

MELLOR PARISH CHURCH

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Calendar for April

April	1	Ecumenical Passover Meal
	7.00pm	Mellor Brook Community Centre
April	2	Maundy Thursday
	7.00pm	Eucharist - with foot washing St Leonard, Samlesbury
April	3	Good Friday
	10.30am	Good Friday Liturgy - St Mary, Mellor
	3.00pm	Holy Hour - St Leonard, Samlesbury
April	5	Easter Day

		6.00am	Dawn Service (Amma Sue)
		10.30am	Easter Eucharist (Canon John Hartley)
		6.30pm	Easter Eucharist (Rev'd Roland Nicholson)
April	12		Second Sunday of Easter
		10.30am	Parish Communion (Amma Sue)
		6.30pm	Evensong (Amma Sue)
April	14	7.30pm	Mothers' Union
April	19		Third Sunday of Easter
			All Age Worship
		10.30am	Parish Communion
		6.30pm	Evensong (Rev'd Roland Nicholson)
April	26		Fourth Sunday of Easter
		10.30am	Parish Communion (Rev'd Roland Nicholson)
		6.30pm	Holy Communion (Rev'd Dr John Darch)
April	28	2.15pm	'Little Angels'

**Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel every Tuesday at 9.30am
followed by Coffee in the Narthex**

Dear Friends

April sees the beginning of Spring and also the end of the financial year! Tax returns are now all in and the calculations have been made, by the time you read this we will have had a new Budget set by the Chancellor and the Election Campaign is in full swing; so it seems that even the staid and boring subject of financial planning has taken on the shade of spring-green!

It is of course tempting to think that all this financial and business planning has little to do with our spiritual lives – but God of course isn't confined to those bits that we label "religious" but is concerned with all aspects of our lives, even those bits that seem most "unspiritual." The beginning of the book of Genesis tells us that we are called to be stewards of the whole of creation, and the books of Numbers and Deuteronomy remind us that God is God of our finances and our business affairs as well; and that we as God's faithful followers should bring all things under God's just and gentle rule. How we make and spend our money is just as "spiritual" as praying and going to church on Sundays, for it is how we conduct the ordinary every day affairs of life that say so much more about how we love God above all things and our neighbours as ourselves than any amount of church attendance. For it is the ordinary and the every day that proves our faith, for the "proof of the pudding is in the eating" as the saying goes. As we plan our finances for the next year we should do so under prayer asking God's guidance for how much we should be giving to others through our

charitable giving, how much we should be giving to our local church to further our vision and our mission, and how much we should be using for our own family commitments.

God's economy isn't based on prudence however, but on generosity and in God's economic planning giving to others means that we will receive so much more than we can ever give. So as we look to the newness of Spring watching God's creation give so generously and abundantly let us in our turn give generously and abundantly to God. Giving generously of our money, our time and our talents sure in the knowledge that our heavenly Father will give good things to those who ask him and that in giving even a cup of water to others, we are giving to Christ himself.

May the blessings of the Risen Lord Jesus be with you all.

May God richly bless you all Amma Sue

THE "MINISTRY TEAM"

As we now have a regular "team" leading our services we thought it would be good to formally introduce them to everyone!

Mother Enid Briggs – Holds a General Licence for Bishop Julian. Previously she was Associate Priest at St. Leonard's Walton-le Dale where she lives with her husband Stuart and two cats! She is self-employed in the accountancy sector.

Revd. Dr. John Darch – Is the Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Curate Training for the Diocese. Previously he was a tutor at St John's College, Nottingham. Before that he was in parish ministry serving in Litchfield and Chester Dioceses, and was the Rural Dean for Hyde near Manchester.

Revd. Gill Dyer – Has recently moved into Mellor having retired as Priest-in-Charge of Whalley, Sabden and Pendleton. Gill is also part of the Diocesan Advisory Team for Spiritual Direction.

Revd. Canon John Hartley – Was the Vicar of Salesbury St. Peter and Area Dean for Whalley and has regularly taken services for us since his retirement; and he and his wife Janet are very involved the life of St. Mary's Mellor.

Revd. Gary Hunt – Has served as a Non-Stipendiary Minister at Balderstone St. Leonard and since retiring has continued to be closely linked to Balderstone and now regularly leads worship at all three churches in the United Benefice.

Father Roland Nicholson – Has been a priest in Blackburn diocese for 41 years, serving as both Vicar in a number of parishes and as Industrial Chaplain for BAE Systems. At present he is looking after St Stephen's, Tockholes. For the past five years he has been a "familiar face" at Mellor and Balderstone and for the past two years has regularly presided at St Leonard the Less, Samlesbury as well.

Mrs. Pam Daunton – Is the Reader at Samlesbury Church and while St. Leonard the Less remains the focus of her ministry, she also takes occasional evening services at St Mary's, Mellor

Amma Sue and the United Benefice are enormously grateful for their ministry to us.

ORDER OF THE COMPANIONS OF MARTHA AND MARY DAILY SERVICE TIMES AT ST MARY'S MELLOR

Tuesday – Saturday

Lauds 7.00am

Prime 7.30pm

Eucharist 8.00am (9.30am Tuesday)

Vespers 5.00pm
Midday Office 12.45pm and Compline 9.30pm – at the Vicarage

CHURCHWARDENS & TREASURER

The Annual Vestry and Annual Parish Church Meetings will be held in church following Parish Communion on Sunday, 12th April 2015.

We need to bring the following to everyone's urgent attention if we are to continue to have a legally constituted PCC from April this year.

We need to appoint TWO Churchwardens at this meeting if we are to continue to have a legally constituted PCC from April this year and so that St Mary's Church can function as it should in this parish.

Members of the Parochial Church Council assist the Churchwardens by carrying out duties at each church service on a rota basis which significantly reduces the workload.

Graham Tipper has served as Churchwarden for the past 6 years and is available to advise and guide whoever takes over this very important role within our parish church.

Please, please pray that someone will step up and answer the call

We also urgently require a Church Treasurer to keep the books in order. This needs someone who can spare a little time each week to collect the 'paperwork' from church, pay bills etc and record details. This post would suit someone with bookkeeping skills.

Please, please would someone come forward?

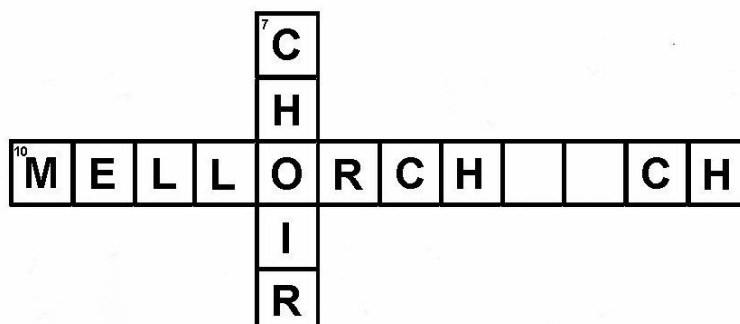
Additionally, there are spaces for more people on the PCC.

Please give this your very prayerful and serious consideration and speak to Amma Sue, Graham or any member of the PCC if it would be helpful.

- ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS MEETING -

From The Registers

		Communicants	Collections
Feb	15	57	475.95
	22	66	481.70
Mar	1	60	619.36
	8	59	358.35
	15	97	673.30



What's "missing" above in the crossword grid

If you know

"Contact Mike Wilcock, Organist and Choirmaster for more information"

FOSMS NEWS

Our Easter raffle is a great fundraising event for FOSMS, this year our star prize was a Mongoose bike with helmet, second prize was a £50 voucher for the Chill Factor, with the third prize being a chocolate hamper and fourth prize the all-important Easter egg! The raffle was drawn in school on Thursday 26th March as part of the Easter celebrations at school.

Bags 2 School: through the collation of unwanted clothing and shoes we can raise money for the school children, during the week commencing 23rd March each child will have in their reading packs a big blue bag to fill, these will need to be returned to school on Tuesday 21st April.

Finally please could you SAVE THE DATE of Friday 24th April as we will be holding an 80's themed family disco in the school hall. Tickets are £10 which admits up to 2 adults & 3 children. There will be a licensed bar, snacks and a retro sweet stall! Further details to follow.

If you would like to join the FOSMS team please contact Emma Hilton or Vicky Dewhurst.

Kind regards....

The FOSMS Team

Church Rotas April

Sidespersons

	Morning	Evening
April 5	S Nelson	N Walsh
April 12	D Holroyd J Saunders	J Moss
April 19	B Lucas P Hughes	G Tipper
April 26	I Moss A Smith	N Hogg

Chalice Servers

Intercessors

April 5	Graham Tipper	Linda Livesey	Frank Ashton
April 12	Eileen Peake	Marian Hunt	Geoff Gill
April 19	Geoff Gill	Linda Livesey	Debbie Chadwick
April 26	Rita Gorman	Graham Tipper	Linda Livesey

Flowers

April 5	Easter Sunday	All Arrangers
April 12	Ann Minoprio	Joan Moss
April 19	Marion Hunt	Ann Minoprio
April 26	Karen Walsh	Debbie Summersgill & Lorna Bowes

If you would like to donate a lily in memory of a loved one or make a donation towards the cost of Easter flowers, please see Joan Moss 813581

Church Cleaning

Week commencing . . .

April 6 Janice Ball, Linda Livesey & Lorna Shaw

April 13 Maureen Forrest, Hilda Hilton & Marilyn Watson
April 20 Vicky Dewhurst ,Jane Greenough & Katie Rolston
April 27 Marian Hunt, Di Ibbotson & Sue Ellison

PCC Assistant Wardens

April 5	R Gorman	D Summersgill
April 12	D Chadwick	S Nelson
April 19	J Saunders	S Saunders
April 26	W Shaw	

**UNITED BENEFICE OFFICE HOUR
AT THE VICARAGE**

OFFICE HOURS WILL BE EACH **FRIDAY 6.00pm - 7.00pm**

Amma Sue is available to discuss parish matters Spiritual or Otherwise

Mellor St. Mary C. E. Primary School News

This Easter, twenty children took recorder examinations validated by the London College of Music. Nine children took *Grade One* and many of these beginners will then apply the skills they have learnt to orchestral instruments. There is no doubt that when this happens, their learning is accelerated. Others will continue through higher grades and this year, four of our children took the *Grade Five* exam. To reach this standard at primary school is a big achievement and we thank Mrs. Margaret Baldwin who has prepared them so thoroughly, yet again. Last year, the hard work by the children was certainly rewarded as we entered an ensemble in the recorder competition of Blackburn Music Festival which we won beating several other local schools. J. McGurty

The annual Easter Parade and Open Afternoon took place on Thursday, 26th March at 1.30 p.m. in the School Hall. There was a beautiful display of Easter hats, decorated eggs in many different disguises labelled with suitable puns, the Year One cress haired Rapunzel eggs and a display of Easter coloured pictures. The younger children sang "I think I'll wear for Easter" followed by the older children singing "Find a Little Seed". Then the whole school sang a very traditional version of "Easter Parade" followed by an opportunity for families to have refreshments from the School Kitchen served by Mrs Wakes and her team.

After playtime, parents and grandparents were invited to walk around the classrooms to observe children using the latest computing resources funded mainly by FOSMS. These included I-pads, Bee-Bots, Pro-Bots, microphones and computers in the Computer Suite. The oldest and youngest pupils experienced outdoor education in the TIPI or on bikes and scooters again funded by FOSMS. The afternoon ended with an Easter Egg hunt on the field at 3:15pm.

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

Chris Taylor
Headteacher



OPENING DOORS TO FREEDOM

The Free Project Community Interest Company aims to provide food and essential supplies without charge to **homeless people** on the streets, sleeping rough or in inadequate shelter.

We serve food and provide clothing, toiletries, bedding and essential household goods to people who are homeless or living in inadequate shelter in Blackburn.

We rely on the generous donations from people within our local community who offer us goods such as t-shirts, coats, fleeces, jeans, trainers, towels, bedding and sleeping bags. Along with socks, underwear, hats, scarves, gloves, toiletries, toilet roll, soap powder and non-perishable foods.

(If you would like to contribute any items mentioned above please bring to church)

Thank you – Rita Gorman

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CHURCHYARD

More volunteers are being sought to join the Churchyard team as they start another season of mowing.

If you would like to spend a little time on a weekly basis helping with this worthwhile and very necessary task, please speak to Chris Wilson.

THANK YOU

The Mystery of the Pink Tablecloths . . .

Mystery solved !

The missing pink tablecloths have been found . . .

Where were they?

In a box on the church balcony - - - beautifully laundered - - - - with the red and green tablecloths which are used at the Autumn Fayre. Quite logical, really.

They are now back in their usual place in the Parish Room in school.

MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' Union

We had an excellent meeting in March when our speaker, Pat Ashcroft made us all aware of her skill and determination to attempt a dog sled adventure in the Artic.

The amusing and exhausting parts of her journey were equally interesting, made all the more creditable as she was sponsored for the benefit of Mencap.

The speaker booked for April is not well and feels unable to come. Mrs. Veronica Roper from Hoghton has kindly agreed to come on the 14th and speak about the "Mothers' Union – Action and Outreach".

Thank you to all who came to our service to celebrate the ‘Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary’ – it was lovely to see so many there.

Yvonne Hebbard has not been well recently; we send her our love and best wishes.

Those ladies who were present at the Mothering Sunday service in church were delighted to receive a beautiful card hand made for the occasion by Mrs Sue Brown. Thank you very much, Sue.

Tickets for ‘South Pacific’ at the Ewood Thwaites Theatre on Wednesday, 13th May are now available. Please give your £10 in a named envelope to Rita.

Margaret Ashton

Recycled Cards

We have given a donation of £20 to support the school efforts on Red Nose Day.

We are happy to welcome Ann Minoprio to our group. She has been presented her with a “Welcome Pack” of card blanks, cards to recycle and lots of advice! We feel sure her creative talent will be an asset to our group and we look forward to seeing her cards on display soon.

We would like to thank Joan Hak who has been knitting Easter Chickens, filled with a cream egg, for us to sell. These proved very popular and sold out quickly. Thank you, Joan, for your support!

The Card Ladies

“A Very Happy April Birthday”

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

2nd	Molly Baron	3rd	Lucy Taylor
5th	Olivia Hussey	5th	Leo Brown
7th	Isla Patterson	9th	Matthew Cooper
10th	Oliver Rolston	11th	Hannah Pickering
11th	Emma Hilton	12th	Joshua Jarrold
15th	Albert Moss Evans	17th	Jacob Waddicor
20th	Alexander Bedford	21st	Jessica Smith
29th	Ethan Broomes	30th	Ruby King

Do you have a Special Birthday coming up?
Would you like us to mention
it in the Church magazine? Please let us know.

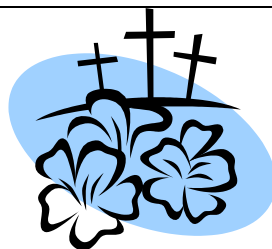
Parishes All Together Ladies Social (P.A.L.S.)

Remember I mentioned we were arranging another trip to the ballet as everyone enjoyed it so much last time? Well tempus fugit as they say and we are travelling fast through 2015 already! I have provisionally booked 20 places which means the tickets will cost only £9.50 each instead of £15 or more.

The Gala Ballet Evening is held in King George's Hall, Blackburn, 7pm on Wednesday, May 20th. The Vienna Festival Ballet is celebrating its 35th year of giving spectacular performances. The evening features highlights from all the well-known ballets such as Swan Lake, Sleeping Beauty, Nutcracker etc. It will be stunning.

Please contact Grace Redmayne on 01254 877307 or me, Marie Ashcroft on 07787 976339, before 10th May, as that's when I need to confirm bookings.

Thank you, Marie



**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**

Mellor Youth Fellowship

Numbers were again low for the March meeting. The group will be having a spring clean of ideas for the next meeting which is May, and some changes will be made. The page has been updated on the website – look out for dates there and on the notice board outside church. Look out for a possible new venue, name, and meeting content then and come along.

*We look forward to seeing you.
The Youth Fellowship Leaders*

Fairtrade

As the first Sunday in April is Easter Day there will **not** be a Fairtrade Stall in the Narthex in April.

Please continue to look for fairly traded goods as you do your shopping.

The Fairtrade Team

LITTLE ANGELS

On Tuesday, April 28th we shall be celebrating our 17th birthday with a little party in the Narthex.

All are welcome to come and join us for fun and games . . . please could all adults bring a photograph of themselves when they were 'little angels' (!) and we will try to guess who is who....

Margaret, Rita, Hilda and Gillian

Sale of Wrist Bands

Many thanks to all who bought wrist bands sold to raise funds for The Brain Tumour Trust.

With your help, £60 was given to this worthwhile charity.

Thank you Sue Nelson



We are looking forward to the 8th Annual Church Barbecue !

- When?** Friday, 3rd July 2015 from 7pm
Where? Myre Ash, the home of Alan & Maureen Bell
Why? To raise much needed funds for St Mary's Church
& to have a really good time together.

Please keep this date free, tickets available soon from :-
Alan Smith, Jean Freeman, Rita Gorman,
Janet Hartley & Debbie Summersgill.

Sunday School News

Lessons

- 5th April – Easter Sunday - no lessons until.....
19th April – All Age Worship. – Vocations
26th April – Lesson in school.

Our Sunday School Page has been updated on the website and hopefully info will be put on them monthly so pay us a visit.

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.

Treasure Hunt and BBQ

Fancy a nice stroll around the countryside around St Leonard's Church, whilst learning some interesting facts and collecting things?

Then why not come along to our Treasure Hunt. Fun for all the family or for a group of up to 4 people. Start anytime from 2:30 and BBQ from 4pm it will take approx 1 hour

On 4 May starting from Church

£ 3 Per adult Children free

BBQ available

Children must be accompanied throughout.

Save the Date - Rose Queen Festival 2015

I know everyone is sorting diaries and holidays and a few folk have asked about this date.

As usual we are on the 2nd Saturday in June, which is this year the morning of 13th June

Please Save the Date!!!!

Readers for April

April	5	Easter Day	
	10.30	M Ashton M Eccleston Celebrant	Acts 10: 34-43 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 John 20: 1-18
	6.30	S Nelson N Hogg	Acts 10: 34-43 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
April	12	Second Sunday of Easter	
	10.30	S Gill R Jones Celebrant	Acts 4: 32-35 1 John 1: 1 to 2: 2 John 20: 19-31
	6.30	J Moss M Watson	Isaiah 26: 1-9,19 Luke 24: 1-12
April	19	Third Sunday of Easter	
	10.30	All Age Worship All Age Worship Celebrant	Acts 3: 12-19 1 John 3: 1-7 Luke 24: 36-48
	6.30	G Tipper S Brindle	Deuteronomy 7: 7-13 Revelation 2: 1-11
April	26	Fourth Sunday of Easter	

	10.30	G Gill W Shaw Celebrant	Acts 4: 5-12 1 John 3: 16-24 John 10: 11-18
	6.30	N Hogg M Riley Celebrant	Acts 4: 5-12 1 John 3: 16-24 John 10: 11-18
May	3	Fifth Sunday of Easter	
	10.30	M Baldwin M Woodward Celebrant	Acts 8: 26-40 1 John 4: 7-21 John 15: 1-8
	6.30	J Saunders S Dobson	Isaiah 60: 1-14 Revelation 3: 1-13

Christian Stewardship

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TBA

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Youth Fellowship

TBA

Little Angels

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Churchyard

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Stewart Woodward (Volunteers Welcomed)

