

MELLOR PARISH CHURCH

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Calendar for February

Feb	5	Fourth Sunday before Lent
	10.30	Parish Communion (Rev'd Roland Nicholson)
	6.30	Evensong (Mrs Christine Ritson)
Feb	7	
	9.30	Holy Communion (Rev'd Gary Hunt)
Feb	12	Third Sunday before Lent

	10.30	Parish Communion (Rev'd Dr John Darch)
	6.30	Evensong (Rev'd Roland Nicholson)
Feb	14	
	9.30	Holy Communion (Rev'd Roland Nicholson)
Feb	14	
	7.30	Mothers' Union AGM
Feb	19	Second Sunday before Lent
	10.30	Parish Communion (Canon John Hartley)
	6.30	Evensong (Mrs Lynda Leadbeater)
Feb	21	
	9.30	Holy Communion (Rev'd Roland Nicholson)
Feb	26	Sunday next before Lent
	10.30	Parish Communion (Rev'd Gary Hunt)
	6.30	Holy Communion (Rev'd Dr John Darch)
Feb	28	
	9.30	Holy Communion (Rev'd Gill Dyer)
Feb	28	
	2.15	'Little Angels'

Pam's Paper Blog:

Dear friends,

As I settled down to write this month's article for the magazine, the news was full of the tragic death of the two young school girls in Oldham who were knocked down crossing the road in a hit and run incident. I wonder if you assumed as I did that the driver would be a young man. This would have taken the tragedy to three lives as his would always be blighted by his own youthful recklessness. Somehow the folly of youth is easier to understand and forgive.

But of course I was wrong. It fills me with anger and frustration that these two young cousins were apparently killed by someone old enough to know better; someone who had already been banned from driving. These frustrating events create a desire in us to have the perpetrators locked up and the key thrown away. Do these people not understand the consequences of their action? Obviously not!

As Christians we're asked to live by the rules that Moses brought down Mount Sinai two thousand years before Jesus lived; the ten commandments. These rules were once the heartbeat of our society, learnt by rote at school, but now they're not that well known. Jesus summarised them into the 'golden rule':

*'In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.
Matthew 7 : 12*

In our modern justice system there is now a practise called restorative justice. This is used to help prisoners face the consequences of their crimes by listening to the feelings and effects their crime has had on the lives of those they have wronged. When a victim of a crime talks about how the crime has injured them and how they have had to adapt their lives afterwards it can be very powerful. It prevents the prisoner from ignoring the consequences of what they have done; it forces them to face their crime and helps them to be sorry. It is far better to challenge the attitude of a prisoner so they change their ways than it is to simply lock them up. Restorative justice has been found to be so successful it is now used routinely in schools to settle incidents that happen there.

Restorative justice is often talked about in terms of human dignity but it is really the use of this 'golden rule' of Jesus'. When we take that moment to ask ourselves how we would like to be treated in any set of circumstances. Then use that thinking to guide our own actions in the way we treat others it changes how we proceed in life. If we all used it wisely we would find we lived in a much more caring and safe environment.

Pam Daunton

IMPORTANT NOTICE

CHANGES TO TIMES OF UNITED BENEFICE CHURCH SERVICES

Following discussion between the Venerable Mark Ireland Archdeacon of Blackburn, the Church Wardens of Balderstone St Leonard, Samlesbury St Leonard the Less and Mellor St Mary, and in consultation with the Parochial Church Councils, a revised times of services has been agreed in preparation for the arrival of the new incumbent.

Commencing on Sunday 5th March the Parish Communion Service will take place as follows:-

Balderstone St Leonard	9.30am
Mellor St Mary	9.30am
Samlesbury St Leonard the Less	11.00am

Please note that the 8.30am Holy Communion Service at Balderstone and 6.30pm Evensong at Mellor will be discontinued from 26th February.

The Tuesday 9.30am Holy Communion Service at Mellor will continue as normal.

The priest appointed, Rev'd Charles Jefferson, hopes to take up the post as Vicar of The United Benefice of Balderstone, Mellor & Samlesbury before the end of March.

New Bible Study

A Bible study will be led by the Reverend Enid Briggs on 'exploring the bible', giving a background to what we hear on a Sunday. This series of 9 sessions will bring the bible alive, making it much more interesting & exciting.

The course will be held each Thursday from January 12th - March 9th at 7.30pm with the first venue at 79, Warrenside Close, (off Parsonage Road), Blackburn, BB1 9PE.

We look forward to seeing you & exploring the bible together.

Please do not hesitate to contact Enid on 01772 879264
or enid_briggs@hotmail.com for more information.

"A Very Happy February Birthday"

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

1st	Paige Varey	19th	Mason Robinson
2nd	Jay Venables	22nd	Amelia Dobson
3rd	Alfie Wallace	25th	Andrew Lucas
7th	Dylan Kay	26th	James Chadwick
17th	Megan Pilkington	26th	Elsbeth Ambler
19th	Zoe Summersgill		

Do you have a Special Birthday coming up?

Would you like us to mention it in the Church magazine?

Karen Walsh (karenwalsh739@brinternet.com).

From The Registers

		Communicants	Collections
Dec	18	54	830.27
	24	53	270.00
	25	42	144.00
Jan	1	45	388.60
	8	50	607.90
	15	70	459.55

Funeral

We commend to God's care

Elsie Yates

The 'Little Angel' Group

We meet on Tuesday 28th February
for our usual hour of fun.

Remember – all are welcome.
Margaret, Rita, Hilda and Gillian

Church Rotas February

Assistant Wardens

Feb 5

Geoff Gill

Graham Tipper

12	Mark Smith	Rita Gorman
19	Barbara Lucas	Debbie Chadwick
26	Marilyn Watson	Debbie Summersgill

Sidespersons

Feb 5
12
19
26

Morning

S Nelson F Thompson
A Smith P Cowell
N Walsh I Moss
S Brown G Calvert

Evening

N Walsh
S Woodward
S Nelson
N Hogg

Chalice Servers

Feb 5
12
19
26

Eileen Peake & Geoff Gill
Linda Livesey & Graham Tipper
Eileen Peake & Linda Livesey
Rita Gorman & Geoff Gill

Intercessors

Day School
Geoff Gill
Debbie Chadwick

Flower List

Given by:-

Feb 5 Mr A Sharp
12 Mr W Thompson
19 Mrs M Hunt
26 -Vacant-

Arranged by:-

Helen Holroyd & Helen Cooper
Joan Moss
Ann Minoprio
Debbie Summersgill

Church Cleaning

Week Commencing

Feb 6 Rita Gorman, Betty Green & Peter Cowell
13 Linda Cawtherly, Margaret Eccleston & Frances Thompson
20 Sue Nelson & Amanda Calvert
27 Eileen Peake & Wendy Eatough

Please speak to Hilda or Rita if you would like to
join a team or help in any way.

Mellor St. Mary C. E. Primary School News

This February we have some exciting things happening in school and in Class Three. On Thursday 9th February the children in Year Three are going on a school trip to visit a mosque in Blackburn and also to visit the Blackburn Cathedral. The children will be learning to understand the similarities and differences between Islam and Christianity.

Later on in the term, we will also be preparing to go on another school trip which will happen in March when we visit the Ribchester Museum. In our topic lessons, we are learning about the Romans as well as the River Ribble so we will be doing lots of learning about this over the next few weeks to prepare us for our visit to Ribchester.

This month on Friday 3rd February it will be the school disco as organised by FOSMS. This is always a fantastic night and the children enjoy dancing the night away with their friends and teachers! Also Sunday 5th February will be the school's anniversary church service.

On Monday 6th February some children in Year Three and Four will be taking part in a gymnastics competition. They have been practising their skills with Miss McPherson since January and we wish them all the best of luck for their competition.

After half term on 20th February we will be coming back to school ready for a busy term ahead of getting ready to celebrate Easter.

That's all for this month from Miss Birch and Class 3

Sunday School News

Lessons

5th	Feb	In church Day School Anniversary
12th	Feb	holiday
19th	Feb	holiday
26th	Feb	In school

Christingle

Although we seemed to have fewer children at this service, you were all wonderfully generous and we raised a superb £263. THANK YOU. This money will be used to help disadvantaged children in the UK, with many of the projects based in the North West.

The colouring competition winners were Charlotte Smith age 6 and William Joyce age 9. Well done.

FOSMS (Friends of St Mary's School) NEWS

First of all, a belated Happy New Year to you all and thank you for your support in 2016.

We had a very successful autumn term with several fundraising events.

The family walk back in September was a great success with many local families joining in the short ramble around Mellor Village. The walk is also a fantastic opportunity to welcome the new reception families to the school and FOSMS, at the start of the new term.

Our school disco held in October was a little different this year. All children were invited, from the foundation stage through to 2016 year 7 pupils. The infant disco was held earlier, and the juniors joined later for a hot dog and all enjoyed the tuck shop and disco dancing competitions. Although not a profit raising night, we did raise £350 which goes towards all school trip transport, new books, updating the outdoor play equipment and many more items on the school's wish list.

This year's annual Bonfire and Firework display raised a fantastic £510. Thank you to everyone who came to spectate and sample the delicious bbq food and mulled wine. And of course all the volunteers and helpers involved in the building and clearing up of the bonfire, and on the night itself. Luckily the rain held off and the fireworks were beautiful across the Mellor sky.

The bags2school raised £96, and thank you to all who donated their unwanted clothes and shoes. Please look out for more bags in the spring term.

Everyone enjoyed Father Christmas's tour of the village last month on his magical sleigh. The generosity of the villagers was outstanding this year and we collected a whopping £733 across both nights. Father Christmas and FOSMS would like to thank everyone who helped with the collection this year and hope that Santa brought you everything on your Christmas lists.

We also held a very successful Nativity Service coffee morning and the sales from the Christmas Concert magazine will also be added to our fund raising totalizer.

The first meeting of the year was held in School on Tuesday, 17th January 2017.

Please do support the committee to raise funds to help enhance your children's education and we always welcome new ideas.

And why not check out our Facebook page www.facebook.com/Friends-Of-St-Marys-School-Mellor-FOSMS and keep up to date on the school website www.mellor.lancs.sch.uk

Zoe Metcalf Treasurer

The Power of the Internet

You may have read the collection of "Life Stories" on our church website. In particular, if you have read Geoff's, written over 7 years ago, you may recall how I tried to obtain a copy of the Blue Peter programme, in which he appeared on 26th June 1969.

Several months ago, a Quentin Smith contacted Richard Jones, as he'd seen the article on the website. This was as a result of searching for "Knotting Marathon on Blue Peter" on the internet and, hey presto, Geoff's life story came up – try it! Quentin wanted a copy of the programme, as he had appeared on it as a drummer in a scout band, and had remembered that there was another scout group on the programme demonstrating their knotting marathon. Richard put Quentin onto Geoff and Quentin set about getting a copy of the programme. Perhaps because of improvements in their archiving, this time the BBC managed to find the programme, and last month Geoff and Quentin received their DVDs.

It is fascinating hearing and seeing a 15 year old Geoff (complete with huge fringe!), explaining the process of recording the knot count. The whole programme is an interesting insight into the social history of the time. For example, do any of you remember Daniel, the Blue Peter baby? The clips with John Noakes and Peter Purves with Daniel at the seaside are bizarre.

So, if you seek, you will find – with a little help from the internet!

My next task is to track down the 1969 or 1970 Guinness Book of Records where the Knotting Marathon was recorded. Is there one out there?

Sue Gill

FAIRTRADE

The stall will be up and running on Sunday 5th February before and after the Day School Anniversary Service.

Mothers' Union

The Rev'd Enid Briggs was our January speaker. She spoke about Vestments - why they are used and how they are made. She brought many beautiful ones some of which she had made herself.

We meet in February on the 14th at 7.30pm for our Annual general Meeting. After the reports have been presented we will exchange £1 parcels and enjoy a 'Jacob's Join' supper.

Any good bric-a-brac would be appreciated for us to sell - with proceeds to branch funds.

We offer our love and sympathy to Audrey Singleton on the death of her husband, John.

Margaret Ashton

Recycled Cards

Thank you

Thank you to the Card ladies for enabling us all to purchase cards at 'Special Prices.'
The card stand in the side aisle, at the back of Church is always stocked with beautiful cards for all occasions.

Jean, Rita and Sheila not only use their talents, but lots of time in recycling and making many attractive cards.

On behalf of Barrie and myself, thank you, ladies, for your generous donation of £50 to Melanoma U.K.

Margaret & Barrie Baldwin

Social Committee

THE VILLAGE QUIZ

Friday, 10th February 7.30pm in School

Tickets £7.50 – Meat & Potato Pie Supper
with a Vegetarian option

There will be a Bar; with soft drinks also available.

Reverend Roland will again be Quiz Master

Tickets have to be limited due to space available – so start arranging your teams of 4 people and order your tickets from members of the Social Committee.

All proceeds from the evening will go to Church.

Tickets are available from members of the Social Committee

VISION YOUTH GROUP

Friday 24th Feb 7.30 - 9pm In Church

Come and meet up with friends.
£1 entry,

Tuck shop available
Everyone year 6 and above welcome.

The FREE PROJECT

- providing support for the homeless in Blackburn -

Please could you bring any clean used boxes and lids to church and leave them in the Narthex.

Thank You, Rita

PS Thank you to those who already do this - please carry on x

Readers for February

Feb	5	Fourth Sunday before Lent	
	10.30	Day School Day School Celebrant	Isaiah 58: 1-12 1 Corinthians 2: 1-16 Matthew 5: 13-20
	6.30	N Walsh S Nelson	Ephesians 4: 17-end Mark 1:29-39
Feb	12	Third Sunday before Lent	
	10.30	S Gill A Smith Celebrant	Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9 Matthew 5: 21-37
	6.30	M Riley S Brindle	Amos 3: 1-8 Ephesians 5: 1-17
Feb	19	Second Sunday before Lent	
	10.30	N Walsh D Summersgill Celebrant	Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 3 Romans 8: 18-25 Matthew 6: 25-34
	6.30	S Nelson M Watson	Proverbs 8: 1 then 22-31 Revelations 4:
Feb	26	Sunday next before Lent	
	10.30	R Jones G Gill Celebrant	Exodus 24: 12-end 2 Peter 1: 16-21 Matthew 17: 1-9
	6.30	R Gorman M Watson	2 Peter 1: 16-21 Matthew 17: 1-9

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Graham Tipper

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Sue Gill Debbie Chadwick

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Debbie Chadwick

Little Angels

Margaret Baldwin 812360 Rita Gorman 812566

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Churchyard

Chris Wilson Rob Cooper Tom Shaw Stewart Woodward
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Volunteers still required

Mellor Village Hall Open Day

We are currently busy applying for funding to improve the hall with better heating, new disabled facilities and a new multipurpose hall floor.

Come along to the Open Day to hear about these plans.

The Pop up Café will be open serving tea, coffee, bacon butties, cakes, etc.

Open Day
Saturday

4th February 2017
9:30—15:30

On display will be more detail of these improvements to be completed over the next 1-2 years.

The tennis courts will be renewed and marked out for tennis, 5-a-side football and netball ready for the beginning of May 2017.

On display will be new activities netball, chess, boules and the Local Netball Association representative will be there to answer questions.

Demonstrations of Zumba, the drama group and genjitsu will be arranged.

See you on Saturday 4th February 2017 9.30-15.30

A new web site is up and running with: events and users of the hall, the minutes of our meetings, hiring of the facilities plus other information including the history of the hall and how it all started.

www.evoice.org.uk/mellorvillagehall/