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*Forget the former things;
Do not dwell on the past.*

*See, I am
doing
a new thing!
Isa 43:18*

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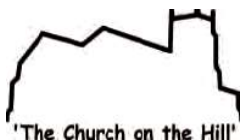
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Rev. Adele Writes

"Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.
See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.

ISA 43:18-19



On a trip to Rwanda some 10 years ago, I got a peek into what it would be like there without water. Neighbouring Uganda experiences droughts regularly now; the parched ground and trees and crops crying out for life, the grass looking more brown and red than green.

It's hard for us in Mottram, sitting on top of this hill at the foot of the Pennines, to imagine that. We are more likely to have too much rain than not enough. Although some years we might get the odd hose pipe ban, most of us have never seen an arid desert. So perhaps we lose some of the impact of this passage. It is a picture of life.

A river winds and twists and turns. It is alive and it brings life to the barren edges of the desert and dry ground as it touches them so that new life may grow.

To have a living relationship with the living God is to follow His river. The course He sets. And to be renewed in relationship with Jesus Christ. To measure our faith not by what we do and how we do it but by our Christ-likeness. Are we closer to Jesus today than we were 2 years ago? To remain static is to die but to keep following Jesus is to remain alive and bring life to others.

Jesus is alive and His life brings life to us. We can place the heavy burdens we carry on His shoulders and in turn receive His grace, joy and freedom of living with and for Him.

With every blessing - *Rev. Adele*

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CTe-News is the free email newsletter from *Churches Together in England*, sharing the latest unity stories and news from across the nation. We send it monthly, plus occasional special editions.

More information at <https://cte.org.uk>



Representatives of many of the 53 member churches meet during a week of prayer for Christian unity, January 2025

A GENTLE REMINDER FROM THE EDITOR

Many thanks to everyone who supports Mottram Parish Magazine.

The magazine is on sale each month in church, price 70p (or whatever you can afford).

If you live in the parish you can have it delivered each month for £8.40 for the year.

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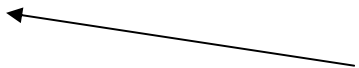
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Send your notice to the editor at mandpbrown@protonmail.com

Deadline for the March issue is Tuesday 25 February.

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Church Pub Night at the Harewood Arms

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

WALK WITH THE WALKERS

Saturday 1 March 10.30am -3.30pm

Chapel-en-le-Frith

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Contact Tony Kershaw 07729 866803

The walks are open to everyone, not just churchgoers.

We car share, so can offer a lift to non-drivers.

(A voluntary donation of £1 per walk is collected for charity)

FIRST STEPS

Is Mottram Church's Baby & Toddler Group.

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

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



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Officers across Greater Manchester have been handed a new device that will help them identify anti-social behaviour offenders.

The device, which will come into force immediately, will support officers who are dealing with anti-social behaviour on motorbikes, e-bikes and quadbikes.

SmartTag, a special, traceable forensic spray developed by DeterTeck UK, allows our officers to 'tag' an offender and their bike with a water-based marking solution. The solution has a unique forensic code relating to the pressurised cannister it was sprayed from, which will help to link a suspect and vehicle to the scene of the offence.

This will be done by officers using a UV light to scan the offender's clothing and bike which will highlight the bright yellow solution to show that they have been tagged.

"This device will hopefully act as a deterrent to those participating in anti-social and criminal behaviour with the aid of motorbikes, e-bikes and quadbikes. They now know that they will be sprayed with a solution that will link them back to the scene of the crime."

Our aim is to get the message across to the public that we are doing something about this issue."

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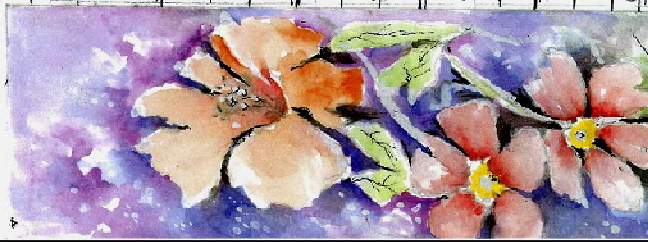
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THE FLOWER ROTA

.. Altar Flowers 2025 ..

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February 2 Presentation of Christ	February 9 14 Beate Leah	February 16 3 Beate Leah	February 23 2 Beate Leah
March 2 Sunday Lent	March 5 Ash Wed	March 9 Leah 1 No Flowers	March 16 Leah 2 No Flowers
March 6 Leah 5 No Flowers	April 13 Palm Sunday	April 17 Maundy Th	April 18 Good Friday
May 4 Easter 3 C. Beaudette	May 11 Easter 4	May 18 Easter 5	May 25 Easter 6
		March 23 Leah 3 SUSANNA'S FLOWERS	March 30 Maundy Th Easter 2



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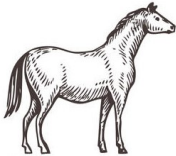


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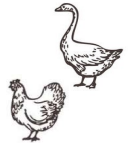
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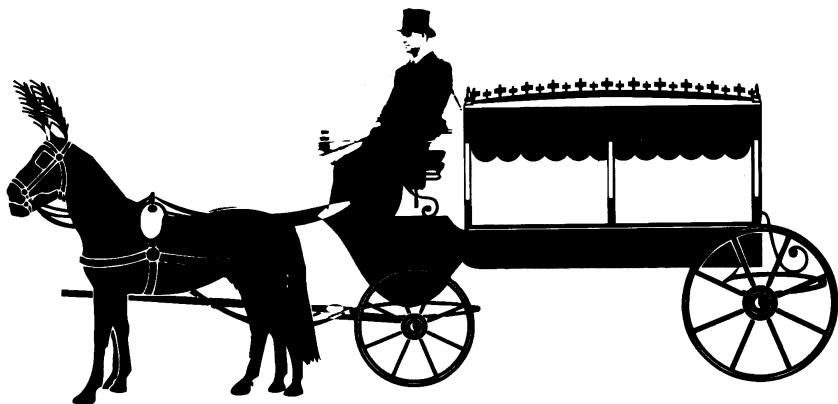
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Office hours: Tuesday 9:15am -11:15am and 6pm - 9pm

CHURCH NEWS

The Children's Society

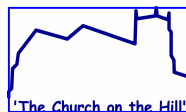
The total given to the Children's Society in 2024 from the collection boxes and Christingle Service was £612-42.

Thank you everyone.

Jean Russell



The next PCC meeting will be on Tuesday 11 February at 7.30pm in the vestry.



Faith in the North

As part of the Faith in the North movement, new resources for schools for 'The Lord's Prayer Journey', are available to download.

The Lord's Prayer Journey is the first in a series of resource box sets created by *Faith in the North* to support schools across the Northern Province. Available to download for free, the resources invite children and young people to explore the words of the Lord's Prayer through the lens of "Living Well."

The Lord's Prayer Journey includes:

- 7 ready-to-use collective worship sessions for primary schools.
- Lord's Prayer Symbols: To aid the teaching and memorisation of the Lord's Prayer.
- Lord's Prayer Songs: 2 newly released songs to help teach the prayer.
- Lord's Prayer Day: an invitation to join with schools across the North later in the year.
- Lord's Prayer Labyrinth: Designed by Prayer Spaces in Schools.
- Further creative engagement ideas: a series of ideas for the classroom or collective worship.
- Teachers' Guide: information about how to use the resources.

To find out more please visit <https://www.chester.anglican.org/>

24th February- International War Animal Day

No doubt many of you will have seen purple poppies on Remembrance Day, amongst the majority of red ones. These poppies are in remembrance of animals who sacrificed their lives in World War 1, "they had no choice" and the animals who continue to do so in more recent conflicts.

There are many famous tales of animals in WW1 – Simpson's donkey who carried many wounded from the battlefields and Warrior, on whom Michael Morpurgo based War Horse. What is not well known is that over half a million horses, donkeys and mules served in WW1 carrying troops, water, guns and supplies.

Purple poppy badges are sold throughout the year by the War Horse Memorial Organisation, the money raised going to charities whose aim it is to improve animal welfare through direct funding or education.

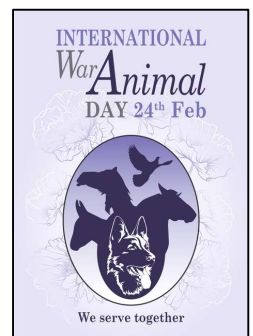
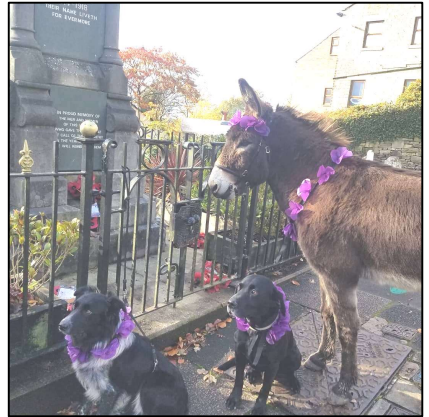
I was asked to lay a purple poppy wreath at Broadbottom War Memorial last year, along with Colin the donkey, known to many from the church Nativity (a morning we both enjoy). I found the experience extremely moving, Colin sensed the importance of the occasion and I had tears in my eyes.

In 2018, a group of ladies in Richmond, North Yorkshire, crocheted purple poppies which were displayed in a local pet shop. They were later mounted on a camouflage net from Catterick Garrison and donated to the Northern Region of the Donkey Breed Society. These, along with knitted models of horses, donkeys, mules and soldiers alongside other artefacts have been on loan to Northern Military Museums.

The display is now back in Richmond. The purple poppies have pride of place at the Green Howards military Museum in a special exhibition; 'Animal Allies', set to run from February to December.

The Northern region of the Donkey Breed Society is at present raising funds for a statue of a donkey to be part of a memorial to animals in WW1. It will be located at Pozières in the Somme region of France.

Olwen Brown, Area Rep for Cheshire and Greater Manchester, and of course 'Colin's Mum'!



God in the Sciences

By Dr Ruth M Bancewicz,
Church Engagement Director at
The Faraday Institute for Science and
Religion in Cambridge.

The Love of Wisdom of Natural Things

Some time ago a scientist was invited to speak at the Dewsbury Women's Institute. He spoke about his research on polymers, hoping that the women of this Yorkshire mill town would be interested in the new fibres.

One person in particular, a woman called Betty who had worked in a mill since the age of 15, listened as if her life depended on it, and peppered him with questions afterwards. She had always been interested in how things work, but until that day had not found anyone to answer her questions. Whenever she had asked about the processes in the mill, she was just told to get on with her job.

Science can seem like a closed speciality, hemmed in by intimidating jargon. When McLeish described science as 'the love of wisdom of natural things', however, he realised he was opening a door. He was moved to see that Betty was not the only person who shed a tear when her questions were finally taken seriously; confirming that her enquiring mind was indeed probing in the right direction – only 50 years too late.

McLeish is convinced that there is a future in 'science therapy'. In his book *Faith and Wisdom in Science*, where this story appears, he asks the question "If the activity of representing both inner and outer worlds in paint, music and drama can help to heal minds, what hope might there be for a participation in gentle and contemplative science in restoring a broken or misunderstood relationship with the physical world?"

This story inspired me to run a number of science activities with adult audiences in churches. I have extracted DNA from strawberries with a midweek group for older people, organised hands-on activities, and even had groups extracting DNA from their own cheek cells.

When I lead activities like these, I find that grown-ups are grateful for the opportunity to have a go at science themselves. Science is not just for children and professionals – it is for everyone to enjoy and explore the world God has made.





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 2 February

Presentation of Christ

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 9 February

4th before Lent

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 16 February

3rd before Lent

9.15am Early Communion

St Barnabas

10.30am Unity Service

Sunday 23 February

2nd before Lent

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 2 March

Next before Lent

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

St Barnabas, Hattersley

Every Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion

A joint service with our friends and neighbours at St Barnabas Church, Hattersley Road East SK14 3EQ





Parish Prayer Rota **February 2025**

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.

Bowden Close
Valley Road
Valley Gardens
Bardsley Gate Avenue
Blundering Lane
Matley Lane
Hill View
Kinder Fold
The Mall
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'Love your neighbour as yourself'

Prayer Requests

Our regular prayer group's next 'virtual' meetings room are :

Monday 3 February 7.30 - 8.30pm and
Monday 24 February 7.30 - 8.30pm.

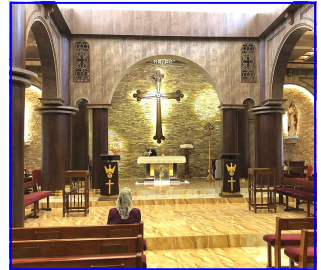
Let us know what's on your mind, for yourself, those you love, or for the world.

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
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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.

"We are so grateful, amazed - it is wonderful knowing that there are people like you who are praying for us - for the wellbeing of us, and for us in this part of the world to be light and salt... whatever the Holy Spirit is prompting you to pray for us please do so as prayer makes a difference."



These are the words of Serop Ohanian, General Manager of our partner the Karagheusian Health Centre in Beirut.

From the Christian charity Embrace the Middle East

Oh God the Father,
God the Son,
And God the Spirit,
Three in One;
Blessed be Thy name,
come reign in me,

And in me
let Thy will
be done.

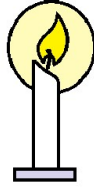
Sam Doubtfire



Registers and Records

Baptisms

Sunday
19 Jan 2025



(Twins!)

Lila Dottie Nield
Jesse Thomas Nield

Flying the Flag



Monday 27 January 2025

**In loving memory of
Maureen Middleton** who
passed away on 2 January.
A much loved and special
mother, grandmother and
great grandmother.
Love always - Maria, Tony
and all the family.



Funerals and Interments of ashes

Monday 20 January
Alan Brierley

Wednesday 22 January
Valerie Bromley

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



Saturday 1 March 2025

Y Ddraig Goch for all Welsh
folk on St. David's Day

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

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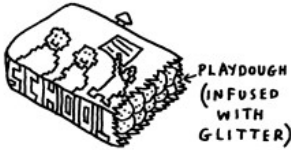
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THE CARTOON

KNEELERS

Q. WHAT IS INSIDE THEM?

A. THE FILLING DEPENDS UPON WHO HAS MADE THE KNEELER. THESE KNEELERS HAVE BEEN CUT OPEN SO THAT YOU CAN SEE WHAT IS INSIDE:



THE SUNDAY SCHOOL



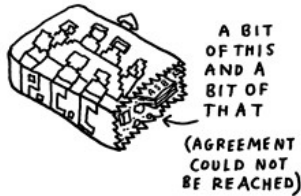
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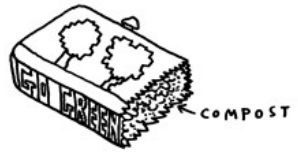
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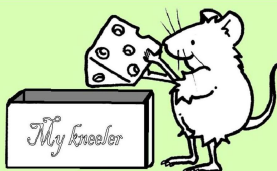
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Tameside (Monday-Friday 9am-1pm)
about getting a voucher.

*The information above is for individuals:
Charities please contact
info@tamesidesouthlongdendale.foodbank.org.uk*

MOTTRAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Church Brow, Mottram

- Two large halls and stage • kitchen
- soft outdoor play area

Great for children's parties, meetings, etc.

To book:

Ring 01457 763504

(call screening in operation - please be
patient)

or email

mottramcommunitycentre@gmail.com

The Magdalene Centre

Available for hire
see page 12

Mottram Road, Broadbottom
SK14 6BB

Phone 07828 931 445

or email

julietedwards@mottramparish.org.uk

ETHEROW CENTRE BROADBOTTOM

*Providing sport and leisure activities
for people with disabilities.*

Our large indoor arena is for hire.

contacts: Ted Bussell

edward.bussell@btinternet.com

and Gwyn Davies

davies.gwyn@aol.com

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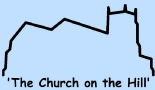
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For more information about ways to help with the finances of the church, for instance:

- 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**

