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- Giving by standing order.
- Remembering the church in your will.
- Joining our finance team.

Please speak to one of our churchwardens.



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The Collection Basket

The contactless cardreader

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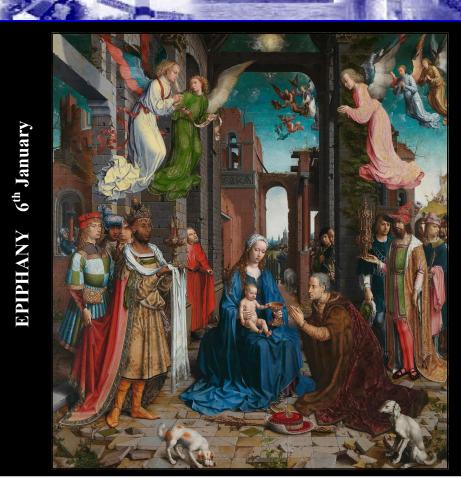
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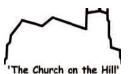


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## Mottram Parish



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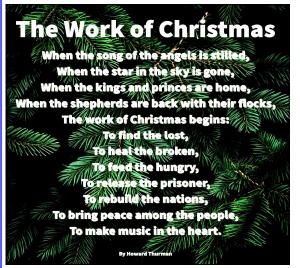
"We're looking for something to help us survive our church's early morning Winter sevices"





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## **Epiphany**



Howard W. Thurman (1899 – 1981) was an American author, philosopher, theologian, mystic, educator, and civil rights leader.

He played a leading role in many social justice movements of the 20th century. and his theology of radical nonviolence influenced a generation of civil rights activists.

Thurman served as dean of the Rankin Chapel at

Howard University, Washington DC from 1936 - 1944.

In 1944, he co-founded, along with Alfred Fisk, the first major interracial, interdenominational church in the USA.

Howard Thurman stained glass window, Howard University Acknowledgement - Creative Commons

#### Cover picture The adoration of the Magi

Painted by Jan Gossaert circa 1510,

Oil on oak panel © National Gallery, London

This large altarpiece is wonderfully crammed with peasants, animals, angels and richly dressed kings and courtiers - all coming to worship the infant Jesus. The artist has signed the painting on the crown of Balthasar, the king on the left, and on the silver collar of one of his attendants.

In a palatial but much ruined building, the Virgin Mary sits with the Christ Child on her lap. She holds a golden goblet containing gold coins, the lid of which lies at her feet. It is the gift of the elderly king, Caspar, who kneels before her, his hat and sceptre on the ground. Christ holds one of the coins in his left hand, accepting the gift.

Between Balthasar and the Virgin, Saint Joseph leans on his staff and gazes up at angels hovering in the air above.

Father Patrick van der Vorst Christian Art info@christian.art

#### A letter from the Editor



A big thank you to all contributors, deliverers, sponsors, subscribers and everyone who supports Mottram Parish Magazine.

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## **Registers and Records**

## Flying The Flag



Wednesday 10 January 2024 In loving memory of Ben Timperley

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

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

The flag can also be flown for 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 on 01457 765350 or email flag@mottramparish.org.uk

## Funerals and Interments of ashes



Thursday 21 December Harold Haddock

Thursday 28 December Allan Irvine

Tuesday 9 January Veronica Spooner

Thursday 11 January Ann Houghton

Monday 15 January Margery Martin

Goodbye to our friends.
May they rest in peace
and rise in glory.



### Let's Pray



#### Parish Prayer Rota January 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.

'Love your neighbour as yourself'

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Matley Lane

Hill View

Kinder Fold

The Mall

Matley Park Lane

Mottram Road

Gallowsclough Road

Tonge Green



#### **Prayer Requests**

Our regular prayer group's next 'virtual' meetings in our cyber prayer room are 8<sup>th</sup> January and 22<sup>nd</sup> January 7.30 - 8.30pm

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.

If you would like to ask for a prayer - in complete confidence - send your request by email to prayer-

group@mottramparish.org.uk or to Tony Kershaw by email, Whatsapp, phone, text or Messenger.

tonykershaw @mottramparish.org.uk tel. 01457 765350

conditions.

We don't always get the answer we expect or want, but it's always good to share with God.



Please pray for the 50 -70,000 Christians in North Korean prisons for the sake of their faith. They face starvation, torture and back-breaking labour in terrible

The Christian communities in the Bible Lands continue to provide ministry in the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas.

Will you pray for their safety and for the impact of their witness?

Pray for an end to the war. Ask God to intervene to stop the bloodshed, the pain and the suffering.

Pray that people in Israel and Gaza will experience healing and the divided communities will be reconciled.

Pray for strength and perseverance in mission workers.

Pray that the Church in Israel and Gaza will remain full of grace and not give in to anger or fear.

#### **NOTICE BOARD**

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 February issue is Tuesday 30 January.** The magazine should be in church and online by Sunday 4 February.

## **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 (see below).

The next collection of frozen meals will be Sunday 14 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.



# Alpha Course

Wednesdays 7.30pm St Barnabas Church, Hattersley Rd East, Hattersley, SK14 3EQ

Explore the Christian faith in an informal, relaxed, environment. We'll eat some food, watch a video, then you can say what you like about it!

If you think it's not for you, that's fine, you don't have to come back and we won't follow you up.

Alpha is a 7 week course. **Everyone welcome.** 

### **NOTICES** (CONTINUED)



Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to the Tameside Christmas Toy Appeal



Pub Night
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**Everyone welcome!** 

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## **Church Services**



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

Please note that 9.15am Early Communion is temporarily suspended whilst we get the heating sorted out.

Sunday 7 Jan. Epiphany

10.30am Worship for all with

Communion.

Sunday 14 Jan. Epiphany 2

10.30am Holy Communion.

Sunday 21 Jan. Epiphany 3

10.30am Family Communion.

**Sunday 28 Jan.** Presentation of Christ in the temple

10.30am Worship for all with

Communion.

Sunday 4 Feb.. 2nd before Lent

10.30am Worship for all.

**Sunday 11 Feb..** Next before Lent

10.30am 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.



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## **High Days and Holy Days**

#### 11th Jan: Mary Slessor of Calabar

Mary Slessor was born in December 1848 into a wretchedly poor family. Her father was an alcoholic who lost his job as a shoemaker. Mary was the second of seven children. In 1859 the family left Aberdeen for the fœtid slums of Dundee. Her father and mother worked in the mills, and Mary joined them when she turned 11.

After Mary's father and two brothers died of pneumonia, her mother struggled to keep the family alive. At 14 Mary was working a 12-hour day as a jute maker.

Life was not all drudgery. Mary's mother was a devout Christian who read the Bible to her daughters, and also the *Missionary Record*, published by the United Presbyterian Church. The tales of missionaries captivated Mary. When she heard that David Livingstone, the great missionary explorer, had died, she determined to follow in his footsteps by taking the gospel to Africa. She was 25.

In 1876 the Presbyterians sent her to Calabar, Nigeria, where no European had ever set foot. With her red hair and blue eyes, Mary drew attention wherever she went, but despite recurring illness and constant danger, she settled happily among the tribes. She learned their traditions, and quickly became fluent in their language, Efik. Soon she won the confidence of the tribal leaders. She taught their children and was determined to put an end to some of their barbaric practices, such as the killing of twins (whom they thought were evil).

Mary adopted every twin child she found abandoned. and she talked endlessly about Jesus Christ, the passion of her life.

It has been written of her: "Practically singlehanded she transformed three pagan communities in succession. It is a question if the career of any other woman missionary has been marked by so many strange adventures, daring feats, signal providences, and wonderful achievements." (Dr R. H. Glover, *The Progress of World-Wide Missions.*)

In 1901 Southern Nigeria became a British Protectorate and Mary was appointed the first ever female Magistrate in the British Empire. She became a skilful diplomat.

She was known for saying: "It is not Mary Slessor, but God and our united prayers that have brought blessings to Calabar. Christ has all the honour and glory ."

Mary Slessor wrote to a friend who had long prayed for her: "I have always said that I have no idea how or why God has carried me over so many funny and hard places,

and made these hordes of people submit to me, or why the Government should have given me the privilege of a Magistrate among them, except in answer to prayer made at home for me. It is all beyond my comprehension."

If you are ever inclined to pray for a missionary, do it at once, wherever you are.

- Mary Slessor

Mary Slessor died of fever in January 1915.

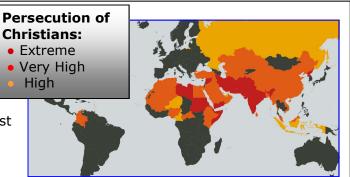
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#### A NOTICE FROM OPEN DOORS

#### OPEN DOORS

There is still time to invite your MP to the launch of the World Watch List 2024.

This event on 17 January 2024 is an



opportunity for MPs to hear new research, first-hand accounts from persecuted believers and our recommendations on what they can do to protect religious freedoms.

Behind the facts and figures are stories which deserve to be heard.

Please take a few minutes to send a personal invitation to your MP.

This event will inform MPs about the 50 countries where following Jesus costs the most. We will present new research, first-hand accounts from persecuted Christians, and provide MPs with recommendations on what they can do to protect religious freedom around the world.

God bless - Open Doors Advocacy Team.

If you live in Mottram/Hattersley/Stalybridge/Hyde your member of parliament is:

Jonathan Reynolds MP House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. email jonathan.reynolds.mp@parliament.uk

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Open Doors is an international ministry serving persecuted Christians and churches worldwide.

For more information: contact@opendoorsuk.org

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## Church News - (3)



# Our weekly 'Drop in' Afternoon At Mottram Community Centre Every Wednesday 2 - 4.30pm.

Could you spare just one afternoon a month to help serve tea and cake and welcome visitors? If you can, please sign up on the list at the back of church.

Do you know someone who might appreciate a couple of hours with a hot drink, some simple food and friendly company in a warm building during the cold winter months?

Let them know, or bring them along.

#### **STOP PRESS**

Louise Britton, our Children & Families Missioner, is delighted to announce that Mottram Parish Church has just received Lottery funding of £9800 to run and grow **Place of Welcome** as a community outreach event.

Congratulations Louise, and thanks for all your hard work!

## Quote of the month

#### As time goes by...

As a New Year begins, do you suspect it is time to tone down your lifestyle? Remember...

King David and King Solomon Led merry, merry lives, With many, many lady friends And many, many wives; But when old age crept over them, With many, many qualms, King Solomon wrote the Proverbs And King David wrote the Psalms.

By James Ball Naylor





## **Church News - (2)**

#### Wanted - New Vicar for the Church on the Hill

We are seeking a vicar now that Rev. Cait has left to take up her new post as chaplain at Oldham Royal Hospital.

Mick Boyle, who has much experience of the process in other churches, and Pat Hall, who has much experience of the life of our church, are putting together a 'Parish Profile'.

This, it is hoped, will entice lots of suitably qualified candidates to apply for the job.

In the meantime, all we can do is wait, hope and pray.



## Could this be for you? Would you like to help on the Sound Desk?

- > No technical knowledge necessary
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#### **AND MORE NOTICES**

#### **Baby and Toddler Group**



#### Mondays

during term time 10.00 am to 11.30 am

**Mottram Community Centre Church Brow** 



**Starts again Monday 8 January** For more information ring Pat on 01457 861827

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## The Food **Bank** needs:



Tinned fish Tinned fruit UHT milk Pasta sauce Steamed puddings **Long-life Cake** 

Long-life fruit juice or squash

Bring your gifts to church and leave them in the box near the church door or leave them in the box at Tesco's, Hattersley.

Please pick up a leaflet in church if you are able to contribute financially.



#### **Brenda's Mini Jam Jars**

If you want to join in with this easy fund-raising scheme just pick up a jar from the back of church, take it home, fill it with spare change, bring it back and put it in the collection basket at the back of Church.



The mini jam jars have raised over £1,200 so far. Thank you Brenda and everyone who has contributed. Keep them coming!

#### A COUPLE MORE NOTICES



#### The Friends of Mottram Church

raise funds for the preservation and upkeep of the building.

Its members do not have to be churchgoers or even Christians, but often have a link to the church or simply a love of this incredible old building.



Take a leaflet from the back of church or contact Chris Kershaw 01457 765350 chris@tkershaw.co.uk

### Church News - (1)

It's so nice to hear good news from old friends ...

Congratulations to Rev. James Halstead on his promotion to Director of Discipleship and Ministry in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.

James will lead and manage the Discipleship and Ministry Team as it continues to focus on church revitalisation and planting, reaching the young, discerning vocations to ministries, developing lines to train and equip lay and ordained leaders, serving communities, and offering support and training for the mission and ministry of all, both lay and ordained.



James on the Mottram Skyline Walk, May 2016. Possibly somewhere between Kinder and Bleaklow. (The mist was down that day and one cairn begins to look very much like another.)

#### ED BURROWS - Mission Aviation Fellowship - 2024

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#### **Mission Aviation Fellowship**

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as diverse as digging wells in Mali, providing disaster relief services in Sumatra, installing jungle communications and internet wifi networks in Papua New Guinea and Ecuador, operating computer centres in rural Africa, providing air ambulance services in East Timor and Haiti, and showing the movie *Jesus* in remote villages. Its learning technologies division provides training and biblical resources for thousands of isolated pastors and church leaders. The organization focuses its mission work in the areas of evangelism and church nurture; medical assistance; disaster response; community development; and training and development of indigenous peoples.

Ed is the son of Rev. Philip Burrows, our vicar in 2003 who left to become an army chaplain. As a teenager Ed was a ringer on the Mottram bells.

Ed and his young family are soon due to fly out to Liberia for MAF.

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