



If aught thou hast to give or lend
This ancient Parish Church befriend;
If poor but still in spirit willing
Out with thy purse and give a shilling.
But if its depths should be profound
Thank thy God and give a pound.
Look not for record to be given
But trust for thy receipt in heaven.

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**St. Michael & All Angels
Mottram Parish Church**

Newsletter

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Dear Member

I hope this finds you well. I would like to start by sending good wishes to two of our committee members, Ian and David, who are not too well at the moment, and say a big thank you to Jacky, Kate and Jean for stepping into the breach, and to Catherine for her continued service.

In the last newsletter, we talked about the pledge made by The Friends towards the Big Plan for St. Michael's, including the new churchyard path. We donated £25,000 and I'm pleased to say that work on the path will hopefully be finished by the time you read this! The path will have a level, non-slip, water permeable surface, with a circular 'gathering area' in front of the porch, and low level lights along its length. There will be a bench dedicated to The Friends, and a memorial stone to our friend Rev. Dr. Richard Hills. There will also be a complete renovation of the noticeboard at the church gates. Rev Cait will be leading a dedication service when all this work is complete.



This year will see the installation of a new heating system, and repair to the bellframe, which entails removal to the factory for about three months. All this is expected to commence in May, and will of course mean some

upheaval to life inside the building.

We have two confirmed events for this year. Saturday 20th May will see the welcome return to church of The Lawrence Singers, who gave us such a lovely evening a few years ago. Kate, our intrepid quiz master has also agreed to host another quiz in September. Other events will depend on the timing and progress of the work in church; please keep an eye on www.mottramparish.org.uk and look out for posters and press releases.

For our annual members, a subscription renewal letter is enclosed. Your support means a great deal, and enables The Friends to continue to provide funds for special repairs, maintenance and improvements to the fabric and furnishings of the church building.

Thank you once again for your continued support, and we wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Chris Kershaw