

MELLOR PARISH CHURCH

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Calendar for April

April 6 Passion Sunday
10.30am Parish Communion
(Canon J Hartley)
6.30pm Evensong & Sermon
(Amma Sue)

April 8 7.30pm Mothers' Union

April 13 Palm Sunday
10.30am Parish Communion
(Amma Sue)
6.30pm Evensong & Sermon
(Amma Sue)

April 14 7.00pm Way of the Cross

(St. Leonard's Church, Balderstone)

April 15 7.00pm Passover Meal
(St. Mary's School, Mellor)

April 16 7.00pm Stations of the Cross
(St. Mary's Church, Mellor)

April 17
Maundy Thursday
7.00pm Eucharist – Stripping of the Altar
(St Mary's Church Mellor)

April 18
Good Friday
10.30am Good Friday Service
2.00pm Quiet Hour
(United Benefice Service at St Mary's Church, Mellor)

April 20
Easter Day
6.00am Dawn Vigil
(Amma Sue)
10.30am Parish Communion
(Canon J Hartley)
6.30pm Holy Communion
(Rev'd M Hatton)

April 25 - 27
ART EXHIBITION in CHURCH

April 27
Second Sunday of Easter
10.30am Parish Communion
(Rev'd Dr J Darch)
4.30pm 'Songs of Praise'

April 29 2.15pm 'Little Angels'

May 4
Third Sunday of Easter
10.30am Parish Communion
12 noon Baptism
6.30pm Evensong & Sermon

Dear Friends,

"Holy, holy, holy week, there to make the clergy weep!" So sang my friend as we sat together over lunch one Holy Saturday. Over the years since being ordained I have come to understand just what he meant, for I too have always found Holy Week to be a very trying and tiring experience. And from conversations I've had with other folk whether ordained or not there is certainly an air of tiredness and even slight depression around this particular time in the Church's calendar. So why should such a familiar and annual event have this effect on people? What's so different about this particular religious festival?

Well, I think that it's because during this particular week, unlike any other in the year, as we consciously and deliberately walk the road to Calvary, we are coming face to face with the common lot of all humanity. For we have all, no matter how young or old, experienced times of loss and sadness; times of endings and partings. Some of them we can recall and some have entered so deeply into our subconscious that we're not even aware of feeling them. And so, as we think and pray and meditate on Jesus' Passion and Death in the final week of his earthly ministry, it's no wonder we're tired and no wonder we become a little bit giddy on Easter Day.

For Easter Day is the promise of hope and new life, the promise that the common human experience of pain and loss punctuated by the odd Bank Holiday break is not the only thing

that we have to look forward to, and it's a promise not only for us gathered in Christian churches, it's a promise held to everyone. As the scripture reminds us "God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself." That most generous of all the generous gifts of our generous God, spills over to affect even those who can't, won't or have not had the opportunity to hear the Good News. For Easter influences us all, as we all share in the pleasure. And as we eat our chocolate Easter Eggs, share celebration meals, or just chill out with friends, family or even on our own, we can be sure that we share this pleasure with many others whether they claim the Christian faith or not. For in great generosity our Creator God chose to be limited by the human experience, to enter fully into all that that would mean, to know intimately all our experiences of joy, of pain, of loss and of sadness. And who for our sake was prepared to walk the road to Calvary, not simply in memory or imagination but to walk that road in reality, and who as he lay pinned and dying prayed for those who did not, would not, or could not believe as well as those who did.

A Happy, Hopeful and Blessed Easter to you all.

Amma Sue



He is Risen,

**He is Risen Indeed!
Come and join the celebrations
Easter Sunday 6am**

**A short walk to our outdoor service
Then breakfast in church
All welcome**

ST. MARY'S MELLOR

Sidespersons

	Morning		Evening
April 6	S Nelson	S Tipper	N Walsh
13	A Bibby	P Cowell	J Moss
20	N Walsh	G Calvert	G Tipper
27	P Hughes	M Hodson	-
May 4	J Moss	P Webster	J Saunders
	Chalice Server		Intercessor
April 6	Geoff Gill & Linda Livesey		Sonia Tipper

	13	Eileen Peake & Marian Hunt	Frank Ashton
	20	Graham Tipper & Rita Gorman	Geoff Gill
	27	Geoff Gill & Eileen Peake	Linda Livesey
May	4	Marian Hunt & Linda Livesey	Sonia Tipper

Flower List

	Donor	Arranger	
April	6	Lent 4 - No Flowers	-
	13	Palm Sunday	Joan Moss
	20	Easter Day	All Arrangers
	27	Mrs Karen Walsh	Joan Moss
May	4	Mrs Sheila Turner	Di Ibbotson

If anyone would like to make a contribution towards the Easter flowers or donate a lily in memory of a loved one, please see Joan Moss.

Church Cleaning

	w/c	
April	7	Janice Ball, Linda Livesey & Lorna Shaw
	14	Maureen Forrest, Hilda Hilton & Marilyn Watson
	21	Vicky Dewhurst, Jane Greenhough, Katie Rolston
	28	Marian Hunt, Di Ibbotson & Sue Ellison

From The Registers

	Communicants	Collections
23 February	69	£418.79
2 March	95	£584.89
9 March	70	£567.20
16 March	67	£1231.10
23 March	57	£430.05

Funeral

We commend to God's keeping the soul of

Edna Houghton

Barbara Livesey

Thank you

As we have now completed our terms of office as Churchwardens at St Mary's we wish to say thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve our church.

We also wish to thank everyone for their support and assistance during this time.

Jim and Graham

MAUNDY MONEY

THE Queen will come to Blackburn in April to distribute her historic 'Maundy Money' at the Cathedral. Along with the Duke of Edinburgh, she will attend a special service on April 17 to give small gifts or 'alms' of special coins and money to 88 male and 88 female pensioners, one for each year of her age. Traditionally, the service was held in or near London, in most years in the early 20th century at Westminster Abbey. Today, Queen Elizabeth II almost always attends, she has been absent only four times in her reign, and the service is held in a different church (usually a cathedral) every year. The service "has become the occasion of a royal pilgrimage to different parts of the country". The Queen has directed that the service not be held in London more often than once in ten years and now insists on travelling to major Churches and Cathedrals round Britain to distribute the historic gifts. It will be the first time she has been in Blackburn Cathedral.

The monarch distributing 'Maundy Money' is a tradition dating from medieval times.

It takes place on Maundy Thursday, the day before Good Friday when we remember the death of Jesus on The Cross.

Elizabeth II considers it an important part of her devotional life and it is the only occasion on which the Queen visits others to make awards; usually recipients of honours come to her. She considers the distribution of the money to Christian pensioners as an important part of her role as head of the Church of England. Today the recipients are pensioners, chosen on an interdenominational basis from various Christian churches for their service to their churches and communities.

At the service, she ceremonially distributes small silver coins known as "The Queen's Maundy Money" as symbolic gifts. The coins are legal tender but do not circulate because of their silver content and numismatic value. A small sum of ordinary money is also given in lieu of gifts of clothing and food that the sovereign once bestowed on Maundy recipients. Recipients now receive two purses in a single distribution, one white containing the Maundy coins, and one red containing the other money.

The Yeomen of the Guard, 'Beefeaters', are present at the ceremony and the choir of the Chapel Royal is also present.

Congratulations to all the recipients - especially the Rev'd Roland Nicholson and Frank Ashton.

Parochial Church Council - URGENT

At the Vestry and Annual meetings held on Sunday 16 March, Graham and Jim resigned as Churchwardens and Stewart resigned as Treasurer. Unfortunately, no-one has yet been willing to come forward to take their places and we now find ourselves in desperate and urgent need of volunteers.

To give more time to try to resolve this, they have agreed to continue in post *on a strictly temporary basis*, pending another meeting:

Extraordinary Vestry Meeting, Sunday 13 April, after morning service

Everyone on the electoral roll is very welcome to attend. Please speak to Amma Sue, Graham, Jim or Stewart if you feel able to help in any way, including taking on shared responsibility for some of the tasks.

MOTHER'S UNION

I was so grateful to Mr Jim Atkinson in March. He kindly came at very 'short notice'. We had a good meeting and an excellent attendance of 52 ladies.

We have been asked to be 'Cathedral Welcomers' on Friday, 4th April. I hope a group will go from 10am - 1pm and a second group from 1pm - 4pm.

We are also asked to be responsible for catering at the Art Exhibition on Friday, 25th April 2 - 4pm and on Sunday, 27th April

1 - 4pm. I would be grateful for scones and cakes and, also, help.

We meet as a group on Tuesday, 8th April when we shall welcome the 'Victorian Butler' – Mr Leslie Jackson.

Margaret Ashton

PS Looking forward to 13th May – if anyone would like to go see 'Crazy for You' at the Thwaites Empire Theatre please see Rita Gorman 812566.

Mellor St. Mary C. E. Primary School News

The Senior Choir took part in SING UP which was a fantastic event at King George's Hall on Friday 14thth March. Sixteen school choirs learnt songs individually and then came together to perform in front of a very appreciative audience of families and friends. The songs included Disney classics, spiritual songs and a WW1 medley and everyone enjoyed this special occasion.

You may have read in the press about the Schools Sports Grant which has been allocated to every school in England and Wales to increase each child's participation in sport especially competitive games and to improve each child's fitness. At this school, we are increasing opportunities with Key Stage One Sports coaches every Tuesday lunchtime
Dance coach for Class 2 and Year 3 weekly during Spring Term

Key Stage Two football coach for Thursday games session

Netball coach for Thursday after school club

Subsidised After School Dodgeball Clubs on Tuesday evenings

International Basketball coach for Year 5/6 session

Chance to Shine International Cricket coach

Playground equipment for EYFS

Extra resources for competitive games i.e. netballs, footballs, goalposts

Congratulations to Oliver, Marcy, Ethan, Sophie and Phoebe who competed in the Ribble Valley Gymnastics event at St Augustine's High School in February and achieved a very high standard in a series of competitions on the floor and on the vaulting box. Congratulations also to the Basketball team who played at Accrington Academy and

reached the final where they drew 17-17. Tremendous agility and teamwork were shown by all team members.

The annual Easter Parade and Open Afternoon will take place on Thursday, 3rd April at 1.30 p.m. in the School Hall. The children will be reciting poems followed by an opportunity for parents to have refreshments and to walk around the classrooms to observe children being taught a range of Maths/Numeracy lessons.

Happy Easter to all parishioners from the children, staff and governors.

C. L. Taylor Headteacher

"A Very Happy Birthday"

April birthdays from the baptism, Sunday School and Youth Fellowship registers are:

2nd	Molly Baron	12th	Joshua Jarrald
3rd	Lucy Taylor	15th	Albert Moss Evans
5th	Olivia Hussey	17th	Jacob Waddicor
5th	Leo Brown	20th	Alexander Bedford
9th	Matthew Cooper	21st	Jessica Smith
10th	Oliver Rolston	29th	Ethan Broomes
11th	Hannah Pickering	30th	Ruby King
11th	Emma Hilton		

Recycled Cards

Easter Cards are now available from Church - as well as knitted chickens and lambs which contain a crème egg.

These have been made by our friend, Joan Hak and all proceeds are for Church Funds.

Thank you for your support

Jean, Rita, Sheila & Sonia

ROSE QUEEN 'LINE OF PENNIES' (PART 2)

I would like to thank everyone who supported the 'Line of Pennies' following the Day School Anniversary service. The children had great fun making a line 130 feet long and then picking all the pennies up after (also thank you to the adults who helped too!).

A total of £62.50 was raised for ASTHMA UK.

Thank You

Emily Walsh

Mellor Recipe Books

There are some Recipe Books still available at £10 each.

They will make an ideal Easter gift . . .

FAIRTRADE

The stall will be in position in the Narthex before and after Parish Communion on Sunday, 6th April.

- time to buy Easter Eggs and Chocolate Treats -

Bill, Lorna, Marian and Rita

Mellor Youth Fellowship

In March the children learnt some Emergency First Aid techniques which Debbie Chadwick kindly taught them, even the YF leaders learnt something new.

We next meet on Friday 11th April in the Church Narthex 7.30pm – 9.00pm when our theme will be 'Easter' and the children will be making a display to be shown at the April Flower Show. All children from Year 6 and above are welcome to join us. Cost is £1 and the tuck shop will be available.

I would like to thank those who have kindly offered to support us on a rota basis, if you are interested in helping please let Karen Walsh know as soon as possible – you do not need to organise anything (unless you want to), just come along and help out. Also the children always like to see new faces!

We look forward to seeing you

The Youth Fellowship Leaders

Mellor Baby & Toddler Group

Come along and join in the fun with the babies, toddlers and their mums / dads / grandparents from Mellor and the surrounding community.

In April we will be meeting on **Friday 11th and 25th.**

1.45pm – 3.00pm

St. Mary's Court Community Centre (opposite Church)

£2 per family including refreshments & healthy snacks

Please start saving for 'Bags2School' collection – date to be confirmed

Contact: Karen Walsh 07507-293484

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Once again the Women's World Day of Prayer was a wonderful success due to the organisation of our Chairperson Mrs Sheila Parker (Mellor Methodist).

Many ladies from our four local Churches:- St. Leonard's CE St. Mary's CE, St. Mary's RC and Mellor Methodist enjoyed sharing lunch.

This year St. Leonard's welcomed and prepared lunch for us at Mellor Brook Community Centre.

After lunch our ladies presented a shortened version of the Evening Service to residents at Longworth house followed by the singing of a few "old favourites."

Thank you to St. Leonard's for also organising the Evening Service held at Balderstone.

We would like to thank Debbie Chadwick, Helen Holroyd, Katie Rolston and Angela Whalley who took part as Egyptian women.

Last, but not least, a big thank you to Mrs Christine Taylor who gave an interesting and inspirational talk entitled "Streams of the Desert" from Egypt.
Margaret Baldwin, Janice Ball & Rita Gorman

(St Mary's representatives on the local W W D of P Committee)



Sunday School News

Lessons

6th April – Lesson in School, Easter Craft.

We are then on holiday from Sunday School until 27th April when we shall meet in School.

Easter Sunday

Come along to the Dawn service on Easter morning. We take a short walk onto the field across from the butchers and have a short service looking out over the wonderful view to Pendle. Then it's back to church for bacon sarnies. A lovely way to start Easter Sunday. Everyone welcome.

Art Weekend.

The children have already started to work on a display based on the story of Noah's Ark to decorate the porch during the Art Weekend. We are also practising a new song which we hope to teach everyone at the Songs of

Praise on Sunday 27th. We are in Sunday School that morning but we hope you will come along to both if possible! It's a great opportunity for the children to show off their work in Sunday School.

Happy Easter to all our families xxx

We'd love to see any new children, come and join us on any Sunday morning.

From all the teachers. X

FOSMS: Friends of St Mary's School

Spring is almost here and we have more exciting events planned.

Dates for your diary:-

Bags 2 School has been arranged for the 30th April. Now is the perfect time for a spring clean, so please look out for the bags in the reading packs or via the school, with a list of acceptable items.

FOSMS will also be helping to prepare and serve the lunches for the Art Expo on the 26th April.

We will be holding a Food Feast on the 10th May. Further details to follow.

The school disco was on Friday 31st January, was enjoyed by years 1 to 7 and raised £280. A prize for the best dancing was also awarded.

On Wednesday 12th February the school held a Space night. The evening included an astronomy presentation and light refreshments and was a great success, raising £277.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd April at 7:30pm in the school and as always, we welcome new members and look forward to seeing you then.

Zoë Metcalf Secretary



Hometime Afternoon tea.

There will be no Afternoon tea due to Easter holidays. We would however encourage you all to come along to church on the Friday afternoon of the Art weekend when tea and cakes will be served, or for a lovely lunch on the Saturday.

CONGRATULATIONS

We are pleased to report that Di Ibbotson has been presented with a long service medal by the Royal Women's Voluntary Service at a recent ceremony in Preston.

Di has been delivering meals on wheels to the elderly in and around Mellor for 40 years.

Congratulations, Di - what a wonderful achievement!

'Little Angels'

We thought about 'MUMMY' when we met in March. . .

On Tuesday, 29th April we shall celebrate 16 years of 'Little Angels' with a birthday party and our theme will be 'CHICKENS' with rhymes and songs.

As usual, we shall meet in the Narthex at 2.15pm for an hour of fun and friendship.

Margaret, Rita, Hilda, Irene & Gillian

PAINTING EXHIBITION

AN EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS by local amateur artists is being held in St Mary's Parish Church, Mellor on 25th, 26th & 27th APRIL 2014.

The church will be open for public viewing on Friday 1- 4pm, Saturday 10am - 4pm & Sunday 1- 4pm

Admittance £2

(to include free catalogue of paintings)

Refreshments will be available during the weekend.

(Lunches served on Saturday)

HARRY CAUNCE, teacher of art, will hold a PAINTING DEMONSTRATION
in the Narthex on

Friday afternoon from 1.00 - 4.00.

A WINE & NIBBLES EVENING

will take place in Church on Friday 7.00 - 9.30pm.
Tickets £5

A SONGS OF PRAISE Service will bring the exhibition to a conclusion on Sunday 4.30pm

ALL WELCOME

Proceeds for maintenance of St Mary's Church

for further details please contact

Sonia Tipper 813565 / Rita Gorman 812566

Readers for April

April 6	Passion Sunday	
10.30am	C Redwood	Ezekiel 37: 1-14
	P Jackson	Romans 8: 6-11
	Celebrant	John 11: 1-45
6.30pm	S Brindle	Lamentations 3: 19:33
	S Dobson	Matthew 20: 17-end
April 13	Palm Sunday	
10.30am	S Gill	Isaiah 50: 4-9a
	N Walsh	Philippians 2: 5-11
	Celebrant	Matthew 21: 1-11
6.30pm	S Nelson	Isaiah 5: 1-7
	M Riley	Matthew 21: 33-end
April 17	Maundy Thursday	
7.00pm	G Gill	Exodus 12: 1-14
	R Gorman	1 Corinthians 11: 23-26
	Celebrant	John 13: 1-17, 31b-35
April 20	Easter Day	
10.30am	A Smith	Acts 10: 34-43
	S Tipper	Colossians 3:1-4
	Celebrant	Matthew 28: 1-10
6.30pm	G. Tipper	Acts 10: 34-43
	S. Dobson	Colossians 3:1-4
	Celebrant	Matthew 28: 1-10
April 27	Second Sunday of Easter	
10.30am	G Gill	Acts 2: 14a, 22-32
	D Summersgill	1 Peter 1: 3-9
	Celebrant	John 20: 19-31
May 4	Third Sunday of Easter	
10.30am	M Ashton	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41
	M Eccleston	1 Peter 1: 17-23
	Celebrant	Luke 24: 13-35
6.30pm	M Watson	Haggai 1: 13-2: 9
	G Hill	1 Corinthians 3: 10-17

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