

Mottram Parish Magazine



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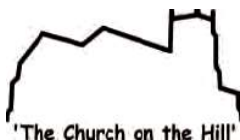
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Rev. Adele Writes



Over Christmas a favourite pastime is looking at lights around the village. I love how bright they can make a dark night. In my study at Christmas, I've had light curtain snowflakes at the windows and it made me smile each time I looked up from my desk. In fact, I enjoyed them so much I've invested in some less festive curtain lights with butterflies on to replace them! The decorations and lights start to come down in January – if you're like me, on New Year's Day. And the village looks dark again until spring brings lighter evenings. But there is another festival right on our doorsteps.

We had a fantastic Christingle service on Christmas Eve - celebrating Jesus, the light of the world. Did you know that some places don't do Christingle until Epiphany (Jan 6th) as this is the time when we remember the 3 wise men following a star to worship Jesus. The wise men are late-comers to the nativity scene as they travelled the furthest. They were outsiders, not part of God's people – The Jewish people. But an old promise said that God's people would be a light to the whole world. And here at Epiphany we see some wise men, from the east, coming looking for light in the darkness; the light of Christ.

I've often wondered, what if the wise men had thought; 'Nah this Jesus isn't for us, we're not part of that bunch of weird people who worship on War Hill!', or 'What if they think we're weird because we dress different,' or 'What if Jesus doesn't like what we bring him as gifts,' or 'Do we really have time to be travelling that far to see some child we can't be sure is even going to save us.' Thankfully they didn't think any of those things and these outsiders became a part of the nativity we treasure today. They sought Jesus out and were included!

So in the cold and dark of January, after we've eaten too much, spent up and taken down the decorations - there is still light. Maybe the reason Epiphany is in January is because wise men (and women and kids) still seek Jesus in January too.

I pray you have a happy and blessed New Year. *Rev. Adele*

CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHILDREN

It started in the Community Centre when we hosted the start of the Gingerbread Trail around the village. It was so good to see children being creative, making beautiful angels for our 'Good News of Great Joy' banner which was on show over Christmas at the entrance to church. (Thank you to David for replacing the angels who felt the need to stretch their wings and fell off !)

We held our First Steps party with our toddlers, mums and grandmas. We sadly said goodbye to Willow and Emmy-Lou who have been with us since they were both babies. They have moved to the other side of Manchester and we send them off with lots of love.

First Steps re-opens on Jan 6th at 10am in the Community Centre on Church Brow. You'd be very welcome to join us.

Mottram School Carol Service was held in church. The church was full of families who listened to some glorious singing, wonderful reading and lovely prayers from the children. Such a lovely evening!.

The Nativity was great!! Our Sunday School children were the main characters, Colin the donkey was the star, of course, and thank you to Olwen for bringing him to join in the service.

Then came Christingle, a beautiful Christmas Eve tradition at Mottram Church. Again, the church was full of families and Rev. Adele led the service. It's always a poignant moment when the lights are switched off and our church is lit by candles. It was so good to see our young people back from Uni. joining us for this service. It only seems like yesterday that they were taking part in nativities themselves!

Thank you to Bob and Sue who spend ages preparing the Christingles and David for stage managing the proceedings!

A big thank you to Rev. Adele for leading us in her first Christmas at Mottram and to Rev. Lynn for her unfailing support.

Happy New Year from *Pat* x



CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHILDREN (CONTINUED)

Scenes from **The Christmas Story**

Left - A very cheerful Joseph leads Colin the donkey, bearing a smiling Mary, into Bethlehem.

Right - Colin, impeccably behaved as usual, asks Olwen what he is supposed to do next.



Below left - King Herod, aka 'Outraged of Jerusalem', rants about the inappropriateness of scruffy shepherds and weird foreigners coming to visit an infant King. 'Is this what the people of Bethlehem voted for?'

Below right - The Nativity. Back row - Angelic Host, Star, The Angel Gabriel, Shepherds and Rev Adele. Front row - Mary, Joseph and Lamb beside the crib.
(Photos - Charmian Wilby)



A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Many thanks to everyone who supports Mottram Parish Magazine.

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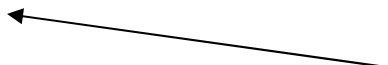
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Deadline for the February issue is

The magazine should be in church and online by Sunday 2 February.

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 1 February 10.30am - 3.30pm

Park Bridge and Daisy Nook - easy 5 miles

Contact Bob Joy 07546 251709 for more details.

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)

Children's Society Boxes

If you have a Children's Society collection box please return it to Sarah Davies as soon as possible.

NOTICES - SILVER CORD

This year Silver Cord made 140 deliveries to those who were spending the day alone at Christmas.



A 'Thank You' video will be coming soon, but for now, a great big THANK YOU to:

Over 70 groups of volunteers from churches across Tameside and Glossop who delivered.

Wendy and the team at All-in-One catering for the amazing dinner.

The fantastic team supporting at the base.

Funding from the Household Support Fund.

All who have given financially or contributed to the gifts.

St Barnabas Church Hattersley for their great hospitality.

You have all given so generously and we are so thankful for each and every one of you!

God bless you all this Christmas. We'll see you in 2025.

Debs Payton and The Silver Cord team xxx

Silver Cord befriending service began in 2017 as a local church response to loneliness and isolation in Greater Manchester. We are passionate about the role of the local church and supporting a response to loneliness. We are now operating across most of Tameside and Glossop and are looking to expand the project beyond these areas.



is a free community messaging service from Greater Manchester Police.

Romance fraud - or catfishing - occurs when a scammer creates a fake online profile to build a romantic relationship with a victim. Once trust is established, they will ask for money for reasons like medical emergencies, travel expenses or business opportunities.

Anyone can fall victim to romance scams. Be open and talk to family and friends about it:

- **Speak openly:** Encourage open conversations about online relationships and potential risks.
- **Set boundaries:** Help them establish healthy boundaries in online interactions.
- **Educate yourself:** Stay informed about the latest scams and share information with your loved ones.
- **Use reputable dating sites:** Encourage them to use reputable dating platforms with strong security measures.
- **Say no:** If you feel pressured into moving to different messaging services.

🌐 <https://www.gmp.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/fa/fraud/personal-fraud/dating-holiday-ticketing-fraud/>

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THE FLOWER ROTA

Altar flower rota

Altar Flowers 2024



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Trinity 6	July 8th	July 28th	
Trinity 7	Trinity 8	Trinity 9	
Susan Hill - Annabels Bunch		Rob Kinn	
August 4th	August 18th	August 25th	
Trinity 10	Trinity 11	Trinity 13	Trinity 15
September 1st	September 8th	Sybil Williams	September 14th
Trinity 14	Trinity 15	Trinity 16	September 22nd
C. Brinkley - M. Powell	October 11th	Sue & Bob Day	Trinity 17
October 18th	Trinity 20	October 27th	October 29th
Trinity 19	Trinity 21	Trinity 22	October 31st
November 4th	November 11th	Sue Williams	November 18th
November 18th	November 25th	November 2nd	November 9th
November 30th	December 7th	December 14th	December 21st
December 1st	December 8th	December 15th	December 22nd
December 29th	December 29th	December 29th	December 29th

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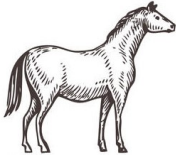


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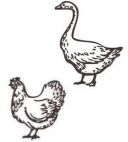
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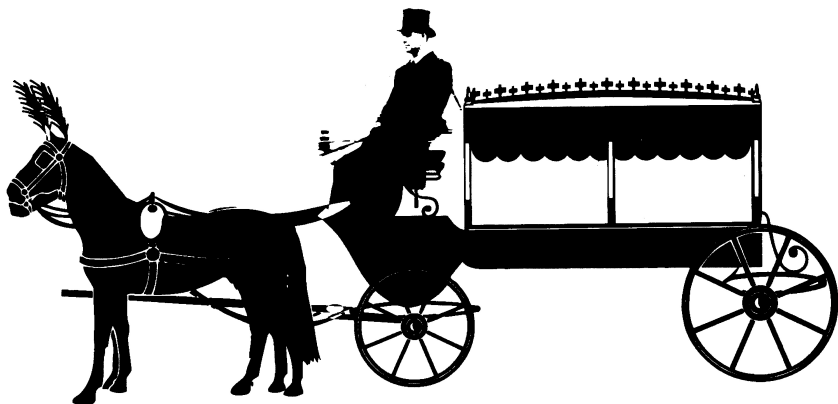
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CHURCH NEWS (1)

Betty Gadd, affectionately known to so many of us as Auntie Betty, died in the early hours of Sunday 15 December, aged 91.

As Rev. Adele said, Betty was a tiny person who has left a huge hole in the congregation.

Betty ran a prayer group which originally met at her house. Undeterred by Covid and Lockdown she continued (assisted by Tony) with a virtual online prayer group focussing on people's particular requests. It was a great help and comfort to many.

She also organised and ran the church library, which will soon be available again now that the books no longer need to be shut away from the damp.

She was a faithful member of the choir for very many years and was singing in her usual place a few days before she died.

Betty made many contributions to the Parish Magazine.

Not long ago she gave us this poem by E.W. Wilcox.

It seemed perfect for Sea Sunday but Betty looked thoughtful and said it was more usually read at funerals.

It seems sadly appropriate now.

So, in honour of Betty, this month's quote is;

'The Set of the Sails'

Ed.

Quote of the Month

The Set of the Sails

One ship drives East and another drives West
With the self-same winds that blow;

'Tis the set of the sails

And not the gales

That tell them the way to go.

Like the winds of the sea are the winds of fate
As we voyage along through life;

'Tis the set of the sails

That decides your goal

And not the calm or the strife.

E. W. Wilcox (contributed by Betty Gadd)

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
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**Volunteers needed for the Place of Welcome.
Sign-up sheet at the back of church.**

CHURCH NEWS (3)



Before - left
After - below

Waterproofing work on the Church tower has been completed.

The scaffolding has gone, the rolled-up bin bag which was stuffed into the broken window has been replaced with a new pane and the bell-ropes are dry !

The flag is flying again
- see page 19.

The bell-ringers are confident that not only do they have a superb ring of bells, they also have one of the warmest and driest ringing rooms in the UK.

Anyone interested in learning to ring, or just watching, will be very welcome at our practice night - Wednesdays 7.30pm.





Church Services



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Early Communion, using the Book of Common Prayer, takes place every Sunday at 9.15am. Our main Sunday worship is at 10.30am.



Sunday 5 January

Epiphany

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 12 January

Baptism of Christ

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 19 January

Epiphany 2

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am All age
morning prayer

Sunday 26 January

Epiphany 3

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 2 February

Candlemas

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 January 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.

Gray Close
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Ball Walk
Deerwood Vale
Webb Walk
Webb Grove
Bunkers Hill Road
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'Love your neighbour as yourself'



Christians in North Korea face extreme persecution.

Pray that they will not lose hope and that God's Kingdom of light will break through into this land of darkness.

Open Doors

Prayer Requests

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

Monday 13 January 7.30 - 8.30pm and
Monday 3 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
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.

Nunc dimittis

Salvation You have now prepared
Before the face of men
Salvation with the world is shared
So all may live again

*O Lord, now let me go in peace
According to Your Word
My earthly life may gladly cease,
For I have seen You, Lord*

A light upon the Gentiles, He
And Israel's glory, too
Now all Your saving love may see
And all may come to You.

*O Lord, now let me go in peace
According to Your Word
My earthly life may gladly cease,
For I have seen You, Lord.*

By Nigel Beeton

Registers and Records



Funerals and Interments of ashes

Tuesday 14 January 2025
1.00pm in Church

Betty Gadd

*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/
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Contacts

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

Flag Flying



Tuesday 14 January 2025

In memory of Betty Gadd

The Parish Magazine Team.

The tower roof work is now finished, so by the time you read this, the flag should once again be flying proudly from your church on the hill.

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

The dedication is recorded here in the Parish Magazine and on the flag page of the website at
www.mottramparish.org.uk

We ask for a £15 donation towards church funds.

Contact Tony 07728 866803
email
flag@mottramparish.org.uk

THE CARTOON



"...and then the vicar realised the bellringer-shortage and the problem of providing crèche facilities could be solved in one go!"

Happy New Year



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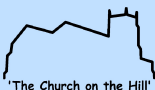
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For more information about ways to help with the finances of the church, for instance:

- 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**

