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From the Anglican Diocese in Europe - Ukraine

Christina Laschenko, Churchwarden of Christ Church in Kyiv, Ukraine, reflects on one year of full-scale war in her home country:

"We are surviving through the Time of Trials: Entering Lent for the second year running.

A year has passed from the beginning of a full-scale invasion by Russia of Ukraine.



Where are we now, where are we going, and what we have learned?

Where are we now?

Our small Anglican congregation in Kyiv has shrunk to about a dozen people who attend bi-weekly prayers and services in the premises of the Lutheran church in Kyiv. These include Ukrainians and staff of international aid missions. Several new Ukrainian members have also joined the congregation.

Where are we going?

We are staying here in Ukraine, and we are going to pray and give hope to all people around us who require physical and material help, human support and spiritual encouragement in these dark times.

What have we learned? We have learned three crucial lessons:

First lesson: "This is not a sprint; this is a marathon". Ukraine was not conquered within three days, as Putin originally planned, and after a year we are still fighting. We grieve for huge human losses, ruined families, lives, and homes; for the whole country living in continuous fear of an air-raid alert. They want to expel us from our land, we do not have other options than to resist. Having reached that point we found out that we had good neighbours.

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Ukraine (continued)

Death and ruination can be overcome only by compassion and love for your neighbour. Despite ever-present needs at home, Ukraine has sent 87 experienced emergency rescue workers to Turkey; they arrived on the third day after the terrible earthquakes and immediately joined the rescue campaign. Courage, perseverance and God's help strengthen our hope.

Second lesson: "We are all in the war zone".

Daily air raids hit shopping malls, maternity hospitals and residential blocks, although we are almost 1000 km away from a frontline. Yet we stay in our cities and towns despite blackouts, interruptions in heating, transportation, connections and supplies in order to work and support each other and our soldiers. Each family in Ukraine today has either a close friend or loved one who is fighting at the frontline. During a war the value of human life becomes negligible. This makes us love even more strongly and pray for our loved ones even more passionately.

Third lesson: "There are no atheists in trenches".

This is a phrase I've heard from a Baptist Military Chaplain. Many people who never thought about faith before are now attending various churches. There is a huge demand for spiritual communication, spiritual guidance, and spiritual leadership in society. We and other Anglicans will stay, praying and helping the needy, and Christ Church hopes to find a permanent Chaplain so that it can grow and flourish in a free and peaceful Ukraine.

A surprise visit last December by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Diocesan Bishop, Dr Robert Innes, was an important morale booster. It was a gloomy time, with constant air-raid alerts, black-outs and cuts to electricity, heating and internet connections, so we felt supported and encouraged.

After a year of full-scale war we are entering Lent; the time of trials. But the darkest hour is before the dawn, and we look forward to Easter, the time of Resurrection and the Triumph of Life."

(From the website of the Anglican Diocese in Europe, slightly edited, and updated from a telephone conversation reported in the Church Times)

NOTICE BOARD

Community Groups and Charities

You can make use of our notice boards - it's free! Send your notice to the editor - mandpbrown@protonmail.com

Deadline for the April issue is Monday 27 March. The magazine should be in church and online by Sunday 1 April.



Baptism / preparation for Holy Communion / Confirmation There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church or speak to Rev Cait

Remember

The clocks go forward at 2.00am

Sunday 26th of March



Mottram Craft Group Interested in making crafts and having a chat and a cuppa? Come along! Meets at the Place of Welcome at Mottram Community Centre every other Wednesday 2 - 4.30pm Next meetings 15 and 29 March

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NOTICES (CONTINUED)

Walking with the Walkers

Saturday 25 March Meet 10.30am at the Church gates To the wreck of the B29 bomber on Bleaklow. A moderate 4 mile walk led by Bob Joy. (Tel. 07546 251709)

As usual - please come prepared for all weathers with suitable footwear, and bring a packed lunch. We meet at the church gates, and car share, so can offer a lift for non-drivers.

Welcome to all - not just churchgoers!

We collect a voluntary donation of £1 per person per walk for the benefit of an agreed charity -Willow Wood in 2023.

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 Brandreth.



The next collection of frozen meals will be: Sunday 12 March 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.

More about St Michael and All Angels Church and Broadbottom Magdalene Centre can be found on the parish website at www.mottramparish.org.uk

MORE NOTICES

One Pot At A Time

Is a Tameside initiative for families struggling with current soaring food and energy costs.

Anyone that is struggling can contact Louise Britton CONFIDENTIALLY. Louise will complete the referral to apply for a slow cooker starter kit.

Please speak to/email/phone Louise:

cfm@mottramparish.org.uk or ring 07721419866



Pub Night

Come and join us, about every six weeks, at one of our favourite local pubs. Harewood Arms, Broadbottom

Wednesday 22nd March 8.00pm - 10.30pm Everyone welcome!

Mottram Cricket Club

`Coffee and Craft Club' every Monday 9:30-11:30am

'Unplugged and Acoustic' live music, poetry and good company every Thursday 3:00pm-7:00pm

'Hot Lunch Club' every Friday 11:30-2:00pm Hope Community Church

'Monday Matinee' quizzes, songs, chair aerobics, films every Monday 2:00-4:00pm

'Warm and Toasty' every Tuesday 9:30-11:30am every Thursday 12:00-2:00pm

AND YET MORE NOTICES

The **Foodbank** needs: UHT milk Tinned milk Long-life puddings Tinned fruit Soap or hand wash Tins



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

Choir Rehearsals Friday evenings 7.30pm, in church, all ages, all abilities, no weekly commitment.



Reasons to join the choir:

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Learn new songs and new skills,

Being part of a historic tradition in this church and its future.

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Cold in Church?



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THE FLOWER ROTA



Altar flower rota 2023 January - July

If you would like to dedicate altar flowers in memory of a loved one, or just to make the church look beautiful, please get in touch with Sue Joy or Kath Higgins or email flowers@mottram.org.uk or sign the list in the porch.

FINAL NOTICES (FOR THIS MONTH)

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First Tuesday of the month At Hattersley Hub 9.30am - 12.30pm

We are looking for members of the community who craft, cook, garden, knit, paint, build models, carve wood, bake or carry out any similar hobbies. Would you like to sell any of your wonderful creations? Maybe you would like to take the plunge and see if you can start a business?

WE WANT TO MEET YOU!

Individuals, community groups and local businesses can hold a stall at our **Monthly Morning Makers Market**.

> Only £3 per stall! Contact Samantha.powers@onward.co.uk or telephone 07889 646 619



First Steps Baby & Toddler Group meets on Mondays 1.30 - 3.00pm Mottram Community Centre Church Brow, Mottram, Hyde, SK14 6JJ





For more information contact Pat Hall on 01457 861827 or Pat Hall and Charmian Wilby at www.mottramparish.org.uk/intouch/contact/pat



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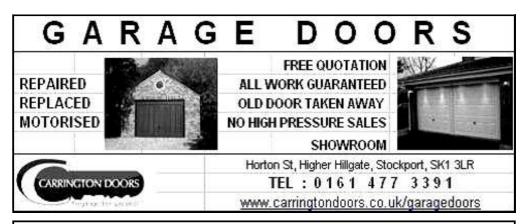
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Church News (1)

Please note that starting on Sunday 12th March Early Communion will be at the later time of 9.15_{am}.



The new path a generous gift from the Friends of Mottram Church, is nearing completion.



It should be finished by Sunday 5th March (weather permitting).

Songs of Praise Service

Sunday 12th March 10.30am

A chance to sing your favourite hymns.



Memorial Garden - Saturday 18th March. 10am to 1pm - volunteers needed

First gardening tidy-up of the year

Sandwiches, cake and drinks will be provided. Please bring your own gardening tools if you can.

For more information, or to let Jacky know that you are coming ring 07791517468. (Or you can just turn up on the day.)

Secateurs, pruners, shears and long-handled loppers still needed. Can you help? (Thank you to everyone who has already kindly donated tools.)



Church News - (2)



Christian Aid connects people and churches to those issues around the world which on all our hearts.

We need someone who could receive the Christian Aid information and share it with us, encouraging us and enabling us to get involved.

You don't have to organize all the events yourself, but be the person to inform us about what we could do.

You could be the person who turns "I wish I could help" into "I know just what to do"

Take Mark

Matt Britton will be giving us a dramatic performance of Mark's Gospel throughout Lent, culminating in the Passion and Resurrection of Christ in Holy Week and Easter.

Following on from that we will be able to respond with a year long Bible study, taking us up to Easter next year, when Mark will be the Gospel for our lectionary readings.



Quote of the month

"Music is the perfect way to express your love and devotion to God. It is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us." - *Martin Luther*

Contributed by Betty Gadd

Church News - (3)

--- Keep Warm thi*s* Winter



Could you join our rota of helpers you won't have to do every week!

Could you volunteer to drive people up to the Community Centre, who couldn't otherwise attend?



Please see Louise Britton in church.

Every Wednesday 2pm-4.30pm

Would you like to lead intercessions in the service?

Or could you be someone to listen to people and pray with them during communion?

Perhaps you would like to but don't feel you have the words.

Training for intercessions and Prayer ministry coming soon.

Please sign at the back of church.



The next meeting of the PCC will be on Tuesday 14 March by Zoom.

(PCC minutes of the previous meeting are on the notice board.)

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3rd Sunday of Lent

Early Communion

Sunday 5 March 8.30am - 9.30am 10.30am - 12pm **2nd Sunday of Lent** Early Communion Worship for All, Blessing of new path and notice board.

Sunday 12 March 9.15am - 10.15am 10.30am - 12pm

Sunday 19 March 9.15am - 10.15am 10.30am - 12pm

Sunday 26 March 9.15am - 10.15am 10.30am

Sunday 2 April 9.15am - 10.15am 10.30am

4th Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday Early Communion Worship for All with Communion

Worship for All with Songs of Praise.

5th Sunday of Lent Early Communion Worship for All with Communion

Palm Sunday Early Communion Worship for All

Visitors who regularly take communion in their home church are welcome to join us at the table.

9.30 to 11.30am most Fridays -Church open for visitors and private prayer.



St Barnabas, Hattersley

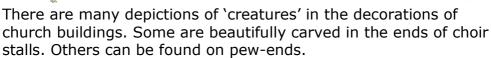
Every Wednesday 10.30am

Holy Communion - a joint service with our friends and neighbours at St Barnabas Church, Hattersley Road East, Hattersley, SK14 3EQ.

Reflecting Faith



How birds can remind us of our faith By Rev Dr Jo White. (from 'Parish Pump')



Sometimes there are human caricatures, perhaps of people the craftsmen knew in real life – their priest or bishop; or even their foreman! And sometimes there are carvings of birds, such as the pelican and peacock.

The peacock is known for its magnificent tail feathers, which it displays to impress potential mates and deter aggressors. From the early days of Christianity, the peacock has been used to symbolise eternal life, and is sometimes seen carved into memorial stones in churchyards. This is because it renews its plumage each year, shedding its old feathers and growing new ones. This also links to Christ's resurrection, as the peacock's glory is renewed again.

The pelican is a less obvious Christian symbol, although quite common in all art forms. It's seen as a symbol of atonement because when observed by naturalists many centuries ago, they misinterpreted the red tip on its long bill.

They saw the pelican preen its feathers, and it appeared to them to be ripping open its breast, so as to feed its young with its own blood. This story became symbolic for the Atonement, where Jesus allowed Himself to be pierced so that we may live. Although ornithologists view the red tip differently today, the pelican's legendary representation continues.

(Our own garden birds are nesting now, and in these days of tidy gardens, for hole-nesting species like sparrows, starlings, robins and the tit family it can be very difficult to find a home.

The British Trust for Ornithologiy (BTO) offers advice for building and placing nestboxes. Go to: <u>https://www.nestboxweek.com</u>

There are also lots of books available.)

Let's Pray



Parish Prayer Rota March 2023

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'

Roe Cross Green

Old Hall Lane

Old Hall Close

Hall Close

Hall Drive

Tollemache Close

Tollemache Road

Ash Close

Elm Close

Oak Close Four Lanes



Father in heaven, you have given us a mind to know you, a will to serve you and a heart to love you. Be with us in all that we do, so that your light may shine out in our lives.

From 'A Christian's Prayer Book' - contributed by Betty Gadd. Our regular prayer group's next fortnightly 'virtual' meetings are 13th and 27th of March 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 prayergroup@mottramparish.org.uk or to Tony Kershaw by email, Whatsapp, phone, text 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.

A prayer of St Patrick

c385 ~ 17 March 461

May the Strength of God pilot us. May the Power of God preserve us. May the Wisdom of God instruct us. May the Hand of God protect us. May the Way of God direct us. May the Shield of God defend us. May the Host of God guard us Against the snares of the evil ones. Against temptations of the world. May Christ be with us! May Christ be before us! May Christ be in us. Christ be over all! May Thy Salvation, Lord, Always be ours, This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.



Registers and Records

Flying The Flag



Tuesday 28 March 2023 In loving memory of my Peter (Redfern)



Baptisms

Sunday 5 March 2023

Reuben Oliver Lockwood

Contacts

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



Wednesday 22 February 2023 Charles Donald

Wednesday 1 March 2023 John Ingham

Wednesday 15 March 2023 Mildred Julia Woodacre

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

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The flag can also be flown for your own special occasion such as an anniversary, birthday, graduation, or in memory of a loved one.

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Family History

We can help you with family history enquiries if you have an ancestor buried here. To contact our family history expert Bill Jubb, email familyhistory@mottramparish.org.uk



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COMMUNITY CONTACTS IN MOTTRAM PARISH

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Longdendale Women's Institute 01457 763319, 01457 766517





Here in the hard times St Barnabas Church Hattersley Road East Hattersley SK14 3EQ 9.00 - 11.00am We operate on a referral system Please speak to/email/phone Louise: cfm@mottramparish.org.uk or ring 07721419866

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Tameside Local Studies & Archives 0161 342 4242

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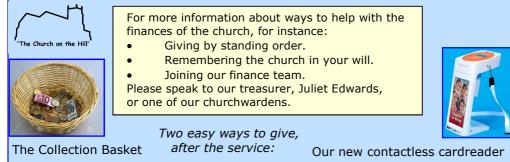
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Our Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is: Claire Bibby 01457 763758

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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