jars

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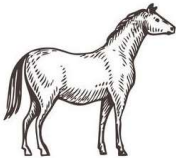
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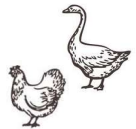
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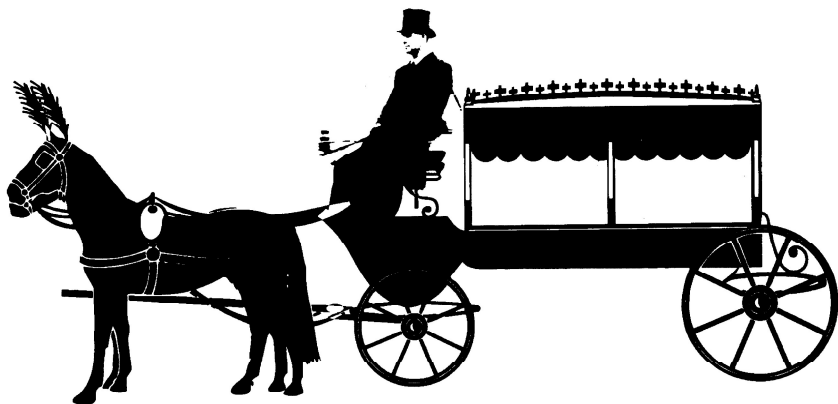
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Church News - (1)

We are very sad to pass on this announcement by Rev Cait, made on Sunday 1st October at our morning services:

I have some news to share with you.

I have been offered the post of chaplain at Oldham Royal hospital and will be leaving Mottram just before Christmas.

I have always felt called to chaplaincy work at some time in my ministry and this opportunity has arisen, and it will also enable me to do further research and study.

Eli, Reuben and I would like to thank all of you who have welcomed and supported us over the last 3 years. It has been an exciting journey and we did not expect to be moving on so soon, but when this opportunity came up, I felt God's call to it and feel that I can offer myself to God in this very specific way; to help people in extreme times of sadness, of uncertainty and questioning.

We will be with you all for the next couple of months, but for now we wish you all many blessings here at Mottram Church.

Cait.



Mottram Schoolchildren "Skip to Help"

In May this year Mottram schoolchildren took part in a sponsored skip, raising £600 towards the purchase of a defibrillator for Mottram Parish Church.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

In September Mottram School staff and children organised a MacMillan Coffee Morning and raised over £260 for the charity.

Well done and thank you to everyone at Mottram School!



Alpha Course

Wednesdays 7.30pm

**At Saint Barnabas, Hattersley,
Hattersley Rd East, Hattersley, Hyde, SK14 3EQ**

Explore the Christian faith in an informal, relaxed, environment. We'll eat some food, watch a video, then you can say what you like about it!

If you think it's not for you, that's fine, you don't have to come back and we won't follow you up.

Alpha is a 7 week course.

Everyone welcome.



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

Every Wednesday 2pm - 4.30pm.

Could you spare just one afternoon a month to help serve tea and cake and welcome visitors?

If you can, please sign up on the list at the back of church.

Do you know someone who might appreciate a couple of hours with a hot drink, some simple food and friendly company in a warm building during the cold winter months?

Let them know, or bring them along.

Quote of the month

When I was in a dark cell for most of the time, a little beam of light would sometimes come through the shutters and illuminate the room. I would say to myself, "Light is stronger than darkness, I must always keep hoping".

Terry Waite



CHRISTMAS — FAIR —

**Mottram
Community
Centre
Saturday
18 November
11am - 4pm**

Free Admission

Refreshments

Craft Stall

Preserves

Jewellery

Home-made Cakes

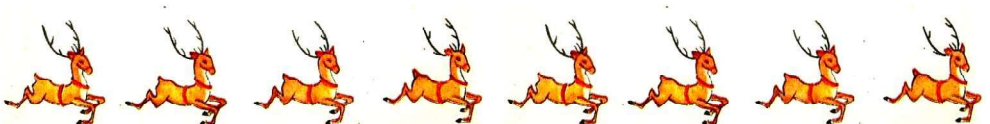
Name the Teddy

Cosmetics

Fragrances

Bottle Tombola

Raffle



News from the C of E



A new Christmas carol for the Church of England

The C of E is inviting choirs in churches, schools and communities to 'join the song' alongside one of the UK's leading choral composers.

The 'song' is a new interpretation of 'The First Nowell.' It has been given a brand-new melody by well-known composer Bob Chilcott and is the centrepiece of this year's Church of England Christmas focus: ***Follow The Star: Join The Song.***

Bob Chilcott's pieces include *Can you hear me?*, *A Little Jazz Mass*, and the *St John Passion*. His music has been recorded by The King's Singers, The Sixteen, Tenebrae and The BBC Singers, among others.

"It's been an absolute thrill for me to be able to write new music for this famous carol and to be part of 'Follow the Star' Bob Chilcott said.

"I have aimed to make the melody easy to pick up and I hope all will enjoy singing it, at a time of year when the joy of singing is so central to worship and to the celebration of Christmas."

The carol is published by Oxford University Press and features as part of OUP's new edition of the favourite series, *Carols for Choirs* (6).

More information can be found at;

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/accounts/login/?next=/hub/asset/first-nowell-resources/>

(New users need to set up a free account, which is a quick and easy process)

New Remembrance poppy introduced by the Royal British Legion.

For the first time in 28 years, there is a new kind of poppy for Remembrance Sunday - it is plastic free.

The new poppy has been three years in the development and making. The aim was to reduce the use of single-use plastic and to "be economical, sustainable, and less impactful to the environment."



The poppy is made from a blend of renewable fibres, 50% of which has been recovered from waste used in the production of coffee cups.

The plastic-free poppy will be available alongside remaining stocks of the current poppy, to reduce any waste of poppies already produced. Single-use-plastic poppies can be returned to Sainsbury's for recycling.



Church Services (1)



All these services are at St Michael's, Mottram

Sunday 5 Nov.

All Saints

9.15am Early Communion
10.30am Worship for all
with Holy Communion.

Sunday 12 Nov.

Remembrance Sunday

9.15am Early Communion
10.30am Worship for all
with Holy Communion.

Sunday 19 Nov.

2nd before Advent

9.15am Early Communion
10.30am Worship for all with
visiting speaker from Compassion UK

Sunday 26 Nov.

Christ the King

9.15am Early Communion
10.30am Worship for all
with Holy Communion.

Sunday 3 Dec.

Advent

9.15am Early Communion
10.30am Worship for all
with Holy Communion

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



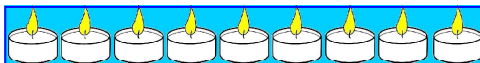
St Barnabas, Hattersley

Every Wednesday 10.30am

Holy Communion - a joint service with our
friends and neighbours at St Barnabas Church,
Hattersley Road East, Hattersley, SK14 3EQ.



Let's Pray



Parish Prayer Rota November 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.

'Love your neighbour as yourself'

Stringer Close

Stringer Way

Chain Bar Lane

Chain Bar Way

Ashworth Lane

Day Grove

Abbey Gardens

Longdale Gardens

Gray Close

Pearl Way



Prayer Requests

Our regular prayer group's next fortnightly 'virtual' meetings are 13th and 27th of November 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 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



Lord, have mercy
on those who mourn
who feel numb and crushed
and are filled with the pain
of grief,

whose strength has given up
You know all our sighing
and longings:

be near to us and teach us to
fix our hope on you
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Amen.

Restless with grief and fear,
the abandoned turn to you:
in every hour of trial,
good Lord, deliver us,
O God most holy, God most strong,
whose wisdom is the cross of Christ.
Amen.

Registers and Records

Flying The Flag



Monday
16 October 2023
**In loving memory of
Ann Whitehead**

Thursday
26 October 2023
**In loving memory of
Peter Sanson**

Thursday
9 November 2023
**Birthday memories of
Ann Whitehead**

The flag can be flown for
your own special occasion
such as an anniversary,
birthday, graduation, or in
memory of a loved one.

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towards church funds.

Contact Tony on
01457 765350 or email
flag@mottramparish.org.uk

Contacts for arranging
baptisms, thanksgivings,
weddings, blessings and
funerals can be found in-
side the front cover.

Baptisms

Sunday
22 October 2023

**Chancley Thomas
Walker**

Sienna Louisa Hamlett



Funerals and Interments of ashes



Thursday
26 October 2023
Peter Sanson

Wednesday
1 November
David Woolstencroft

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

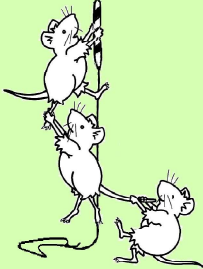


Not to be taken seriously...



'I think our rhythm is going to improve dramatically tonight'

Cartoon - Barrow Bells
(Kevin Mayfield - Branch Training Officer)



**Ringers
Wanted!**



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Arundale Primary School

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admin@arundale.tameside.sch.uk

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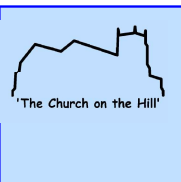
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The Collection Basket

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 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**

