

# Readers for January

## 6th January

### Epiphany

Morning

M Ashton

Isaiah 60. 1-6

C Redwood

Ephesians 3. 1-12

Celebrant

Matthew 2. 1-12

Evening

S Nelson

Isaiah 60. 1-9

N Hogg

John 2. 1-11

## 13th January

### 1st Sunday of Epiphany

Morning

W Shaw

Isaiah 43, 1-7

R Jones

Acts 8.14-17

Celebrant

Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22

Evening

M Riley

Isaiah 55.1-11

S Brindle

Romans 6.1-11

## 20th January

### 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Morning

All Age Worship

Isaiah 62.1-5

1 Corinthians 12.1-11

John 2. 1-11

Evening

M Watson

1 Samuel 3. 1-20

S Dobson

Ephesians 4.1-16

## 27th January

### 3rd Sunday of Epiphany (Education Sunday)

Morning

Day School

Nehemiah 8. 1-3,5-6,8-10

1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a

Celebrant

Luke 4.14-21

Evening

S Nelson

Nehemiah 8. 1-3,5-6,8-10

G Tipper

1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a

Celebrant

Luke 4.14-21

## 3rd February

### 4th Sunday of Epiphany Candlemas

Morning

M Eccleston

Malachi 3.1-5

M Woodward

Hebrews 2.14-18

Celebrant

Luke 2. 22-40

Evening

M Watson

Genesis 1. 1- 2. 3

S Brindle

Matthew 6.25-end

*My dear friends,*

JANUARY 1st THE NAMING OF JESUS...HALLOWED BE THY NAME

Another year has gone and a New Year begins.....where does the time go?

Almost a century ago, there was a Chinese man, living in China, who became a Christian. He tried to tell the people in the place where he lived about Jesus. On one occasion, they laughed at him, used foul language about the Jesus he worshipped, tied his hands together behind his back and strung him up on a high pole. When he was eventually taken down he was visited by his Bishop who found him crying. `The pain must have been terrible,` he said. I`m not crying because of the pain,` he answered, `It is because the name of Jesus was taken in vain and dishonoured.`

The third commandment tells us not to dishonour the name of the Lord our God. Imagine what you would feel like if another person took the name of someone you love and used it as a swear word. Then you will understand why the Chinese Christian wept at the dishonouring of the name of Jesus. Of course most people `O Christ` when they`re cross don`t realize what they are doing. As Industrial Chaplain at BAe Systems I have been to many meetings where someone has said just that, and then said, `Sorry, I suppose I shouldn`t say that when your here.` my reply being, `neither of us will notice.` `What do you mean , neither of us ?` `Well if you were in the army God will think your praying!

The opposite to dishonouring the name of God, of course, is when we say the Lord`s Prayer, `hallowed be thy name`. himGod`s name be regarded as holy. A building which is regarded as holy is a building which is separate from all other buildings, and protected from profane and wrong use. So when we pray the God`s name may be hallowed, that means we should regard him, his unique character and essence, as separate from, and higher than, any other being.

The first thing we ask for in the Lord`s Prayer is reverence. This is to believe that God exists, that he is love, that he is present everywhere, and that we must obey and worship him. JANUARY 1st is the Feast Day of the Naming of Jesus. It was a special name to show that he is

unique, and we must reverence him for it. Every one of us has a unique name, to show that God loves us for our unique characters, making them distinct from anybody else. So if we reverence Jesus, the Son of God, we should also reverence every child of God, and celebrate their differences, and their unique qualities.

May I wish everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!!!

Fr Roland.



### Hometime Afternoon tea.

The back of church becomes a tearoom!  
Tea/coffee and cakes served.  
Next date Friday 18th January 2.30-4pm  
All welcome for a small donation

## Mellor Youth Fellowship

In December the children enjoyed a DVD night watching 'The Nativity' on the new TV/DVD we have recently purchased for the Childrens Corner.

We are already thinking of new ideas for 2013 and have already agreed with the PCC to have a sponsored sleepover in Church in April - more information to follow soon.

We will meet on **Friday 11th January** in the Church Narthex where we will be continuing our project of 'revamping' the Children's Corner in Church.

Children from Year 7 & above are welcome to join us. Cost is £1 and there is a tuck shop available.

Thank you to those people who have volunteered to help at Youth Fellowship on a rota basis. We still need some more adult volunteers (men in particular). If you can spare just 1 hour on a rota basis (we meet monthly) then please let Karen Walsh know.

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

## **From The Registers**

	Communicants	Collections
November 25	72	£ 496.53
December 2	68	£ 532.50
December 9	71	£ 491.80

## **Funeral**

We commend to God's keeping the soul of

**Carol Wain**

# Calendar for January

**6th January**

**Epiphany**

10.30am Parish Communion  
(Revd Roland Nicholson)  
6.30pm Evensong and Sermon  
(Revd Dr John Darch)

**13th January**

**1st Sunday of Epiphany**

10.30am Parish Communion  
(Revd Canon John Hartley)  
6.30pm Evensong and Sermon  
(tbc)

**20th January**

**2nd Sunday of Epiphany**

10.30am All Age Worship & Prizegiving  
(Revd Canon John Hartley)  
6.30pm Evensong and Sermon  
(tbc)

**27th January**

**3rd Sunday of Epiphany**

10:30am Parish Communion  
(Revd Canon John Hartley)  
6.30pm Evensong and Communion  
(Revd Canon John Hartley)

**3rd February**

**4th Sunday of Epiphany Candlemas**

10:30am Parish Communion  
(Revd Roland Nicholson)  
6.30pm Evensong and Sermon  
(tbc)

## Flower arrangers

Date	Donator	Arranger
6th Jan	Joyce Walsh	All to do Christmas cleanup
13th Jan	Mrs M Lomax	Di Ibbotson
20th Jan	Marie Smith	Joan Moss
27th Jan	Hilda Hilton	Debbie Summersgill & Lorna Bowes

## Sidespersons

Date	Morning	Morning	Evening
6th Jan	J Moss	P Webster	G Calvert
13th Jan	G Peake	C Davis	S Nelson
20th Jan	A Bibby	P Cowell	J Moss
27th Jan	N Walsh	M Hodson	P Hughes
3rd Feb	S Nelson	S Tipper	G Tipper

## Chalice servers and Intercessors

Date	Servers	Intercessors
6th Jan	Graham Tipper & Eileen Peake	Debbie Chadwick
13th Jan	Marian Hunt & Geoff Gill	Linda Livesey
20th Jan	Linda Livesey & Graham Tipper	Sonia Tipper
27th Jan	Eileen Peake & Marian Hunt	Frank Ashton
3rd Feb	tbc	Geoff Gill

## Cleaning

Week commencing	Cleaners
7th Jan	All Hands on Deck at 9.30am
14th Jan	Janice Ball, Linda Livesey & Lorna Shaw
21st Jan	Maureen Forrest, Hilda Hilton & Marilyn Watson
28th Jan	Vicky Dewhurst & Jane Greenough

## Little Angels



We had a lovely Christmas meeting - thanks to all who came. The children were given a chocolate treat given to us by our friend, Mrs Norah Alcock - thank you!

Thanks, also, to Jude and Cass for giving us some of their their 'grown out of' toys.

We meet in the Narthex at 2.15pm on Tuesday, 29th January when we will be thinking about 'Light from Candles' – linking with 'The Presentation of Christ' – Candlemas.

Wishing everyone a peaceful and happy 2013.

## Fairtrade

There will not be a stall in January as the suppliers are closed. We recommence on the first Sunday in February.

The Fairtrade Team

### ***Presentation to Hilda***

During the Eucharist service on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December Father Roland thanked Hilda on behalf of the parish for all her hard work during her time as churchwarden and presented her with a bouquet of flowers and the proceeds of a collection from her friends at church.



## **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 January we will be meeting on **Friday 11th and 22nd (Zumba Tots)**.

1.45pm – 3.00pm

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

£2 per family including refreshments

(loyalty scheme – attend 6 sessions, 7th session free)

Contact: Karen Walsh 01254-814922 / 07507-293484

### **Electoral Roll**

A new electoral roll will be prepared during January and February 2013 including both existing members and new entrants. Information and electoral roll forms for this renewal will be in church shortly.

Sonia Tipper  
Electoral Roll Officer

# **Sunday School News**



Happy New Year!

## **Lessons**

We return on Sunday 13th Jan in school.

Please come to prizegiving in church on 20th Jan. Every child who has attended Sunday School or Youth Fellowship 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 children for their hard work for this service. I am writing this before we have even reached the service so I can't inform you how much we raised – will announce it at prizegiving and we'll have a full report in February magazine.

## **Reminder**

Don't forget to bring in your 5p pieces for the Mite Scheme.

We also continue to collect tins for those local families who need our help via the Food Bank.

## **Mega Messy Church.**

The diocese have organised a huge messy church at Runshaw College, Leyland. 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2 – 5pm. These events are usually fab but you do need a ticket. Please e-mail Sarah or Susan at [children@blackburn.anglican.org](mailto:children@blackburn.anglican.org) or see Debbie a.s.a.p. for tickets(I will be going with Amber and James)

**Best wishes for 2013 xxx**



## **“A Very Happy Birthday”**

January’s birthdays from the baptism, Sunday School and Youth Fellowship registers are:

5th	Mia Thornton	16th	Ebony Varey
5th	Thomas Cleasby	22nd	Cassia Thurston
7th	Grace Hilton	26th	George Rolston
8th	William Joyce	26th	Ellie Mayor
8th	Emily Sheldon	29th	Amber Chadwick
12th	Rose Best	29th	Elizabeth Venn-Mills
16th	Scarlett Wakes		

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

### Churchwarden

At a short service on Thursday 13th December Jim Saunders was admitted to the office of churchwarden by Archdeacon John. Please support Jim in his new role and remember him in your prayers.

Graham



## **Mothers' Union**

Seventy four ladies joined us for our Christmas Party held in school on Tuesday 11th December. The Day School children opened the evening with excerpts from their Christmas Concert, all excellent. Our thanks to them, the Headteacher and the staff.

We served suppers, had a quiz and then were entertained by our ladies. My sincere thanks to everyone who worked so hard in the preparation and on the night, including the men who 'washed up' for us.

We meet again on Tuesday 8th January when the Revd Canon John Hartley will be our speaker. The subject 'To the end of the world and back.'

We were all saddened when Carol Wain died. She had been an active member for many years. We send our love and sympathy to David, Claire and Catherine.

May I wish you all every blessing for 2013.

Margaret Ashton

### ***Thank You***

I would just like to say a big Thank You to everybody.

During Sunday morning worship on 9<sup>th</sup> December, I received some money and a lovely arrangement of flowers for duties of Church Warden during 2000 and 2012.

Hilda

## **The Church at Christmas**

Many thanks to everyone who helped to prepare the church for Christmas, erecting and decorating the Christmas trees and Crib which together with the flowers made the church look so lovely.

Jim and Graham

## **Mellor Youth Café.**

Unfortunately the numbers attending the Youth café has dropped so it has been decided not to continue. The Youth club will hopefully be re-opening in early 2013 so keep looking out for the opening night and encourage the children along please. It will be well supervised and a great way for children to stay in touch with each other once they have left our primary school.

## **Taking Home the Light of Christ.**

Thank you to everyone who came to this new service. What a lovely way to begin Advent.

We had 37 families in church to receive their Advent candle. Do we need to do the family games afternoon? It was not very well attended so if you are chatting to a Sunday school teacher could you mention your thoughts so we have some feedback for next year - and of course we would like feedback on the service too!



The Church Cleaning Rota was introduced in 2001 by Eileen Peake and since then the church has been kept very clean and tidy by a loyal group of volunteers.

Thank you, Eileen, for your inspiration and for organising the rota and guidelines etc.

Are you willing to join the band of cleaners who keep our church looking spick and span?

At present there are 9 groups on the rota which means that each group cleans every two months - not such an onerous task!

However, we would welcome some younger members of the church to help us. You could make up a new team with friends or join an existing team.

Please give this some careful thought

THANK YOU!

Rita Gorman 812566

## **FOSM's: Friends of St Mary's School**

We all enjoyed the four wonderful performances of this year's school production, Peter Pan and the Pirates. Several FOSMS members donated valuable time in helping put together the Christmas concert magazine. We would like to thank all the local businesses who very kindly contributed and advertised in our magazine and a special thanks to Mike and Jamilla Hounslow, who gathered all the school pictures, advertisements and notices together, sponsored and arranged the printing.

Wednesday the 12th December was the annual Angel Voices lunchtime Christmas Carols in Blackburn Cathedral. Again, a beautiful performance by all the pupils, with the coach travel to and from the service provided by FOSMS.

### **Father Christmas Run**

Hopefully you will have all seen the special visitor to Mellor village and Mellor Brook on Friday 14th and Monday 17th December. Father Christmas really enjoyed his pre-Christmas sleigh run and looks forward to visiting again on the 24th!

### **Our updated noticeboard**

We are now keeping the playground noticeboard updated with all events, photographs and FOSMS news. You can also visit our website [www.mellor.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.mellor.lancs.sch.uk), school community/FOSMS. Look out for the spring term newsletter in the reading packs in January 2013.

As always, we welcome new members and if you would like to join us, or receive any information on FOSMS, or involvement with the school or events, please contact Julie Olsson or Daleen Ten Cate via the school. ,

Zoë Metcalf  
Secretary

# **Prizegiving Service**

**Sunday 20th January**

**10.30am**

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



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'***



## ***Advent Service - Taking home the light***

Advent usually passes us by without celebration and is only marked by opening the first door on our advent calendar. So on Sunday 2nd December we were pleased to be part of the first Advent service. The occasion proved to be a great success and an enjoyable event.

We firstly attended Sunday School in the afternoon for a family games event. This was thoroughly enjoyable and allowed the children to play games with their friends and the parents to relax and have a pleasant chat and catch up. I use the word 'relax' with caution as most of us were engrossed in the family quiz and spent the time thinking of all our childhood sweets! All the family were invited to attend and both our children, Lucy (6) and Samuel (2) enjoyed themselves.

The family church service that followed was a lovely occasion. The children enjoyed listening to Revd Roland and singing the familiar hymns. We couldn't help but smile when the Year 2 girls at the front could be heard singing "Peace perfect peace" louder than anyone else. Perhaps the highlight was when the candles were lit in pre made jars from Sunday School and the Church was put into darkness. We were then encouraged to "take the light home".

Overall this was a family occasion to mark an important day. It was a time to think, reflect and share the event with our family and friends. Thank You to Revd Roland, Debbie and Karen for preparing and providing the opportunity to enjoy it. Same again next year please!

Mrs Joanne Taylor

## ***Thank You***

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone for your support and messages of sympathy following the sad loss of my dear brother, Kenneth Wilkinson, who had been on the prayer list for a few years. Kenneth derived great comfort from knowing that he was in people's prayers.

Sue Saunders

## **Recycled Cards**

We would like to thank you all for your support over the last 12 months. The cards that you give us to recycle enable us to make the cards that you then buy, and that in turn enables us to donate to various Charities, local, national or international.

Without your support we would not be able to do this, so we are very grateful to you all.

This year we were pleased to be able to sell cards featuring water colour paintings by Ann Minoprio, as well as cards individually made for us by Joan Hak, and we are of course most grateful for their support.

Jean, Rita, Sheila, Sonia

## **Church Magazine Subscriptions**

The annual subscriptions remain at £5 for the year (or whatever you wish) and are due in January 2012. It would be greatly appreciated if you could pay your magazine distributor when they deliver your January magazine.

As I complete my Second Year as Editor of the Church magazine there are some people I would like to personally thank:

***Graham Tipper and Debbie Chadwick*** who give me the strength to continue as editor.

***Fiona Murtugh*** who takes and returns the magazine master copy to and from college for printing.

***Craig Walsh and his team*** at Blackburn College for printing the magazine and being very adaptable to changes.

***Elizabeth Eccles*** who is now a very important friend in my life and always gives me a very warm friendly welcome when I deliver the 240 magazines to her house for sorting and distributing.

I cannot name everybody but I'm sure you know who you are when I say Thank You to all the people who provide inputs and distribute the magazines every month.

*Thank You - Karen Walsh*

# ???? The Village Quiz ????

The Quiz will be held on

## Friday 15th February

In the School.

Tickets are £5 each, and include a Hot Pot Supper.

There will be a bar; soft drinks will also be available.

Quizmaster this year is Reverend Roland.

Tickets will have to be limited due to the space available, so start arranging your teams of 4 people, and come along and enjoy what promises to be a great evening.

All proceeds from the evening will go to Church.

Tickets are available from:-

Jean Freeman 01254 812366

Sonia Tipper 01254 813565

Debbie Summersgill 01254 813559

## *An Epiphany Prayer*

Father, we thank you for revealing yourself to us in Jesus the Christ, we who once were not your people but whom you chose to adopt as your people. As ancient Israel confessed long ago, we realize that it was not because of our own righteousness, or our own superior wisdom, or strength, or power, or numbers. It was simply because you loved us, and chose to show us that love in Jesus.

As you have accepted us when we did not deserve your love, will you help us to accept those whom we find it hard to love? Forgive us, O Lord, for any attitude that we harbor that on any level sees ourselves as better or more righteous than others. Will you help us to remove the barriers of prejudice and to tear down the walls of bigotry, religious or social? O Lord, help us realize that the walls that we erect for others only form our own prisons!

Will you fill us so full of your love that there is no more room for intolerance. As you have forgiven us much, will you enable us with your strength to forgive others even more? Will you enable us through your abiding Presence among us, communally and individually, to live our lives in a manner worthy of the Name we bear?

May we, through your guidance and our faithful obedience, find new avenues in ways that we have not imagined of holding the Light of your love so that it may be a Light of revelation for all people.

We thank you for your love, praise you for your Gift, ask for your continued Presence with us, and bring these petitions in the name of your Son, who has truly revealed your heart.

Amen.