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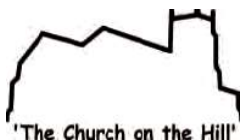
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St Michael and all Angels

29th September is the feast day of Saint Michael, and the cover picture shows the astonishing Benedictine Monastery of Mont-St-Michel, a World Heritage Site, off the coast of Normandy.

Britain has its own St Michael's Mount, off the coast of Cornwall, which was originally a daughter house of Mont-St-Michel. It is no longer a monastery, more of a castle, but the chapel is still dedicated to St Michael.



St Michael's Mount, Cornwall
(Photo credit - Wikipedia)

St Michael's, Mottram, like many churches with this dedication, stands on top of a notable hill. Warhill was the site of a battle, possibly during the anarchic civil wars of succession between Stephen of Blois and the empress Matilda (Maud) of France in the 12th c. The original church was probably wooden. The present building is mainly 15th c.

What is an angel? A shining figure with glorious wings, who appears from time to time to do some mighty work for God or bring a special message from Him?

Well, that's right in one sense (apart from the wings, which owe more to stained glass windows than to the Bible). But the fact that not all 'angels' in the Bible are 'glorious' or 'shining' should make us hesitate to categorise them in this spectacular way. The three apparently ordinary men who visited Abraham and Sarah to tell them that she would have a son even though she was past child-bearing age had none of those embellishments. Nevertheless, Abraham recognised them as divine messengers.

The Bible is full of angels, from Genesis to Revelation. It seems that Michael was regarded as leader - 'Archangel'.

St Michael and all Angels (continued)

He's often shown with a sword, because in a vision in Revelation he led the angelic host that defeated Satan's army.

In the Gospels, an angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah in the Temple, to tell him that his elderly wife was to have a son, John the Baptist. An angel, Gabriel, appeared to Mary to tell her that she would be the mother of the Messiah, the Son of God. An angel appeared in a dream to Joseph the carpenter in Nazareth, to tell him to marry his fiancée, Mary, and later warned him not to go back to Bethlehem.

A 'young man', whom we take to have been an angel, was sitting in the empty tomb on Easter morning, waiting to tell the startled women that Jesus wasn't there - He had risen.

Without going into every biblical reference to angels, those should be enough to show that the word covers a great diversity of experience. So the Letter to the Hebrews describes those who practise hospitality as sometimes 'entertaining angels unawares'. Sometimes people recognised angels as such, and sometimes they didn't. Angels, are God's emissaries, messengers and ministers of His will. Sometimes they are human; sometimes they seem to be spiritual beings.

Perhaps we could say that *anyone*, in any situation, who is at that moment God's 'messenger' to us, or serves us graciously, is an 'angel'. So, when we say, 'Oh, be an angel and pop up to the chemist for my prescription', we may be nearer to the heart of the matter than we think!



Gilded statue of the Archangel Michael atop the abbey.

(Photo credit -
Abbaye du Mont-
Saint-Michel.)

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 October issue is Tuesday 24 September.

The magazine should be in church and online by Sunday 29 September.

WALK WITH THE WALKERS

Saturday 7 September - Eyam.

Meet 10am at the church gates.

Not a walk this time but a social day out in Eyam.

Open to all - there's a sign up sheet in church, or people can contact Bob & Sue Joy or Joan Walker.

Car share available for non-drivers

Saturday 5 October

Romiley/Chadkirk - easy 4 miles, no stiles.

As usual, please come prepared for all weathers, with suitable footwear and a packed lunch.

Contact Joan Walker 01457 763292 for more details.

Open to everyone, not just churchgoers.

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

The new walking calendar - October 2024 to June 2025 - is now available at the back of church.

(We collect a voluntary donation of £1 per walk in aid of a chosen charity. This year it is Hattersley Foodbank)

NOTICES CONTINUED

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 29 September
10am at the church gates.**

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



Sunday 1st September

After the 10.30 am service the Flower Ladies will be holding an event in Church to help raise funds for flowers to welcome Rev. Adele on her induction.



First Steps Baby & Toddler Group
Mottram Community Centre
Church Brow SK14 6JJ.

The new term begins on **Monday 2 September**
10-11.30am at Mottram Community Centre, Church Brow.

For more information contact
Pat Hall on 01457 861827

or Pat Hall and Charmian Wilby at
[www.mottramparish.org.uk/intouch/
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HARVEST FESTIVAL NOTICES

OUR HARVEST SUPPER

(27th September)

OUR HARVEST SUPPER WILL BE HELD
IN MOTTRAM COMMUNITY CENTRE
FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER, STARTING AT 7pm

THIS WILL BE A "BRING AND SHARE" EVENING
TEA, COFFEE AND COLD DRINKS WILL BE
PROVIDED BUT PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING
YOUR OWN DRINKS

Admission is by ticket, £5 per person



OUR HARVEST SERVICE

(29th September)

OUR HARVEST SERVICE THIS YEAR
WILL BE ON SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER
IN SUPPORT OF THE FOODBANK

HOW CAN I HELP?

THE FOODBANK ALWAYS NEEDS:

- tinned fish
- tinned meat
- tinned veg
- tinned fruit
- pasta
- noodles
- soups
- jam
- milk (uht or powdered)
- long-life fruit juice
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- steamed puddings
- cooking sauces
- cereal
- toiletries



NOTICE - WILLOW WOOD

Help shape the future of Willow Wood Hospice

Willow Wood Hospice in Ashton-under-Lyne is appealing for skilled and experienced individuals to join its Board of Trustees.



The Hospice provides specialist and compassionate care for people from Tameside and Glossop with any life-limiting illnesses.

Willow Wood requires at least £3.3 million annually to operate, with only 21% funding coming from the Government, making community support vital.

Trustees play a crucial role in Willow Wood's success, offering support, scrutiny and challenge to enable the Hospice to grow and operate effectively. The role demands commitment but is rewarding, helping to make positive changes in people's lives and shaping the Hospice's future.

Willow Wood is seeking trustees from a variety of backgrounds, including clinical, faith, local government and business professionals.

Honorary President and Trustee, Martin Willescroft, emphasised that the role involves active participation in both governance and initiatives, contributing to the Hospice's mission to lead and deliver high-quality, multi-professional specialist palliative care, support and education.

Joanne Ormston, who has been a trustee since January 2021, joined to volunteer her time and expertise in memory of her mother, who died from cancer. Joanne encourages others to get involved, stating that any contribution, no matter how small, is key to the Hospice's continued success.

Anyone interested in becoming a Willow Wood Hospice trustee can find out more, including how to apply, at <https://willowwood.org.uk/vacancies/trustees/>

Altar flower rota to December 2024

THE FLOWER ROTA

Altar Flowers 2024



June 2nd	June 7th	June 14th	June 21st	June 28th
Trinity 1	Trinity 2	Trinity 3	Trinity 4	Trinity 5
July 5th	July 12th	Sandra Gabley	John W.	July 19th
Trinity 6	Trinity 7	Trinity 8	Trinity 9	Trinity 10
Susan Hill - Anthony Boucher	August 1st	August 8th	Pat Kinn	August 15th
August 2nd	August 9th	August 16th	August 23rd	August 30th
Trinity 10	Trinity 11	Trinity 12	Trinity 13	Trinity 14
September 1st	September 8th	Sally Williams	September 15th	September 22nd
Trinity 15	Trinity 16	Trinity 17	Trinity 18	Trinity 19
C. Brinkley - M. Powell	October 6th	Sally Bostell	October 13th	October 20th
October 27th	Trinity 20	Trinity 21	October 27th	Trinity 28th
Trinity 19	Trinity 20	Trinity 21	October 28th	Trinity 29th
November 3rd	November 10th	Sue Williams	November 17th	November 24th
Trinity 22	Trinity 23	Trinity 24	Trinity 25	Trinity 26
November 24th	November 31st	December 1st	December 8th	December 15th
December 1st	December 8th	December 15th	December 22nd	December 29th
December 22nd	December 29th	December 1st	December 8th	December 15th
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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.

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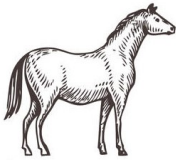


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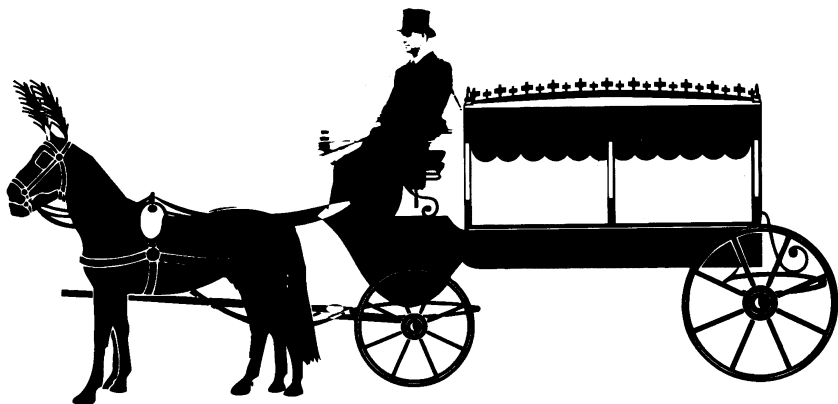
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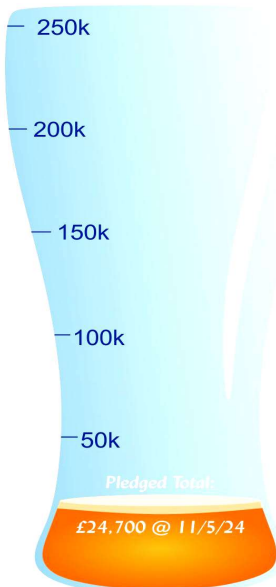
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This is an invitation to pledge your intention to buy shares and become a proud co-owner of our pub as a community asset. We're looking for pledges of between £100 and £25,000. A full share prospectus will be issued as soon as plans are in place.

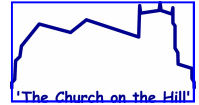
Please send us a pic of your completed pledge form, or pop it in the post box on the bar in the pub, or email details of your pledge to: communityharewood@gmail.com

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Email:
Address:

Pledge: I pledge to buy shares worth
£ <input type="text"/>
to save our community pub

CHURCH NEWS (1)

**The next PCC meeting will be on Tuesday
10 September at 7.30pm in the vestry.**



**Rev. Adele, our vicar-to-be, wishes to thank every-
one who helped with the work that needed doing in
the vicarage and the vicarage garden.**

Grants have come through for work on the Church

£5,000 Benifact Trust
£247,361 National Lottery

We are waiting to hear from Garfield Weston.

We have permission to start on Tower Roof – 27th August.
Scaffolding has already gone up.
It should take about 12 weeks.

Work on the heating is due to start 9th September.

Please note that the flag will shortly be taken down while
maintenance is carried out to the tower roof.

Flag dedications will not be possible until the work is com-
plete, which is expected to be in November.

A request from the pastoral team

We visit the sick, the bereaved and the housebound, but
unfortunately sometimes we do not know that someone is ill or
in hospital. If you know of a congregation member who is ill or
has been taken into hospital please could you inform one of us,
either at church on Sunday morning or by telephone.

Christine Brandreth 01457 238268

Chris Kershaw 01457 765350

Heritage Open Day at St Michael's

Saturday 14 September
1.00 - 4.00pm



Self-guided tours.

Tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits.

Hosted by the Friends of Mottram Parish Church

(Some areas might be out-of-bounds while the new heating system is installed)



*Stone effigies of Sir Ralph
and Lady Elizabeth
Staveleigh*



*The great banner of the Archangel
Michael slaying Satan (Revelation)*

CHURCH NEWS (3)

The Church of England's Education Office

has achieved 'Outstanding' in all categories following a recent Ofsted inspection covering its delivery of NPQs (National Professional Qualifications).

NPQs are professional development courses for teachers and leaders to develop skills, progress careers and improve school outcomes. The Church of England began as a lead provider for NPQ training in September 2021.

The inspection highlighted the "exceptional quality" of professional development, training, and leadership that is provided by the Church of England.

Ofsted went on to commend the Church's policy of inclusivity and diversity, which ensures that leaders from all backgrounds, including those from small schools and minority ethnic backgrounds, have access to appropriate NPQ programmes.

The report also said that safeguarding and participant support are given the "highest priority", with "robust policies" and procedures in place.

Quote of the Month

A teacher ought to be a stranger to the desire for domination, vain-glory, and pride; one should not be able to fool him by flattery, nor blind him by gifts, nor dominate him with anger; but he should be patient, gentle, and humble as far as possible; he must be tested and without partisanship, full of concern, and a lover of souls.

Benedicta Ward

A Letter From 'Embrace The Middle East', Lebanon

Against the backdrop of a crippling economic crisis and a gaping political vacuum, tensions are growing in Lebanon between Syrian refugees and host communities. With a marked rise in intolerance and violence, one church in the Beqaa Valley is going against the grain. As part of a network of local churches supported by Embrace's partner, MERATH, this church is walking in the paths of love.

For the past 13 years, Pastor Tony* has stood nearly every Sunday before a congregation of Lebanese and Syrians. They sit together in church, worshipping God and listening to His word. In a country with longstanding tensions between Lebanese and Syrians, it is a radical demonstration of the power of the Gospel. (**Tony's real name has to be withheld.*)

Seated in his upstairs office on a morning in May 2024, Pastor Tony told us how such fraternal relations have formed out of the outreach the church has provided to Syrian refugees for more than a decade.

"We believe that when conflicts happen, there are more opportunities to share the Gospel," he said. "This opens a door amidst pain to present Jesus as a comforter for people."

Tony was referring to the Syrian civil war and how the mass displacement it caused had created an opportunity for Syrians – most of whom come from non-Christian backgrounds – to hear the Gospel. But the same was true for the people in the church. Initially, supporting Syrians was not an easy thing for them to do. Indeed, if it were not for the Gospel, they might not have extended a helping hand at all. But Christ has the power to change hearts. Amid growing tensions, the support the church extends to Syrian refugees attests ever more strongly to that transformative power.

"God does not differentiate between a Syrian and Lebanese," Tony said. "God loves all people, and just as God gave us the chance of salvation, He has given them this same chance."

The congregation prayed and felt led by God to help. With support from MERATH, the church began to distribute aid. They did so unconditionally, providing aid when the church did not have meetings or services, so that recipients would not feel pressured to come to church.

Hearing of the support, huge numbers of people came. There ended up being more Syrians than Lebanese in the church, an imbalance that bothered some Lebanese members. Some asked why the church was helping Syrians. Still, Tony felt led to help. In his sermons, he reminded people of Jesus' teachings.

"It's not every day that we face enemies," he would say. "This might be the only time in our lifetime that we face our enemies. We should love them. This is an opportunity to prove we are true believers."



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.

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| Sunday 1 September | 14th after Trinity
9.15am Early Communion
10.30am Holy Communion |
| Sunday 8 September | 15th after Trinity
9.15am Early Communion
10.30am Holy Communion |
| Sunday 15 September | 16th after Trinity
9.15am Early Communion
10.30am Family Communion |
| Sunday 22 September | 17th after Trinity
9.15am Early Communion
10.30am Holy Communion |
| Sunday 29 September | 14th after Trinity
9.15am Early Communion
10.30am Harvest Service
with Holy Communion. |

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.

**St Michael and All Angels website is at
www.mottramparish.org.uk**



Parish Prayer Rota September 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.

Gibble Gabble
Harewood Lodge
New Street
Mottram Road
West End
Hurst Clough
Harryfields
Braemore Drive
Moss Lane
Coombes View
Hodge Fold

*'Love your neighbour
as yourself'*



In the fading of the summer sun,
the shortening of days, cooling breeze,
swallows' flight and moonlight rays,
In the browning of leaves once green,
morning mists, autumn chill,
fruit that falls at frost's first kiss
We see the creator's hand.

African Sisters Education Collaborative

Prayer Requests

Our regular prayer group's next 'virtual' meetings in our cyber prayer room are Mondays 9th and 30th September 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 and we'll include it in our prayers.

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.

Bless those who teach,
that they may increase our understanding,
and be open to your word for them.

Bless those who minister healing,
that they may bring wholeness to others,
yet know your healing in themselves.

Bless those through whom you speak,
that they may proclaim your word in power,
yet open their ears to your gentle whisper.
Lord of the Church,
in your mercy hear us.

Registers and Records

Weddings



Saturday 24 August

Karl Daniel Jones

Emma Louise Wardle

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

Flying The Flag



Sunday 4

August 2024

**80th Birthday memories of
Barbara Moss**

Please note that the flag will shortly be taken down while maintenance is carried out to the tower roof. Flag dedications will not be possible until the work is complete, probably in November.

Family History

The Churchyard

Immediately surrounding St. Michael's, the churchyard has been in use for centuries, the oldest grave being one from 1649 - just on the right of the main path.

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.

Not To Be Taken Seriously



...I take it our local supermarket has a rather good offer on tinned peas at the moment!



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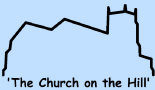
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For more information about ways to help with the finances of the church, for instance:

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

Please speak to one of our churchwardens.



We now have a collection during the service again. There is also a card-reader and a collection basket at the back of church or you can donate by BACS.



The Collection Basket

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**

