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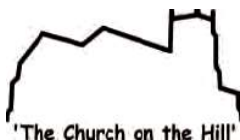
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Rev. Adele Writes

There used to be an advert on TV which said ‘you are not you if you are hungry’ it made me laugh because hungry is a very real thing! As we approach the Christmas season my mouth starts to salivate with the good things that will fill it over the next month.



But I’m also reminded of something Mary, the mother of Jesus, said when an angel visited to tell her she would bear a child from God, ‘he [God] has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.’

There is an element of social justice here in that God chooses the poor to show his greatest power and mercy. This speaks to us spiritually too. If we don’t know we are hungry for Jesus in a dying world, then the news of his coming at Christmas time may simply wash over us.

However, if we recognise our need for him as individuals, as a society and as a world our response may be the same as Mary’s, ‘My soul magnifies the Lord for he has done great things for us.’ This Christmas I invite you to pause for a moment and take stock.

Are you hungry - is there something missing and you know there is more out there? If so then Jesus will indeed be Good News of Great Joy. He has done great things for us – coming as a child with all the power of God in the frailty of a human body, dying on a cross, rising again so that we get to be with God forever and to rid this world of all pain, death and decay. Good News of Great Joy - a saviour has been born!

Each of us has an invitation to come and taste and see for ourselves that we, like Mary, might say, Jesus is Good News of Great Joy – He has done great things for me!

We at St Michael’s wish you a very happy Christmas and extend the warmest (literally as the heating is working!) of welcomes to you for our Christmas services and events. May we be filled with joy this Christmas season as we celebrate the great things Jesus has done for us.

With love and prayers, Rev Adele.

SAFEGUARDING

November was a distressing month for the Church of England, with the publication of the review into the abuse perpetrated by John Smyth and revelation of the way in which this was not tackled by those who should have taken action. The Archbishop of Canterbury rightly took responsibility on behalf of the church and resigned, but there must be questions in many people's minds about whether children, young people and vulnerable adults are safe within a church context.

Here in Mottram Parish, our Safeguarding Policy sets out our undertaking "to **prevent** abuse and **report** any which is discovered or suspected, to **protect** those who work with vulnerable people and to support them in carrying out that work safely, and to **promote** the growth of all within the love and nurture of the church community". This means making sure that people – whether paid or volunteers - have the right background checks, training, support and supervision. But because we know this is not always enough, also ensuring that those in positions of responsibility are vigilant, and curious about how people are behaving.

If you are worried about any aspect of life within our church which you think may be a safeguarding matter, please report that confidentially to the Safeguarding Lead, Claire Bibby, (safemottram@gmail.com) (Tel. 01457 763758). Or you can contact the Chester Diocese Safeguarding Team (details on the front page of our website: <https://mottramparish.org.uk>).

If you have found that discussion about abuse has affected you or raised painful memories, you may find it useful to contact Safe Spaces (<https://safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk>), a free, independent support service for anyone who has suffered abuse within the church.

If you are worried or distressed, don't keep it to yourself. As Bishop Mark said in a very recent letter, "There is no place for cover-up or complicity with abuse in any part of society, least of all in the church".

Rev Adele Bridle, Vicar. Claire Bibby, Safeguarding Lead.

*Good news of great joy a
saviour has been born
Luke 2: 10-11*

Sun 15th Dec **Gingerbread Trail** 12.30pm

9 Lessons and Carols 5pm

Mon 16th Dec **School Carol Concert** 6pm

Sun 22nd Dec **Nativity** 10.30am

Christmas Eve **Christingle** 4pm

Midnight Communion 11.15pm

Christmas Day **Family Communion** 10am

All are invited to come and celebrate with us
at St. Michael's Mottram

Gingerbread Trail



There are 10 gingerbread figures hidden around the village

*Find all 10 and unscramble the letters to claim your gift**

Join in with seasonal craft activities and refreshments along the way!

Sunday 15th December

Start the trail at

*Mottram St Michael and All Angels Church
12.30pm-1.15pm
Refreshments and Angel Making*

Head down the hill to

*Mottram Community Centre
1pm-2.30pm
Make your own Festive Pom Pom garland and card crafts*

Continue along the trail to the final stop at

*Hope Community Church
open till 4pm
Christmas sing-a-long, crafts and refreshments as well as the
Community Nativity Scene*

Participation in the trail and activities is FREE but donations are welcome!

Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult

Maps will be available at all locations along the trail

**Gifts redeemable at Hope Community Church on behalf of Mottram Sprucers*



NOTICEBOARD

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 26 December.

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

Spotlight Meals

Provides hot meals for the homeless in Greater Manchester and for local families in crisis due to loss of income.



**Next collection of frozen meals will be
Sunday January 12th 2025
10am at the church gates.**

If you are going to bring any please ring Christine on 01457 238268.

WALK WITH THE WALKERS

Saturday 7 December 10.00am - 4.00pm

Ladybower - easy 5 miles.

Contact Bob Joy 07546 251709 for more details.

New Year's Day - Saturday 1 January 11.00am

Crowden - Easy 3.5 miles (no stiles)

Contact Bob Joy 07546 251709 for more details.

The walks are open to everyone, not just churchgoers.

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"Mottram is a wonderful school made more fantastic by its truly amazing pupils and staff. We have a real sense of community at the school which helps to create the welcoming and unique atmosphere. We would be delighted if you could join us to see the school in action."

Mr James Malone: Headteacher

"To give every child the best start, we offer a wide range of activities that develop skills across all areas of learning through direct teaching and continuous provision. The classroom is set up to enable children to learn as they play (continuous provision). These areas are changed regularly to engage and support children's learning."

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Miss Taylor: Parent

Mottram C of E School SATs results 2024

Subject	Children achieving the expected standard and above	Children working at greater depth within the expected standard
Reading	100%	42%
Writing	84%	21%
Maths	95%	37%



More Information

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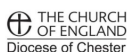
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Altar flower rota to December 2024

Altar Flowers 2024



June 2nd	June 7th	June 14th	June 21st	June 28th
Trinity 1	Trinity 2	Trinity 3	Trinity 4	Trinity 5
July 5th	July 12th	Sunday Church	July 19th	July 26th
Trinity 6	Trinity 7	Trinity 8	Trinity 9	Trinity 10
Ascension - Anthony's Bazaar	Ascension - Anthony's Bazaar	Ascension - Anthony's Bazaar	Ascension - Anthony's Bazaar	Ascension - Anthony's Bazaar
Trinity 10	Trinity 11	Trinity 12	Trinity 13	Trinity 14
September 1st	September 8th	September 15th	September 22nd	September 29th
Trinity 14	Trinity 15	Trinity 16	Trinity 17	Trinity 18
C. Brindley - M. Powell	C. Brindley - M. Powell	C. Brindley - M. Powell	C. Brindley - M. Powell	C. Brindley - M. Powell
October 6th	October 13th	October 20th	October 27th	November 3rd
Trinity 19	Trinity 20	Trinity 21	Trinity 22	Trinity 23
November 10th	November 17th	November 24th	December 1st	December 8th
All Saints	All Saints	All Saints	All Saints	All Saints
December 15th	December 22nd	December 29th	January 5th	January 12th
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If you wish to dedicate altar flowers in memory of a loved one please speak to Sue Joy or email flowers@mottram.org.uk or sign the list in the porch. There is also a collection basket at the back of church if you wish to donate.

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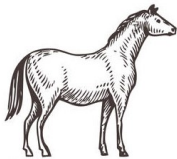


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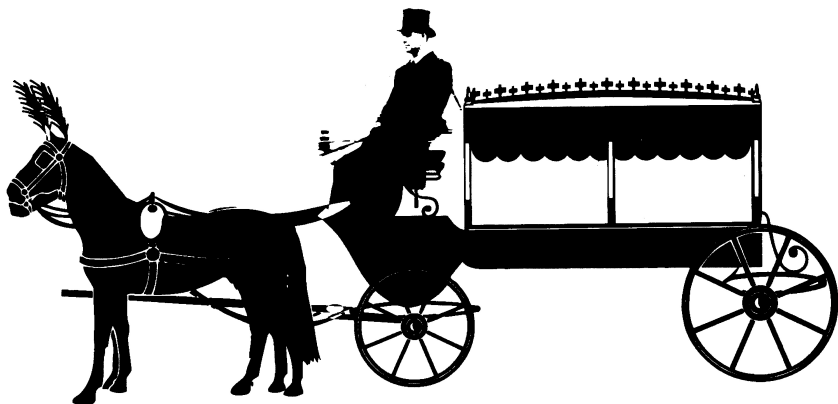
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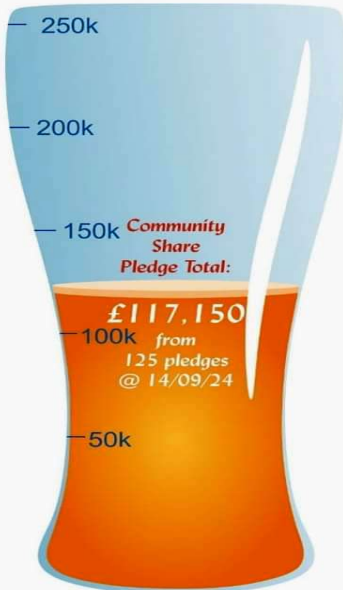
Invitation to Pledge

Fantastic News - we've shot past the £100k pledge marker to a total of £117k and rising!! Many thanks to all that have pledged so far. Let's keep up the momentum and head for £150k!!

Our aim is to buy the Harewood through a blend of grant funding and community shares. For our funding applications to succeed, we must demonstrate a genuine willingness and financial commitment in Broadbottom and surrounding villages to raise sufficient funds for a successful purchase.

This is an invitation to pledge your intention to buy shares and become a proud co-owner of our pub as a community asset. We're looking for pledges between £100 and £25k. We'll release a share prospectus once plans are in place.

Please send us a pic of your completed pledge form, or pop it in the post box on the bar in the pub, or email details of your pledge to: communityharewood@gmail.com



Name:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Pledge:

I pledge to buy shares worth

£

to save our community pub

CHURCH NEWS (1)

On Sunday 3 November Carole Sampson, assisted by her husband Carlos, gave a moving illustrated talk on the work of Compassion UK.

Several members of the congregation already support Compassion UK and more information about sponsoring a child and alternative Christmas gifts can be found at:

<https://www.compassionuk.org/sponsorship/>



'Founded in 1952, Compassion is an international children's charity. We work in 29 countries, partnering with 8,600 local churches within communities experiencing poverty. Our heart is to give children and young people the opportunity to thrive and reach their God-given potential both now and into the future.

Compassion's child development programmes are holistic, and because we work in partnership with local churches who know their communities inside out, they're tailored to a child or young person's individual situation. Independent research shows they are highly effective, and now more than 2.3 million children globally are being released from poverty.'

"Use your passions, time and resources to bring hope to vulnerable children around the world."



CHURCH NEWS (2)

FIRST STEPS

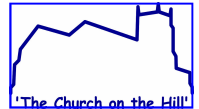
Is Mottram Church's Baby & Toddler Group.

It's held in Mottram Community Centre on Church Brow every Monday in term time, from 10 - 11.30am.

For more information contact Pat Hall
on 01457 861827
or just turn up on the day!



**The next PCC meeting will be on Tuesday
14 January at 7.30pm in the vestry.**



Mottram Place of Welcome

Every Wednesday 12 noon to 2 o'clock
in Mottram Community Centre, Church Brow
Hot Soup, Sandwiches, Toast, Hot Drinks.

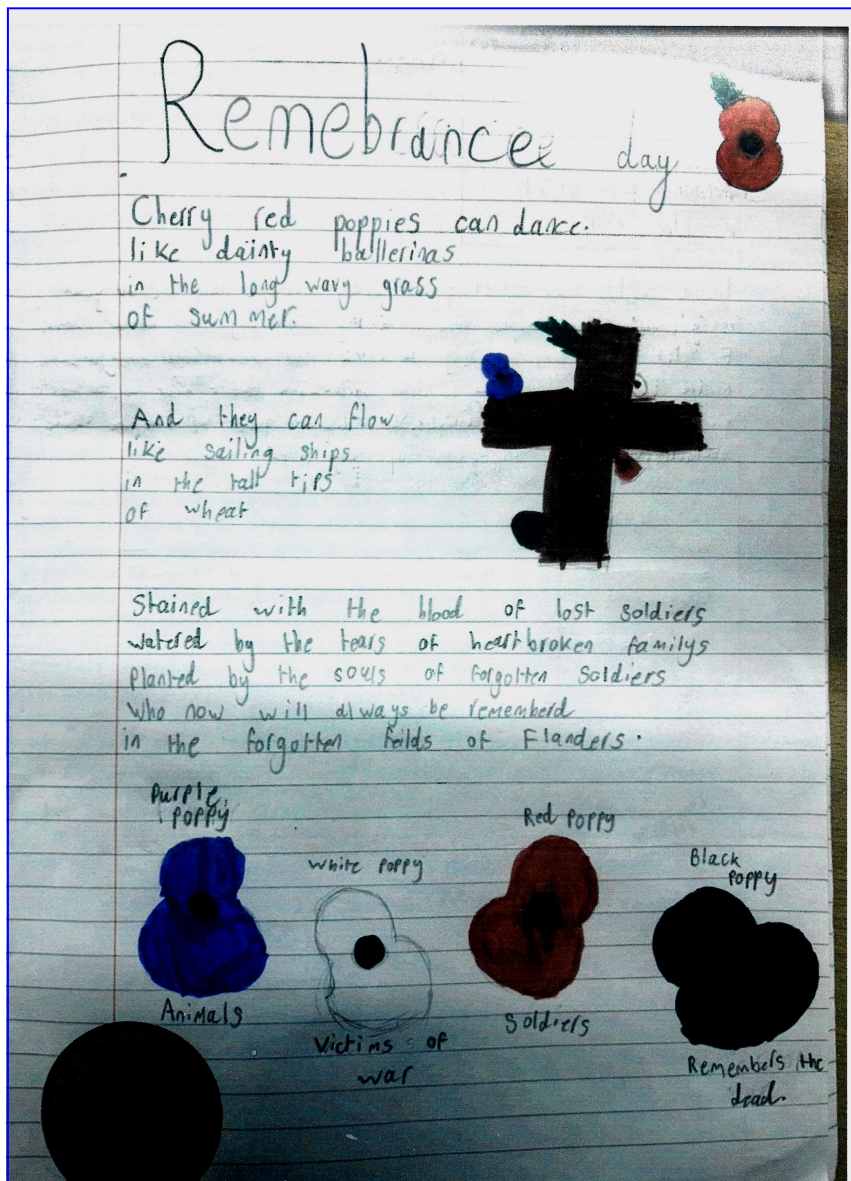
(Could you help? Contact jean33@btinternet.com or chris@tkershaw.co.uk)

Quote of the Month

The Church is people, fallible and sinful people, and if it is no better than any other human institution it is certainly no worse. It is nonsense to pretend that we could have our religion without it; and though it has fallen into grave error from time to time, I doubt if it has done as much harm as nationalism, materialism, colonialism, capitalism, communism, fascism, militarism and apathy.

Gerald Priestland

REMEMBRANCE DAY



This poem for Remembrance Day was written by Rosie, a Year-5 pupil at Mottram C of E School.



Church Services



St Michael and All Angels, Warhill, Mottram

Early Communion, using the Book of Common Prayer, takes place every Sunday at 9.15am.

Our main Sunday worship is at 10.30am.

Sunday 1 December

Advent

9.15am Early Communion
10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 8 December

Advent 2

9.15am Early Communion
10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 15 December

Advent 3

9.15am Early Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
5.00pm 9 Lessons & Carols

Sunday 22 December

Advent 4

9.15am Early Communion
10.30am All age service
with Nativity

Tuesday 24 December

Christmas Eve

4.00pm Christingle
11.15pm Midnight
Communion

Wednesday 25 December

Christmas Day

9.15am **No Early Service**
10.00am Family Communion
(Note earlier time)

Sunday 29 December

Christmas 1

9.15am Early Communion
10.30am Holy Communion





Parish Prayer Rota December 2024

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.

Chambers Court
Stringer Avenue
Stringer Close
Stringer Way
Chain Bar Lane
Chain Bar Way
Ashworth Lane
Day Grove
Abbey Gardens
Longdale Gardens



'Love your neighbour as yourself'



Prayer Requests

Our regular prayer group's next 'virtual' meetings in our cyber prayer room are Monday 2 December 7.30 - 8.30pm and Monday 23 December 7.30 - 8.30pm.

Let us know what's on your mind, for yourself, those you love, or for the world.

If you would like to ask for a prayer - in complete confidence - email your request to prayer@mottramparish.org.uk

or contact Tony Kershaw by phone, text, email, Whatsapp 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.

Thank you God for food, and family, and friends. We remember those who have no food today, and those who have food, but nobody to share it. As you have blessed us, help us to be a blessing for others. Amen.

Father, thank you that Jesus came into the world as Your Light; that He shines today as brightly and powerfully as He did then, and will do forever.

Help us to open our hearts and minds to let His light fill us with the assurance that, no matter what happens we are safe in Him.

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.



Registers and Records



Funerals and Interments of ashes

Thursday 14 November 2024
Gordon Tonge

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

Family History

We have a list of all the surviving inscriptions, and can help you with your family history enquiries if you have an ancestor buried here.

You can make an enquiry on the general contact form at:

[https://
www.mottramparish.org.uk/
intouch/generalcontact](https://www.mottramparish.org.uk/intouch/generalcontact)

Flag Flying



Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Day

"For unto us a Child is born ...
and His name will be called
Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty
God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace."

We had hoped that the work on the tower roof would be finished by Christmas but it's taking longer than expected.

We are still flying a virtual flag.

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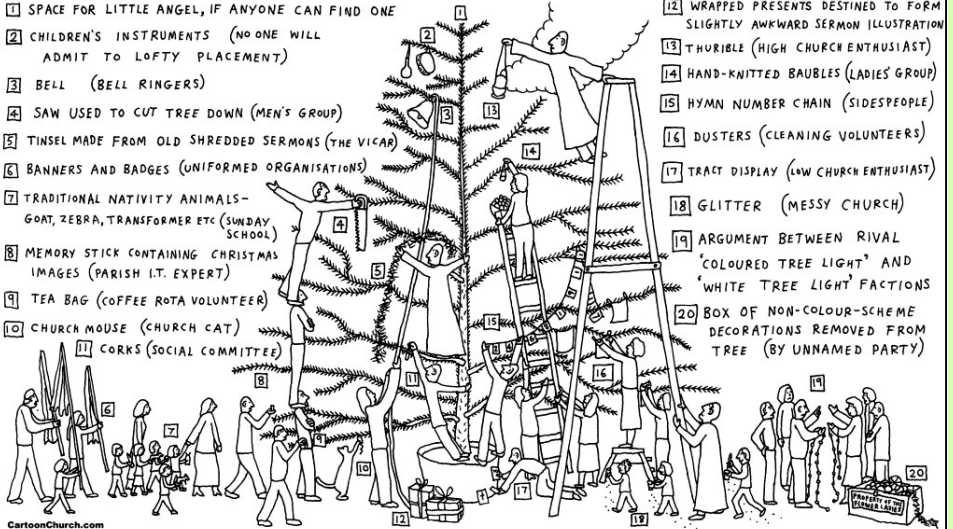
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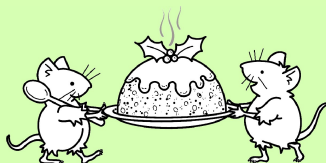
THE CARTOON

THE PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE

THE THINGS THAT ARE HANGING ON IT (AND THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE DONE THE HANGING)



Wishing You
A Merry Christmas



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01457 763368

admin@mottram.tameside.sch.uk

Broadbottom Primary School

01457 762382

admin@broadbottom.tameside.sch.uk

Arundale Primary School

01457 762328

admin@arundale.tameside.sch.uk

Broadbottom Pre-school

01457 764423

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Tameside Police

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Jaqueline North 07517 680211

Jaqueline Owen 07891 138943

Member of Parliament

Jonathan Reynolds MP 0161 367 8077

jonathan.reynolds.mp@parliament.uk

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see page 12

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and Gwyn Davies

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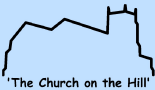
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For more information about ways to help with the finances of the church, for instance:

- Giving by standing order.
 - Remembering the church in your will.
 - Joining our finance team.
- Please speak to one of our churchwardens.



The Collection Basket

We now have a collection during the service again. There is also a card-reader and a collec-



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**

