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We now have a collection during the service again.

There are also a card-reader and a collection basket at the back of church. You can also donate by BACS.



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.



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



Exploring The Christian Faith

# Start ▶

God, Jesus and  
the journey of  
life in six sessions

A New Course - see page 3

**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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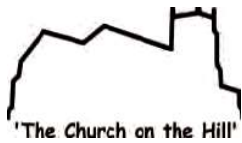
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# Mottram Parish



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(The vicar's usual day off is Friday)

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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

### Honorary Associate Priest

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### **Arundale Primary School**

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### **Broadbottom Pre-school**

01457 764423

### **Broadbottom Brownies**

07884 006484

### **Broadbottom & Mottram Beavers, Cubs and Scouts**

07912 387358

## Tameside South & Longdendale Foodbank



If you can't afford food,  
you can call

**0808 278 7807805**

to speak to the Citizens' Advice  
Tameside (Monday-Friday 9am-1pm)  
about getting a voucher.

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

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Church Brow, Mottram

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To book:  
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**Non-emergency - dial 101**

**Longdendale Neighbourhood Police**  
0161 856 9484

**Tameside Police**  
0161 872 5050

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**Jaqueline North** 07517 680211

**Jaqueline Owen** 07891 138943

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### **Tameside Local Studies & Archives**

0161 342 4242

**Hattersley Library, in the Hub**

0161 342 2552

## The Magdalene Centre

Available for hire  
see page 12

Mottram Road, Broadbottom  
SK14 6BB

Phone 07828 931 445

or email

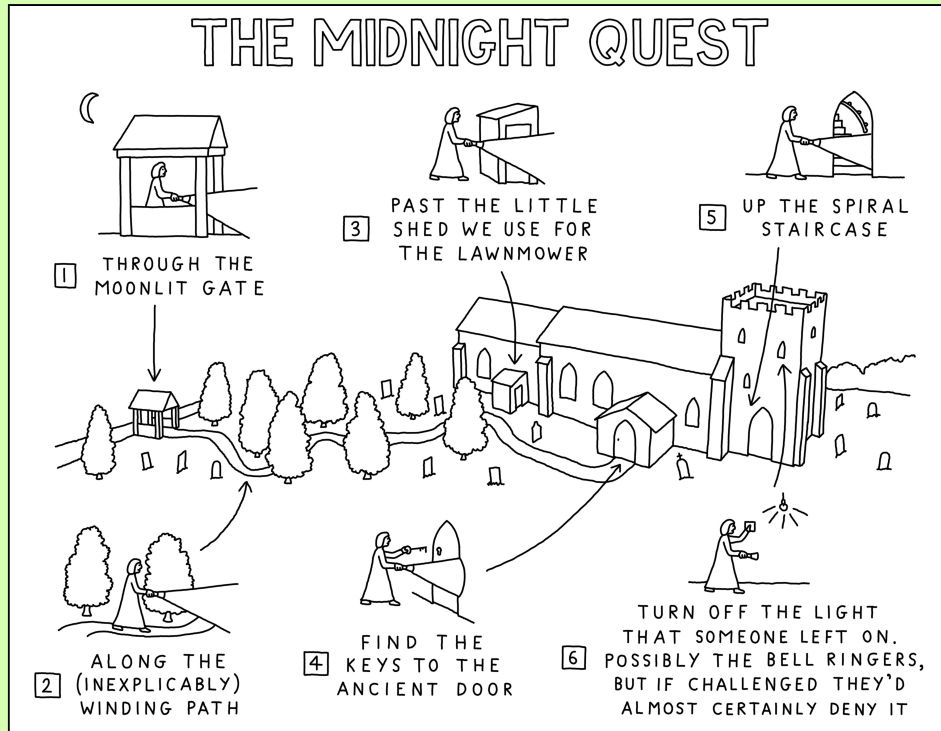
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## ETHEROW CENTRE BROADBOTTOM

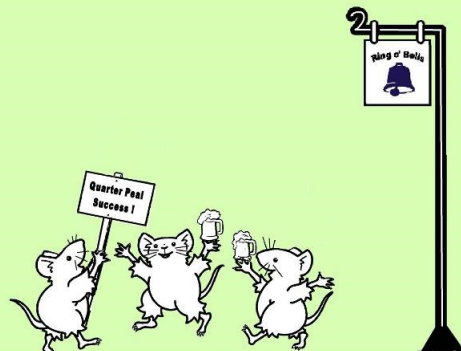
*Providing sport and leisure activities  
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When I was at school I used to love starting a new exercise book – there was nothing like writing on the first page! I use an electronic notebook now, but the hopes and dreams of what will be when I open up a new electronic page is still quite exciting.

As we approach the start of Lent some people give up things so they can focus on God. Others take up things to bless other people.

Starting a venture like this is exciting and we look forward to the renewal that this will bring come Easter time.

I wonder how an athlete feels at the start of a race? In Church it very much feels like the start of new things.

St Michaels is hosting a stir course for our local area from our friends at **START TO STIR**. They will be sharing how we can stir curiosity for Jesus in our communities.

We will also be running the **START** course over 6 weeks on Wednesdays in Lent. This is for people at the start of their journey with Jesus. Those who are already curious. Those new to faith. Those wanting to get baptised or confirmed and those with questions about faith. **START** is a good place to start! If you would like to join us please contact me: [vicar@mottramparish.org.uk](mailto:vicar@mottramparish.org.uk)

Why not start something new this lent? A good place to start is with the one who makes all things new, Jesus Christ. His love for us is huge and he calls each of us to walk closer with him day by day. What will you start this Lent?

*Rev. Adele*

*(More about **Start to Stir** overleaf)*





**StartToStir**

# LEARN TO STIR WORKSHOP

In person training on how to stir spiritual curiosity and shape a mission strategy

St Michael's Church Mottram

**10 MARCH** | **7:15PM COFFEE** | **20**  
**7:30PM START** | **25**

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## Baptisms



To enquire about or arrange a Baptism please contact Rev. Adele  
 Tel. 01457 515513  
 Mob.07716 811 610  
 email  
[vicar@mottramparish.org.uk](mailto:vicar@mottramparish.org.uk)

## Flying the Flag



Friday 28 March 2025  
**In loving memory of my Peter (Redfern)**



## Funerals and Interments of ashes

To enquire about a funeral or interment of ashes please contact Rev. Adele  
 Tel. 01457 515513  
 Mob.07716 811 610  
 email  
[vicar@mottramparish.org.uk](mailto:vicar@mottramparish.org.uk)

## Flying the Flag

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

We ask for a £15 donation towards church funds.

Contact Tony 07728 866803  
 email [flag@mottramparish.org.uk](mailto:flag@mottramparish.org.uk)

## Contacts

More contact details can be found inside the front cover.

## Family History

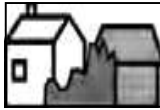
Enquiries to:  
<https://www.mottramparish.org.uk/intouch/generalcontact>



## Parish Prayer Rota March 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.

Mottram Road  
Gallowsclough Road  
Tonge Green  
Edge Lane  
Roe Cross Road  
Rabbit Lane  
Dewsnap Lane  
Hobson Moor Road Farms  
Lodge Court  
Old Road



*'Love your neighbour as yourself'*

More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.



*Tennyson.*

*Dag Hammarskjold (1905 – 1961) gave the impression of being an agnostic humanist while he was serving as Secretary-General of the U.N. But after his death in a plane crash, his private papers were found to contain some notes entitled "Negotiations with myself – and with God". His prayers have a naked honesty which is deeply moving. The one above is from 1961, written the year of his untimely death.*

## Prayer Requests

Our regular prayer group's next 'virtual' meeting is :  
Monday 17 March 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](mailto:prayer@mottramparish.org.uk) or contact Tony Kershaw by phone, text, email, Whatsapp or Messenger.

[tonykershaw@mottramparish.org.uk](mailto: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.*

## Negotiations with myself – and God

Have mercy upon us.  
Have mercy upon our efforts,  
That we before Thee, in love and in faith,  
Righteousness and humility, may follow Thee,  
With self-denial, steadfastness and courage,  
And meet Thee in the silence.

Give us a pure heart that we may see Thee,  
A humble heart that we may hear Thee,  
A heart of love that we may serve Thee,  
A heart of faith that we may love Thee,  
Thou whom I do not know.  
But whose I am.

Thou whom I do not comprehend  
But who hast dedicated me  
To my fate.

Thou. (By Dag Hammarskjold )

## NOTICEBOARD

### Community Groups and Charities

**You can make use of our notice boards - it's free!**  
**Send your notice to the editor at**  
[pollybrown@mottramparish.org.uk](mailto:pollybrown@mottramparish.org.uk)

**Deadline for the March issue is Tuesday 25 February.**  
The magazine should be in church and online by Sunday 2 March, all being well.

### 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



**MOTTRAM PLACE OF WELCOME**  
Our Place of Welcome will be open  
every Wednesday in  
**MOTTRAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
12 noon to 2 o'clock

**Hot Soup ~ Hot Toast ~ Hot Drink**  
**OPEN TO ALL : TOTALLY FREE**

**NEED TRANSPORT? PHONE DAVID : 07762 156627**

**Sunday 30 March - British Summer Time begins.**  
**Clocks should be put forward 1 hour by 1.00am.**







Broadbottom Primary School present

# Mother's Day MAKERS MARKET

Friday 28th March 2025  
2pm - 4:30pm  
Broadbottom Primary School, SK14 6BB

Featuring stalls from local crafters - perfect for Mother's Day gift shopping.

Come and support a community event, and get  
sorted for Mother's Day!  
Refreshments available supporting the PTA



**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 March**

**Next before Lent**

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

**Wednesday 5 March**

**Ash Wednesday**

7.00pm Holy Communion  
with Ashing



**Sunday 9 March**

**First of Lent**

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

**Sunday 16 March**

**2nd of Lent**

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am All age Morning Prayer

**Sunday 23 March**

**3rd of Lent**

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

**Sunday 30 March**

**Mothering Sunday**

9.15am Early Communion

10.30am All age Morning Prayer



**St Barnabas (Wednesdays) - see p5.**

## CHURCH NEWS (3)

### The Bells



On 11<sup>th</sup> February the band rang their first quarter peal on St Michael's bells since the installation of the new frame.

1260 changes of Plain Bob Doubles (about 45 minutes).  
Rung in Chester Diocesan Guild Quarter Peal Fortnight.

The band stood as follows:

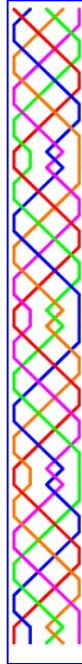
- 1 Carole Hallam (Treble)
- 2 Polly Brown
- 3 Adrienne Pyne
- 4 Sam Coombes
- 5 John Reeds (Conductor)
- 6 Ben Frost (Tenor)

Many thanks to John Reeds who came from Fairfield, Buxton to conduct us, put us right and keep us right.

Congratulations to Ben Frost on his first Quarter Peal.

#### Bob Doubles

The paths taken by the front 5 bells in the plain course.



### Quote of the Month

It's worth remembering some facts. If you have clothes on your back, food in the fridge, a roof over your head and a place to sleep you're richer than 75% in the world.

If you have money in the bank, some in your wallet and spare change, you're among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you've never experienced the fear of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation you're doing better than millions of people in the world.

*From a letter to the Daily Mail, by Mrs Wendy Greig.*

*Contributed by Margaret Taylor.*

## MORE NOTICES

### 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 on Sunday 30th March 10am at the church gates.**

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 Moderate 5 miles**  
**Contact Tony Kershaw 07729 866803**

**Saturday 29 March 10.00am - 4.00pm**  
**Monsall Viaduct Moderate 5 miles**  
**Contact Edye and Dana Jackson 07894 014677**

**Meet at the Church gates.**  
**We can offer a lift to non-drivers.**

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)



## FRIENDS NOTICE



**Saturday 5th April 2025**  
**10am to 12.30pm**

# Car Boot Sale



**Mottram Cricket Club**  
**£20 per vehicle**

*pre booking essential*

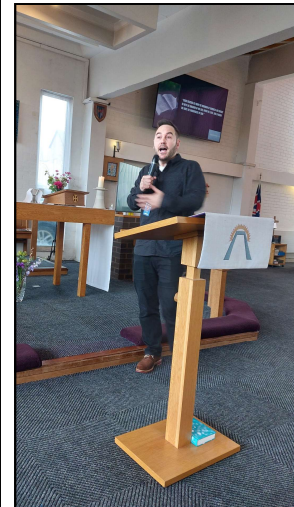
*contact: Christine 01457 765350*

*email: friends@mottramparish.org.uk*

**refreshments available**

*organised by*  
*the Friends of Mottram Parish Church*

## CHURCH NEWS (2)



Sam Durdant-Hollamby

On Sunday 16th February, for the first time, St Michael's joined Hope Community Church Mottram and St Barnabas Hattersley for a service of Christian Unity hosted by St Barnabas.

'Don't be nervous' Rev. Adele had told us the previous Sunday, 'They aren't scary and the coffee is really good'.

We must have taken her advice to heart, as there was a very good turnout from St Michael's. Hope Community Church was also there in force, and with the resident congregation of

St Barney's the church was packed.

The three congregations did their best to raise the roof with song, especially that great old favourite 'Amazing Love'.

Sam, vicar of St Barnabas, delivered a powerful sermon on the body of Christ; the followers of Christ in all their infinite variety.

There were three very long queues to receive Communion from Sam Durdant-Hollamby, Steve Percy and Adele Bridle.

After the service came refreshments, and if the recipe for Spicy Potato Pottage is not a secret, the editor of this magazine would love to get hold of a copy.

Many thanks to St Barnabas for their wonderful hospitality.



Steve  
Percy

Adele  
Bridle



# ELECTORAL ROLL APPLICATION



APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT  
ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL OF THE PARISH OF:  
Mottram in Longdendale

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred title (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

I declare that –

1. I am baptised, am a lay person and am aged 16 or over (or become 16\* on \_\_\_\_\_)

\* A person who is going to become 16 during the next 12 months may complete this Form, and will then be eligible to have his or her name entered on the Roll on his or her 16th birthday.

Tick only one of 2A, 2B and 2C

☐ 2A. I am a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England and am resident in the parish.

OR

☐ 2B. I am a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England, am not resident in the parish,  
☐ [but have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months]  
☐ [and would have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months but was prevented from doing so because \_\_\_\_\_]\*\*\*

OR

☐ 2C. I am a member in good standing of a Church which is not in communion with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, am also a member of the Church of England,  
☐ [and have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months]  
☐ [and would have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months but was prevented from doing so because \_\_\_\_\_]\*\*\*

\*\*\* If you tick 2B or 2C in circumstances where a new Roll is being prepared, you must delete either the first set of words in square brackets or the second set. If you delete the first set, you must complete the second set by filling in the space at the end. See [Note 3](#) for further information. (If completing the form digitally, use the check boxes to indicate which set of words is true)

I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Form 1

Updated: November 2024

## A NOTICE FROM WILLOW WOOD

### Please help Collect 8,000 Creme Eggs for the Willow Wood Hospice Bunny Hop

The much-loved Bunny Hop event is fast approaching, and the community is being asked to help make it a special day for all the children involved. This year, organisers aim to collect **8,000 Creme Eggs**—enough to reward every child who takes part in the fundraising fun.

The Bunny Hop is a cherished tradition that brings joy to children while supporting the Hospice's vital work. Last year local 7,000 local children raised over £49,000 for Willow Wood Hospice, this year the charity is aiming high, hoping that more children will get involved to smash the £50,000 target! By donating Creme Eggs you will ensure each young participant receives a sweet treat reward for their hopping efforts, making their day even more memorable.

Donations can be dropped off at the Hospice reception (Willow Wood Close, off Mellor Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6SL) or at any of the Hospice charity shops before 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

Shop locations are listed at:

<https://willowwood.org.uk/shop-locations/>

Every donation makes a difference. Help spread Easter joy and make this event truly unforgettable!

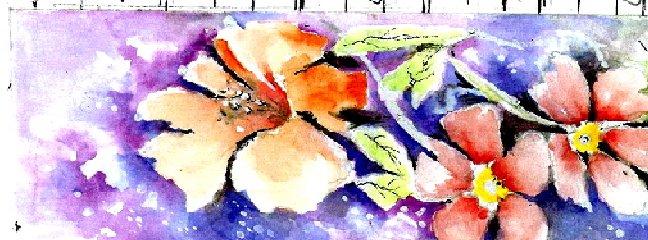
### Willow Wood Hospice 2025 Creme Egg Appeal



## THE FLOWER ROTA

# Altar of Flowers 2025

January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
Epiphany	Epiphany 1	Epiphany 2	Epiphany 3
		St. Basil's	
February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
Presentation of Christ	4 before Lent	3 before Lent	2 before Lent
March 2	March 5	March 9	March 16
Sunday/Lent	Ash Wed.	Lent 1	Lent 2
	No Flowers	No Flowers	No Flowers
April 6	April 13	April 17	April 24
Lent 5	Palm Sunday	Maundy Th.	Good Friday
No Flowers			
May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
Easter 3	Easter 4	Easter 5	Easter 6
C. Brander			



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.

## CHURCH NEWS (1)

### EXPLORING FAITH

Rev. Adele intends to start a new course :

**Start** - exploring the Christian Faith (See P3)

Please speak to Adele if you are interested.

Rev. Adele's contact details are also inside the front cover of this magazine.



### DAY TRIP TO LYTHAM

The PCC is hoping to organise a church outing to Lytham-St-Anne's. Date to be decided.

At the moment they just want to know how many people might like to go.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church for people to register their interest.

Please note; the PCC meeting on Tuesday 11 March has been cancelled.

**Next PCC meeting - Tuesday 8th April  
7.30pm at the vicarage.**



**The PCC gives notice that a new Electoral Roll** will be compiled this year.

If you wish to be entered on the new roll, you will need to complete an application form so please contact either:

Kevin Hall, Electoral Roll Officer 01457 861827 or

Kate Best PCC Secretary 01457 857248

The preparation of the new roll will take place between Sunday 13th April and Sunday 26th April. So your application needs to be received between those dates.

A copy of the application form is on the next page.



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Spring is on the way, hopefully bringing us good walking weather. It is also bringing the lambing season.

Please remember that the nearby moors are home to many thousands of sheep.

They are also home to ground-nesting birds, and some of these are extremely rare.

Please be considerate.



(Poster - Derbyshire Police)

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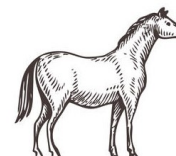
## Nu-Shu



*An independent family-run*

*Shoe Shop*

**Market Avenue  
Ashton-under-Lyne**



## Grange Farm Feeds

On roundabout, end of M67 Mottram

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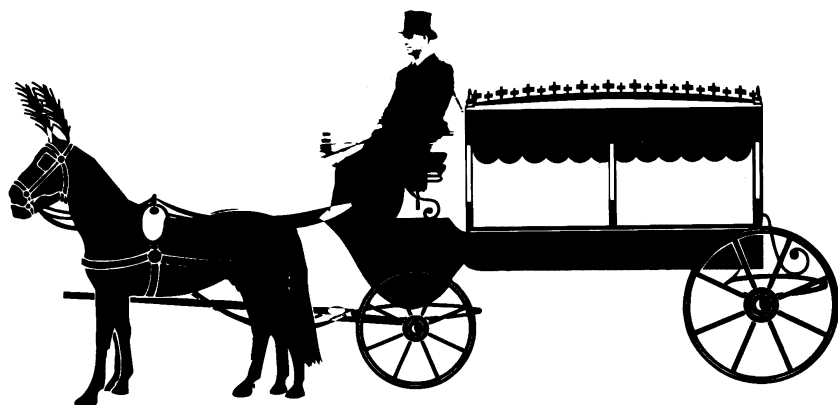
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