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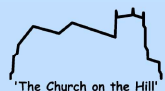
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Although we do not have a collection during the service, please remember that we rely on faithful giving to fund our mission in Mottram Parish.



The Collection Basket

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.



*Two easy ways to give,  
after the service:*

Our new 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



# Happy New Year !



Photo - Louise Britton

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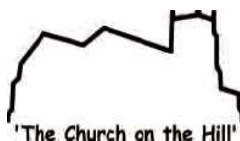
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[www.mottramparish.org.uk](http://www.mottramparish.org.uk)

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

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**Ian Roebuck** 01457 763179

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01457 764423

### **Broadbottom Brownies**

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**Broadbottom & Mottram  
Beavers, Cubs and Scouts**  
07912 387358

### **Longdendale Women's Institute**

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### **The Magdalene Centre**

**Broadbottom**  
- see adverts.



**Tameside South & Longdendale Foodbank**

*Here in the hard times*

Hattersley Baptist Church  
Melandra Crescent  
Hattersley SK14 3RB  
Tel. 07901 786905  
<https://tamesidesouthlongdendale.foodbank.org.uk/>

**ETHEROW CENTRE  
BROADBOTTOM**

*Providing sport and leisure activities  
for people with disabilities.  
Hire our large indoor arena.*

**Contact Claire Bibby  
01457 763758**

## MOTTRAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Church Brow, Mottram

- Two large halls and stage • kitchen
  - soft outdoor play area
- children's parties,  
meetings, etc.

Contact Janis Bond on  
01457 763504



## BROADBOTTOM COMMUNITY CENTRE



Need to find a venue for an  
event, a party or a regular  
group activity?

Contact Mandy Pluck on 07967567420  
Email Mandy.pluck@hotmail.co.uk

Website: [www.broadbottomvillage.com](http://www.broadbottomvillage.com)



*Claude's New Year resolution was to try a more eco-friendly means of getting to his villa in Corfu.*



### Millions of people in touch with church community action amid cost-of-living crisis.

Polling by Savanta ComRes for the Church of England shows that nearly half the population reports having been in contact with their local church – at 46% - with the most popular reasons for doing so being attending weddings, baptisms, and funerals (50%) worship and services (42%) and carol services (39%).

The figures also show that 13.7% of all UK adults (over 7 million) have been in touch with their local church through services such as parent and toddler groups, lunch clubs and food banks.

The findings come after C of E statistics from 2019 show its churches running or supporting 35,000 social action projects.

This includes 8,000 food banks and more than 4,000 parent/carers toddler groups. More than 5,000 churches run or support lunch clubs, coffee mornings or similar hospitality for older people.

The Bishop of Durham, Paul Butler, who speaks for the bishops in the House of Lords on welfare issues, said: "These figures show the extent to which the Church of England is providing not just spiritual and pastoral support, but practical help to communities throughout the country.

"Jesus' commandment to love your neighbour as yourself is evident in the care and service provided by churches in so many ways.

"The biggest source of practical support provided by the Church of England currently is through running or supporting around 8,000 food banks and many of our churches are now opening up as 'warm spaces' through the 'Warm Welcome' campaign, as people struggle to pay their energy bills.

"Sadly, we anticipate that these services will come under increasing pressure this winter."





## A Letter from the Editor



First of all, a big thank you to all contributors, deliverers, sponsors, subscribers and everyone who has supported the magazine during the last two difficult years.

The magazine is on sale each month in church, price 70p.

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Send to Polly Brown, 33 Lee Vale Drive, Charlesworth, Glossop SK13 5HD. Please write your house number (or initial if it doesn't have a number) and postcode on the back of the cheque.

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## Registers and Records

### Flying The Flag



Saturday 21 January 2023

**Happy Birthday to Charles Bryant**



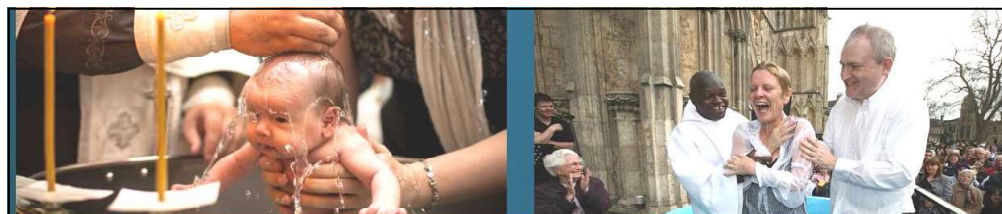
*St Michael's flag is flown for church festivals, community events, and special occasions.*

*The flag can also be dedicated to your own special occasion such as an anniversary, birthday, graduation, or in memory of a loved one.*

*The dedication is recorded in the Parish magazine and in the flag diary on 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)*



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



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

## Let's Pray



### **Parish Prayer Rota** **January 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*

Valley Road  
Valley Gardens  
Bardsley Gate Avenue  
Blundering Lane  
Matley Lane  
Hill View  
Kinder Fold  
The Mall  
Matley Park Lane  
Mottram Road



Bless to me, O God, my body and my soul;  
Bless to me, O God, belief, condition whole;  
Bless to me, O God, my heart, my speaking too,  
And bless to me, O God, the things my hands do;  
And, O God of virtues, thine own way be blest,  
Till at the close of day I lie down to rest.

*From an ancient Celtic prayer*

### **Prayer Requests**

Our regular prayer group's next fortnightly 'virtual' meetings are 16th and 30th of January.

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.

You can also ask for prayer in complete confidence. Send your request 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.*

### **Seeking God**

I said "I will find God," and forth I went  
To seek Him in the clearness of the sky,  
But over me stood unendurably  
Only a pitiless, sapphire firmament  
Ringing the world, - blank splendour;  
Yet intent  
Still to find God, "I will go and seek,"  
said I,  
"His way upon the waters," and drew nigh  
An ocean marge weed-strewn and  
foam-besprent;  
And the waves dashed on idle sand and  
stone,  
And very vacant was the long, blue sea;  
But in the evening as I sat alone,  
My window open to the vanishing day,  
Dear God! I could not choose but kneel and  
pray  
And it sufficed that I was found of Thee.

*Edward Dowden*

## NOTICE BOARD

### **Community Groups and Charities**

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

Contact the magazine editor - details inside the front cover.

**Deadline for the February issue is Monday 30 January.**

The magazine should be in church and online by Sunday 5 February.



### **Children's Society collecting boxes**

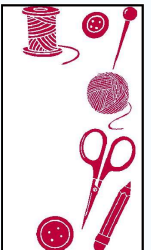


Please bring yours  
into church soon,  
to have it emptied.

## Mottram Craft Group



**Now meets every fortnight  
at Mottram Community Centre  
Church Brow  
Whatever craft you do,  
you're welcome.  
Wednesdays 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> January  
2-4pm**





## NOTICES (CONTINUED)

### Walking with the Walkers

**Saturday 28 January**

**Meet 10.30am at the Church gates**

**Hobson Moor**

**A moderate 4 mile walk led by Bill & Joyce**

(Tel. Bill 07544144344)

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.

### A Place of Welcome

**A weekly 'Drop in' afternoon at  
Mottram Community Centre, Church Brow**



**Where people can come in for a couple of hours to a warm building, and share a hot drink and some simple food during the cold winter months.**

**Wednesdays 2:00-4:30pm**

**All welcome - no charge, and no booking necessary.**

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

**More about St Michael and All Angels Church and Broadbottom Magdalene Centre can be found on the parish website at [www.mottramparish.org.uk](http://www.mottramparish.org.uk)**

## God in the Arts



### The Journey of the Magi

By James Tissot 19th century

(Credit - Wikimedia - The William Hood Dunwoody Fund)

Tissot's reputation has so firmly come to rest on the artist's depictions of the stylish leisured class of the late-nineteenth century that the religious works of his late career - illustrations of the life of Christ - are little known. However, at the turn of the century, these biblical images were considered his greatest achievement due, on one hand, to the popularity of images from the Near East and, on the other hand, to the sense of immediacy Tissot gave to an age-old tale through uncompromising attention to detail.

The Journey of the Magi was created after the second of three trips that the artist made to Palestine between 1886 and 1896 to gather sketches and photographs of the people, costumes, topography, and light of the region.



## Church Services (1)



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

**Sunday 1 Jan.**

8.30am  
1030am

**New Year's Day 2023**

Early Communion  
Worship for All

**Sunday 8 Jan.**

8.30am  
1030am

**Epiphany**

Early Communion  
Worship for All  
with Communion and Prayer Ministry

**Sunday 15 Jan.**

8.30am  
1030am

**Epiphany 2**

Early Communion  
Worship for All

**Sunday 22 Jan.**

8.30am  
1030am

**Epiphany 3**

Early Communion  
Worship for All with Communion

**Sunday 29 Jan.**

8.30am  
1030am

**Candlemas,  
Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

Early Communion  
Worship for All with Communion

**Sunday 5 Feb.**

8.30am  
1030am

**5th Sunday before Lent**

Early Communion  
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.



## VOLUNTEER DRIVER WANTED FOR FOOD BANK

### Volunteer Role Profile



Volunteer Role

**Food bank driver**

Volunteer Manager

**Food bank project manager**

Where you will be based

**Community**

### Why we want you

Food banks provide three-day emergency food parcels for people in crisis, working in partnership with organisations across the community. Drivers play a fundamental role in the running of the food bank, collecting food donations from a variety of locations across the local area as well as distributing the sorted donations from the warehouse to the local food bank centres.

### What you will be doing

- Collecting food donations from collection points such as supermarkets, schools and churches around the local area
- Delivering food donations to the warehouse
- Transporting sorted food from the warehouse to the local foodbank centre
- Carrying heavy boxes of canned foods
- Regular loading and unloading of vehicles
- Regular driving across the local area

### The skills you need

- Clean driving licence
- Physically strong
- Confident driver
- Adaptable and flexible
- Personable and committed
- You will need to comply with the Driving policy of the food bank

### What's in it for you?

- A chance to meet new people
- Contribute to your local community
- Build your confidence and feel a sense of purpose

**Apply to Moira Wallis**

**Tameside South and Longdendale Foodbank**

**Hattersley Baptist Church, Melandra Crescent, Hattersley, SK14 3RB**

**m: 07901 786905**

*(We pay expenses)*



## MORE NOTICES

### One Pot At A Time

is a Tameside initiative for families struggling with the current 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.....

cfm@mottramparish.org.uk

07721419866



**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  
[www.mottramparish.org.uk/intouch/contact/pat](http://www.mottramparish.org.uk/intouch/contact/pat)  
 Or just turn up on the day!  
**Starts again Monday 9 January.**



**BRENDA'S MINI-JAR COLLECTION**  
**FOR CHURCH FUNDS**

Had raised over £800 by the end of 2022.  
 Well done Brenda and all contributors!  
 (Keep that small change coming.)

**Any spare change welcome. Your jar can go in the collection basket.**

## Church News - (3)

### WALKING WITH THE WALKERS

A new walking year started with a walk around Crowden on New Year's Day. Eleven of us walked and had a lovely couple of hours together.

A new walking year and a new charity to support. This year 2023 we will collect our £1 per walker for WILLOW WOOD HOSPICE. So please do join us for a companionable walk together whilst supporting a well worth charity.

**Our next walk is scheduled for 28/1/23 - a moderate 4 mile walk around Hobson Moor. Meet at the church gates at 10.30 am. See Notices Page 4.**

Our charity for 2022 was GLOSSOP MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM. I'm pleased to report that I delivered a cheque to the charity on 4 January 2023 amounting to £100.



Thank you so much for your company and generosity.

In February we are planning a moderate 5 mile walk from Woolley to Reddish.  
 25/2/23 Meet at the church gates at 10.30am.

How can I  
 Serve?



**Would you like to  
 join a new Social  
 Committee?**



**Please speak to  
 Chris Kneen.**



## Church News - (2)



### Many hands made light work

Well done to Cap'n Bob and Team Chandelier! And it looked even more spectacular with all those candles alight for the Nine Lessons and Carols on the 11th of December.

The carols began in traditional style with 'Once in Royal David's City' - the first verse sung unaccompanied by three enchanting little choristers from Mottram C of E primary school.

The robed choir was ably supported by a 'pop-up choir' in civvies who had rehearsed for several hours that afternoon. This was such a success that there is to be another fabulous sing-a-long at our 'Pop Up Choir' on 5th February for our 'Music Sunday'

Please join us. Come and tell us your favourite hymn and what it means to you. ALL ages welcome!  
The time is yet to be confirmed.

For more info visit our Facebook 'Mottram Parish' page, check the announcements in church, sign up for E-news or speak to Rev Cait or Louise Britton.

On the 11th of December the younger members of the church took over for a lively nativity, complete with a very well-behaved donkey. Sound effects were amplified by the congregation. It has to be admitted that the grown-ups were a bit shy at first, but once we got the hang of it we joined in with gusto as shepherds jostled kings, kings trod on shepherd's feet and 'baaas' and 'eyeores' added to the atmosphere. Mary ended up with a remarkable collection of gifts, some of them (tinsel and what looked suspiciously like a small plastic turkey) slightly unbiblical. A lovely, funny, engaging service, beautifully done.

**The Christmas Fair at Mottram Community Centre raised over £1,100. Well done everyone, and thanks for all your hard work.**

## AND MORE NOTICES

### 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 22 January  
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.



### Flowers

Our resident artist Ian is in hospital, so there is no sign-up Flower Rota in the church porch at present.

If you would like to dedicate altar flowers in memory of a loved one, or just to make the church look beautiful, please get in touch with Sue Joy or Kath Higgins or email [flowers@mottram.org.uk](mailto:flowers@mottram.org.uk)

And here's hoping for a speedy recovery for Ian.

Artwork by Ian Roebuck

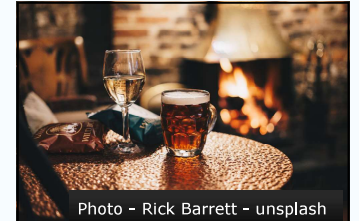
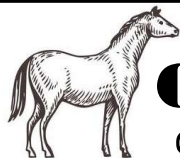


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### Pub Night

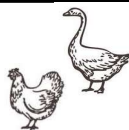
The first pub night of 2023 is/was Friday 6th January, from 8pm at our old favourite the Harewood Arms.

This year, we're planning to visit our other local watering holes - starting with Mottram Cricket Club in February - date to be announced.



## Grange Farm Feeds

On roundabout, end of M67 Mottram  
Tel. 0161 368 3722



For all your animal feeds and supplies from Hamster to Horse!  
Potatoes and new-laid eggs.

Opening times

Mon. 9am-5pm, Tues. Wed. Thur. Fri. 10am-4pm, Sat. 9am-4pm



## Nu-Shu

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

*Small ads for items which are  
being offered free, or in  
exchange for a donation to  
church funds should be sent to  
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*mandpbrown@protonmail.com*

*There is no charge for these.*

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### Longdendale Pre-school

Reg. charity no 1028495 OFSTED reg. no. 312346

**Places available from ages 2 - 4 years**

**Monday - Friday. Term time. 9am - 12pm.**

Mottram Community Centre, Church Brow, SK14 6JJ

#### Telephone

Nursery Mobile 07594640487 (08.30 - 14.00)

Email longdendalepreschool@yahoo.co.uk

## Church News (1)



Work started Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> January, and great progress was made, lifting all the stones of the old path. The groundwork is being carried out by Peak Paving and the new lighting by Foxx Electrical, under the supervision of Charles Bryant (who designed the path) and Tony Kershaw.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, the churchyard crossing may be a little difficult for people with disabilities or baby buggies. Our sidespeople will be there to give a helping hand.

People have asked about the old stones....

Actually, only about half of the stones being removed are actual inscribed gravestones. The best of these will be stored, with a view to using them inside the church, in future plans - for instance, improving the cramped area around the font and war memorial. Some of the gravestones may be too damaged - cracked and flaking - to use in this way, and these will be found a permanent place elsewhere in the churchyard.

None of the gravestones are necessarily above the graves they commemorate - they were moved around and relaid in 1861 when the path was laid. Alongside the path are our two oldest gravestones, dating from the 1600s. These are, we believe, over the actual graves, and they will be kept in place.

The work is being fully funded by the Friends of Mottram Parish Church, and will incorporate a memorial to our dear friend Rev Dr Richard Hills MBE. The Friends are also paying to have the notice board completely renovated - we hope this work will also take place in January.



**ASPINALL WRIGHT**

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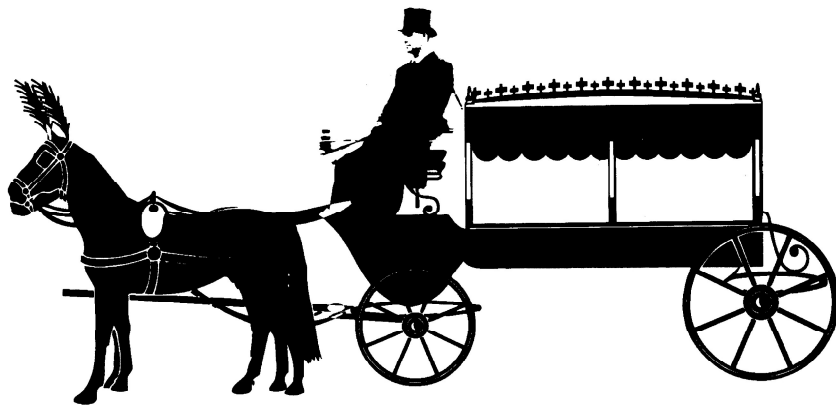
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