

# MELLOR PARISH CHURCH

## Vicar

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[www.mellorparishchurch.org](http://www.mellorparishchurch.org)

<b>Chairperson</b>	Rev'd Dr Sue Williams
<b>Clerk &amp; Secretary</b>	Jim Saunders
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Marilyn Watson (2017) Graham Tipper (2017)  
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Rita Gorman (2015) Debbie Summersgill (2015)  
Debbie Chadwick (2016) Sue Nelson (2016)  
William Shaw (2016) Karen Walsh (2016)  
Barbara Lucas (Youth Coordinator)

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Alan Bibby Graham Calvert Peter Cowell  
Chris Davis Mark Hodson David Holroyd Paul Hughes  
Barbara Lucas Ian Moss Joan Moss Sue Nelson  
Geoff Peake Jim Saunders Alan Smith  
Sonia Tipper Noel Walsh Pat Webster

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## Calendar for January

January	4th	<b>Epiphany</b> Parish Communion (Rev'd Enid Briggs)
	10.30	
	6.30	<b>Evensong</b> (Rev'd Roland Nicholson)
January	11th	<b>Baptism of Christ</b> Parish Communion
	10.30	

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		6.30	<b>Evensong</b> (Rev'd Dr John Darch)
January	13th	7.30	<b>Mothers' Union</b>
January	18th	10.30	<b>Second Sunday of Epiphany</b> Parish Communion All Age Worship & Sunday School Prizegiving (Canon John Hartley)
		6.30	<b>Evensong</b> (Amma Sue)
January	25th	10.30	<b>Conversion of Paul</b> Parish Communion Baptism at 12.15 (Amma Sue)
		6.30	<b>Evensong</b> (Amma Sue)
January	27th	2.15	<b>Little Angels</b>

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

*Dear Friends*

Another year is coming to an end.  
I feel her tug at my calendar;  
I can sense her insistent movement.  
I can hear her call to cross over.

Something in me wants to hold on,  
to gather all the good things close to me.  
A part of me that yearns for security  
keeps encouraging me to grasp it all.

The firefly flicker of God's grace  
are enough to embrace the unknown.  
A surge of powerful surrender  
takes over all my looking back,  
and ever so gently and hopefully  
I risk the road of another new year.

*Joyce Rupp "The Road of Life" 1992*

These are just some verses of a poem by Joyce Rupp OSM, and are included in her book "May I Have This Dance" [Ave Maria Press 1993]. I think they sum up so beautifully the sense of the bitter sweet passing of time at this season of the year. All around us we are being encouraged to look at the "new" to begin the New Year, to make new resolutions, to change the calendar, and make sure that we put the new date on all our letters, cheques and forms. Even the classic images of the ancient "Old Year" and the baby "New Year" encourage us to look forward. Nevertheless, there is still a sense of yearning, a desire for the past (far and near) in our hearts and minds. And of course no matter the new page in the new calendar we still have to deal with life that knows no such arbitrary divisions.

Jesus said: "(Everyone) who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." [Matthew 13.52].

Standing at the threshold of a new year is a good time to pause, to take some time to reflect and ponder our life and spiritual journey so far. What are the treasures in our store and what is the rubbish that needs to be cleared away; what are the opportunities to be grasped, and what are the challenges to be taken up? Sadly our modern life does not encourage such reflection and continually want us to grasp at the latest, the most- up-to-date. It fills our ears, and minds and hearts with noise and shallow distraction and we become fearful of sitting and listening to the silence and allowing it to draw us into the healing and renewing presence of God.

So as we begin another New Year taking with us into it the things of the past and looking forward to, let us seek God in the stillness and the silence and ask God to shine God's healing light onto our 'baggage'. As we do we will be able in God's light to see the glitter of the treasure and with God's help be able to discard the 'rubbish' that blinds us and distract us and in company with Christ "risk the road of another new year."

*May God bless and keep you, may God's face shine upon you now and in the year to come.*

*Amma Sue*

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### **Thanks**

Thank to all my family, friends and neighbours for their cards, good wishes and donations on the occasion of my 90th birthday.  
With your generosity, I was very pleased to give £400 to the East Lancashire Hospice.  
Irene Holt

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### **From The Registers**

		<b>Communicants</b>	<b>Collections</b>
November	16th	63	£477.90

	23rd	78	£554.17
	30th	61	£567.69
December	7th	58	£548.56

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### “A Very Happy January Birthday”

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

5th	Mia Thornton	14th	Brooke Wilson
5th	Thomas Cleasby	16th	Scarlett Wakes
7th	Bleu Alistair Kimpton	16th	Ebony Varey
7th	Grace Hilton	26th	Ellie Mayor
8th	William Joyce	26th	George Rolston
8th	Emily Sheldon	28th	Penelope Burtonwood
12th	Rose Best	29th	Elizabeth Venn-Mills

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

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### NOTE FROM THE ASSISTANT EDITOR

Welcome to your New Year 2015 magazine. Because of the production times being just before or during the Christmas holiday period, a few articles have had to be omitted or shortened. Please be assured, things will return to normal for next month onward.

Please continue to support your church magazine and help to keep St Mary’s Church alive and well. All work and articles for the magazine are provided on a voluntary basis and all monies raised, apart from printing costs, are used to support St Mary’s.

The Assistant Editor

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### FOSMS NEWS

*FOSMS have had a great start to the fundraising programme, with the money raised during September to December being spent on a Tipi, a large canvas structure that has been set up on the school playing field. This will be an amazing resource for the school to support their outdoor learning programme in the areas of science, creative writing, storytelling etc.*



*Tipi on the school playing field.*

*Our fundraising in the new year will commence with the school disco on Friday 6th February, this is available for year 1 to year 7 children. With prizes for the most funky dancers, plus drinks, fruit and hot dogs, a really great night enjoyed by all the children.*

*Please look to the FOSMS notice board at the front of the school and the newsletters sent home in the children's reading packs for more information.*

*We would really appreciate new members joining FOSMS, it's a great way to meet with parents and get involved with supporting the school to raise money for the additional extras. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 14th January at 7.30pm at St Mary's Primary School.*

*Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2015*

*The FOSMS team*

## **Church Rotas January**

### **Sidespersons**

	<b>Morning</b>			<b>Evening</b>
January 4	J Moss	P Webster	G Calvert	
11	G Peake	C Davis	S Nelson	
18	A Bibby	P Cowell	J Moss	
25	N Walsh	M Hodson	N Hogg	

### **Chalice Servers**

January 4	Geoff Gill	Linda Livesey	Sonia Tipper
11	Graham Tipper	Marian Hunt	Frank Ashton
18	Eileen Peake	Geoff Gill	Debbie Chadwick
25	Marian Hunt	Graham Tipper	Geoff Gill

### **Intercessors**

### **Flowers**

	<b>Donated by</b>	<b>Arranged by</b>
January 11	Mrs M Lomax Joan Moss	
18	Marie Smith	Ann Minoprio
25	Arthur Sharp	Debbie Summersgill & Lorna Bowes

### **Church Cleaning**

Week commencing . . .

January 5	General Cleaning – All Hands on Deck, please
12	Janice Ball, Linda Livesey & Lorna Shaw
19	Maureen Forrest, Hilda Hilton & Marilyn Watson
26	Vicky Dewhurst & Jane Greenough

### **PCC Assistant Wardens**

January 4	J Saunders	S Saunders
	11 G. Gill	M Watson
	18 D Chadwick	D Summersgill
	25 R Gorman	S Nelson

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## Mellor St. Mary C. E. Primary School News

### Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Report Congratulations to all who support Mellor St Mary CE Primary School

This is a summary of the SIAMS report which was undertaken in October, 2014.

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Mellor St Mary's as a Church of England school are outstanding.

A clear Christian vision is at the heart of all that the school does. The conviction with which this vision is promoted by senior leaders and shared by all members of the school community ensures the school's success in meeting the academic and spiritual needs of all children.

The consistently high quality of collective worship and religious education (RE) makes a significant impact on the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of the pupils.

Relationships with the church are very strong in promoting a shared Christian vision for development and learning.

The outstanding behaviour of the children reflects the Christian ethos of the school.

The full report is available in school and on the school website.

Christine Taylor  
Headteacher

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### **Churchwardens and Treasurer**

As we approach the time of the Annual Vestry and Annual Parish Church Meetings at which our churchwardens and officers are elected may I prayerfully ask that all parishioners consider putting their names forward for the posts of churchwarden and Treasurer.

I will be at the end of the recommended 6 years as Churchwarden and have also undertaken the role of treasurer for the last 12 months and will not be seeking re-election to either post at the meetings.

These are posts without which no church can fully function as it should in its parish and I hope that this year there will be no problem in volunteers coming forward to help Amma Sue both here at St Mary's and also in the United Benefice.

Graham Tipper

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### **Choir Notes**

We are very fortunate in having our church services led by an accomplished organist and an experienced choir. If anyone would like to be part of the choir - now is the time . . . as,

St Mary's Choir Mellor is now recruiting boys, girls, ladies and gentlemen for the choir.

Contact Mike Wilcock Organist and Choirmaster on 01254 581816

Email [lizwilcock@fsmail.net](mailto:lizwilcock@fsmail.net)

Or talk to Mike after Sunday service

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### **Recycled Cards**

We were pleased to be part of the Millstone Christmas Market in December. Our takings amounted to £50 which we donated to the Heart Foundation – Rose Queen Millie's chosen charity.

Thank you all for generous support and may it continue during 2015.

Jean, Rita, Sheila & Sonia

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### **Church Magazine Subscriptions**

**Please could the annual subscription of £5 be given to your distributor in January.**

**Also, please support the advertisers, who contribute so much financially, by using their services whenever you can.**

**The production of St Mary's Church magazine is a real team effort - thanks to all who contribute articles, reports and notices and to those who deliver the magazines to more than 200 homes each month, a special thank you to Ron Hak for his invaluable help and attention to detail in preparing the magazine for printing and to Craig & his team in the Reprographics Dept. at Blackburn College.**

**Also, thank you to the readers for supporting us - if anyone would like to make a comment or voice an opinion - any ideas which will improve the magazine will be carefully considered by the editors.**

**Rita Gorman**

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## **Ian Gronow Concert**

My name is Ian Gronow, and I'm originally from Blackburn (I lived in Mellor until leaving for university in 2008, and my parents are still in Mellor). I am now living in Tokyo, Japan, where I have made a rapid transition from bedroom musician, to making it a part-time income, which is great, because I've been really passionate about music for a long time.



I will be spending 2 weeks back home at Christmas, and I will be doing a rare UK gig on 3rd January.

My family have been a member of the Mellor community since before I was born, and I was christened at and have attended Mellor Church in the past.

You can also check out my music (videos and releases) at my official website, [www.iangronow.com](http://www.iangronow.com), which is soon to be relaunched.

Hey UK friends and fans, I'm returning home between 22nd December and 6th January, so I will be playing a one off, not to be missed gig on 3rd January, at The Belgrave in Darwen.

I'll be supported by Imogen Rosemary Storey, who you'll recognise as the girl from my video for The Riddle, and I'll also be accompanied by my long-time friend and guitarist David Westell!

The gig will be a family friendly event (my nieces will be present), so doors will open early at 5:30pm, and music will start at 6:00pm, and the event shouldn't continue beyond 9:00pm. Entry will be free.

This really is a rare occasion, as I am trying to settle in Japan, so please make it if you can!

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### **LITTLE ANGELS**

You have to 'hand it' to the 'Little Angels' – their contribution to the Christmas Tree Festival was a display of hands of 'little angels' – past and

present – of all ages – in shades of green with decorated angels hanging from the branches.

Mrs. McPherson brought her class along to sing Christmas songs to us and together we shared the Christmas Story.

We look forward to welcoming all preschool children with those who love and care for them to our first meeting in 2015 on 27<sup>th</sup> January at 2.15pm in the Narthex.

Margaret, Rita, Hilda and Gillian

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## **Prizegiving Service** **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 10.30**

Please come and join us to reward the youngsters of our parish for their attendance at Sunday School



The children are the present in our church, not just the future, so we hope you will come along to celebrate with us and share in the joy which they bring to our church.

***See you there***  
***From all the 'Youth Team'***

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### **THE MAGIC BANK ACCOUNT**

THE AUTHOR IS NOT KNOWN. IT WAS FOUND IN THE BILLFOLD OF COACH PAUL BEAR BRYANT, ALABAMA, AFTER HE DIED IN 1982

Imagine that you had won the following \*PRIZE\* in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has rules:

#### The set of rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time it can say, "Game Over!". It can close the account and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

**ACTUALLY, This GAME is REAL ...  
Shocked ??? YES!**

Each of us is already a winner of this \*PRIZE\*. We just can't seem to see it.

The PRIZE is \*TIME\*

1. Each morning we wake to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is Not credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.
5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time WITHOUT WARNING...

SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars. Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day.

**Start "spending"....**

**"DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT GROWING OLD...!"  
SOME PEOPLE DON'T GET THE PRIVILEGE!**

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#### **MELLOR BABY & TODDLER GROUP**

It is with regret that it is no longer feasible to continue the Mellor and Baby Toddler Group due to work commitments and reduced number of people attending the group.

Since I started the group in January 2008, I have seen a lot of local children develop from babies to toddlers to infants to juniors, this has been a pleasure watching all the children grown and develop into their own personalities.

Therefore I would like to invite all past and present children from the group to a final party on **Friday 16th January from 3pm - 5pm**. Children will be provided with a hot meal and refreshments will be available for everyone. Invites will be sent out to children and their families early January.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support over the last 7 years and hope that the friendship we have all made will continue for many years to come.

**Friday 16th January 2015 3.00pm - 5.00pm**

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

Contact: Karen Walsh 07507 293484

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## **FRIENDS OF CHERNOBYLS CHILDREN** **CHARITY SHOP**

The FOCC is run by volunteers who work hard to raise funds to bring children over to Blackburn for a months visit with hosts and their families.. The next visit is in June 2015 when 12children will be arriving from Belarus.

To boost our fundraising for the next visit, we have booked the charity shop on Lord Street West in Blackburn for half-term week 16th – 21st February 2015.

We need bric-a-brac, books, good quality clothing, unwanted Christmas presents, in fact anything that we can resell apart from electrical items. The shop will be staffed by volunteers and if anyone can spare a couple of hours during the week to help out it would be greatly appreciated. The more the merrier!

I can arrange collection of any items which are donated and these will be stored and taken to the shop on Sunday 15th February, when they will be sorted and displayed ready for the shop opening on Monday.

If you need more information about the charity or wish to donate items, please contact me.

Liz Skupski  
Blackburn Coordinator FOCC  
01254 247883  
07511544019  
liz.skupski@talk21.com

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### **Fairtrade**

The next Fairtrade Stall will probably be at the beginning of February. In the meantime please continue to buy Fairtrade goods when shopping at the supermarkets.

The Fairtrade Team

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### **Sunday School News**

Happy New Year!

#### **Lessons**

We return on Sunday 11th Jan in school.

Please come to prizegiving in church on 18th Jan. Every child who has attended

Sunday School this year will receive a prize.

#### **Christmas Party**

We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas party. Thank you to everyone who helped with this, especially Father Christmas, who came along even though

he was very busy.

### **Nativity and Christingle Service**

A massive thank you to all the our families for their hard work for this service. It has been lovely to have us all working together and we hope everyone enjoyed how we retold this special story. I am writing this before we have even reached the service so I can't inform you how much we raised at Christingle – will announce it at prizegiving and we'll have a full report in February magazine

**Happy New Year and best wishes for 2015 From us all**

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### **MELLOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

We are still looking for somebody to take over the role of coordinating and organising monthly Youth Fellowship meetings. If you are interested and would like further information please contact Karen Walsh.

We hope to continue to meet on the 2nd Friday of each month. Letters will be sent out to Youth Fellowship children to confirm the January date. Children from **Year 7 and above** are welcome. Cost is £1 per child and a tuck shop is available.

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

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### **Readers for January**

January	4th	<b>Epiphany</b>	
	10.30	M Ashton	Isaiah 60: 1-6
		M Eccleston	Ephesians 3: 1-12
		Celebrant	Matthew 2: 1-12
	6.30	J Saunders	Isaiah 46: 3-end ***
		S Nelson	Romans 12: 1-8 ***
January	11th	<b>Baptism of Christ</b>	
	10.30	W Shaw	Genesis 1: 1-5
		S Gill	Acts 19: 1-7
		Celebrant	Mark 1: 4-11
		M Watson	Isaiah 42: 1-9
		M Riley	Ephesians 2: 1-10
January	18th	<b>Second Sunday of Epiphany</b>	
	10.30	All Age Worship 1	Samuel 3: 1-20
		Sunday School	Revelation 5: 1-10
			or 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 ***
		Celebrant	John 1: 43-51

		D Summersgill	1 Samuel 3: 1-20
		J Moss	Revelation 5: 1-10 or 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 ***
January	25th	<b>Conversion of Paul</b>	
	10.30	A Smith	Jeremiah 1: 4-10 or Acts 9: 1-22 ***
		R Jones	Acts 9: 1-22 or Galations 1: 11-16a ***
		Celebrant	Matthew 19: 27-30
	6.30	R Gorman	Jeremiah 1: 4-10 or Acts 9: 1-22 ***
		N Hogg	Acts 9: 1-22 or Galations 1: 11-16a ***
		Celebrant	Matthew 19: 27-30

Note

\*\*\* These readings may be changed

### **Christian Stewardship**

Chairman / Recorder Geoff Peake 813654

Covenants Secretary Eileen Peake

### **Electoral Roll Officer**

Sonia Tipper 813565

### **Deanery Synod**

Sue Gill Sue Nelson Debbie Chadwick

### **Sunday School**

Debbie Chadwick 812091

### **Youth Fellowship**

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### **Little Angels**

Margaret Baldwin 812360 Rita Gorman 812566

### **Children's Society**

Debbie Chadwick 812091

### **Social & Fund Raising Committee**

Sonia Tipper, Rita Gorman, Debbie Summersgill,  
Janet Hartley, Alan Smith, Jean Freeman

### **Magazine**

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Friends of St Mary's School (FOSMS)

Vicky Dewhurst and Emma Hilton

### **Mothers' Union**

Margaret Ashton 812616

### **Altar Flowers**

Joan Moss 813581

### **Rainbows**

Lynn Fish (Wren)

### **Guides**

Hilary Wensley

### **Police**

PC Lee Forshaw 01200 458766

**Churchyard**

Chris Wilson Paul McBride Rob Cooper Tom Shaw  
Stewart Woodward (Volunteers Welcomed)

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