

MELLOR PARISH CHURCH

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View From the Vicarage - Why Worship?

It's a fair question because so many of us do it. Whether it's a football team, a loved one, our family, the car or even our job, worship is a common experience. But what is special about **Christian Worship**?

It is **Personal not Private**. The question Jesus asked Simon was, 'Do you love me?' Not, do you believe in me, or agree with me or even like me. But do you personally 'love me' (John 21). And if the answer is yes then that love for Jesus is to spill out into a love for others (Matthew 28).

It is **Christ Centred not Self-Centred**. 'Why do you call me Lord, Lord,' said Jesus 'and do not do what I tell you?' (Luke 6). In worship we seek to hear God's voice through the reading of the Scriptures and through the faithful and practical exposition of the Word of God. Indeed Paul writes, 'Faith comes from what is heard and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ' (Romans 10:17). So Christians are disciples – literally learners, people who are willing to learn from the Master (John 3, 6) and then, with God's help, put that learning into practice (Romans 12).

It is **Spiritual not Superficial**. 'True worshippers,' said Jesus 'will worship the Father in spirit and truth' (John 4). As we open our hearts and minds prayerfully to God, so the Holy Spirit begins to transform us from within giving us a new sense of joy and peace (Galatians 5) 'for where the Spirit of the Lord is present there is freedom' (2 Corinthians 3) –

freedom to praise and enjoy worshipping God because our hearts and lives have been warmed by the love of God. Not surprisingly, worship like that is both attractive and infectious! And finally Christian worship

Is a **Relationship not a Ritual**. For some, worship appears to be little more than a series of do's and don'ts. You must say this and you mustn't do that. But all our service books and hymn books are ephemeral – none are eternal. Only Jesus Christ is the 'same, yesterday, today and forever' (Hebrews 13). It is God alone who does not change (Malachi 3).

For the Bible says, we are put right with God, not by repeating the words of a man-made service to the letter (Matthew 15), but by responding to Jesus with the heart. For it is through repentance and faith that we are able, by the grace of God, to be welcomed into the family of God – a family in which we can call God our Father (Romans 8) and know Jesus as our Saviour (Romans 5). And without that relationship we will be unable to pray the prayer that Jesus taught us and mean it (Matthew 6).

So worship – from the old English 'weorthscipe' – to give worth to something. What does worship mean to you? Is the object of your worship worthy of worship? And if you claim to be a Christian then what part does God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit play in your worship?

Some years ago a famous Archbishop, William Temple (1881-1944), said these words, 'To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God.'

While more recently Pastor Rick Warren, author of the best selling book 'The Purpose Driven Church', has written, 'in genuine worship God's presence is felt, God's pardon is offered, God's purposes are revealed and God's power is displayed'. May that be true for us.

Charles

Readers for July/August

July	2	3 rd Sunday after Trinity M Ashton M Eccleston	Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10: 40 – end
July	9	4 th Sunday after Trinity A Smith D Summersgill	Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25 – end
July	16	5 th Sunday after Trinity Sunday School	Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
July	23	6 th after Trinity W Shaw R Jones	Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
July	30	7 th after Trinity (Benefice Service Samlesbury)	
Aug	6	Transfiguration M Baldwin M Woodward	2 Peter 1:16-19 Luke 9:28-36
Aug	13	9 th after Trinity S Gill N Walsh	Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33
Aug	20	10 th after Trinity (Benefice Service Samlesbury)	
Aug	27	11 th after Trinity (Benefice Service Balderstone)	
Sep	3	12 th after Trinity C Redwood P Jackson	Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21 – end

Church Rotas July/August

Assistant Wardens

Jul	2	Mark Smith	Rita Gorman
Jul	9	Marilyn Watson	Debbie Summersgill
Jul	16	Barbara Lucas	Debbie Chadwick
Jul	23	Derek Haworth	Dorothy Walsh
Aug	6	Lorna Shaw	
Aug	13	Geoff Gill	Graham Tipper

Sidespersons

	Jul	2	J Moss	P Webster
	Jul	9	G Tipper	I Moss
	Jul	16	G Calvert	S Brown
	Jul	23	A Smith	P Cowell
	Aug	6	S Nelson	F Thompson
	Aug	13	A Smith	P Cowell

Chalice Servers

		<u>Chalice Servers</u>		<u>Intercessors</u>
Jul	2	Graham Tipper	Geoff Gill	Graham Tipper
Jul	9	Linda Livesey	Eileen Peake	Linda Livesey
Jul	16	Rita Gorman	Geoff Gill	Debbie Chadwick
Jul	23	Graham Tipper	Linda Livesey	Frank Ashton
Aug	6	Eileen Peake	Rita Gorman	Geoff Gill
Aug	13	Geoff Gill	Linda Livesey	Linda Livesey

Flower List

		<u>Given by:-</u>	<u>Arranged by:-</u>
Jul	2	Mrs L Jones	Debbie S
Jul	9	- vacant -	Helen & Helen
Jul	16	Mrs M Hill	Joan
Jul	23	Mrs D Ibbotson	Di
Aug	6	Mrs E Eccles	Elisabeth
Aug	13	- vacant -	Helen & Helen

Church Cleaning

Week Commencing

Jul	3	Di Ibbotson, Sue Ellison & Anne Kirkpatrick
Jul	10	Pamela Jackson, Christine Redwood & Susan Cousins
Jul	17	Berenice McKeown & Joan Venables
Jul	24	Rita Gorman, Betty Green & Peter Cowell
Jul	31	Linda Cawtherly, Margaret Eccleston & Frances Thompson
Aug	7	Sue Nelson & Amanda Calvert
Aug	14	Eileen Peake & Wendy Eatough
Aug	21	Joan Moss & Ann Minoprio
Aug	28	Deborah Chadwick & Barbara Lucas

Prepare the Child

As I was having my morning quiet time a little while ago, I was challenged by the daily devotional reading which spoke to my heart and felt strongly that God wanted me to share it with the congregation of St Mary's.

A phrase on many parenting websites says,

“Prepare the child for the road, not the road for the child”.

Instead of trying to remove all obstacles and pave the way for the children in our life, we should equip them to deal with the difficulties they encounter on the road ahead.

The psalmist wrote, “*We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done. He decreed statutes . . . , which he commanded to our ancestors to teach their children, so the next generation would know them . . . and they in turn would tell their children*” Psalm 78

As I meditated on this another Scripture came to mind – Matthew 19: 13-15

SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME UNTO ME
AND FORBID THEM NOT

Before Jesus spoke these words He witnessed the disciples stopping the mothers bringing the children to Jesus. That thought knocked the breath out of me and made me think – ‘Have I ever tried to stop any child coming to Jesus?’ I can truthfully say ‘No, I haven’t’ From my early twenties I have always been involved in Children’s Ministries one way or another – teaching Sunday School, a Pathfinder group for teens and helping at Christian Youth Camps, until at the age of 42 the Lord led me to Bethlehem to work at Hope Christian School for Palestians boys and girls just up the road from Bethlehem. It wasn’t long before I was asked to take over a Nadi Shabaat – Girls’ Meeting – for teenage girls. My response was “Oh, no, my Arabic isn’t good enough” Back came the response ‘Mish Mushkala’ (No problem) Claude will translate for you”. So I said “Yes” and over a period of nine years I did just that. The class grew from 12 to 40 girls and we had to have 2 sessions of all kinds of activities with Bible Study and Prayers.

Now I am not able to be actively engaged in Youth Work but I know I can still be involved in a different way – in fact so can all the members of St Mary’s congregation. We can pray, support and encourage those who are already reaching out to children in Mellor through our church:-

- 1, Charles who is our link with the school as well as encouraging the children in Sunday School
- 2, The team who organise the ‘Little Angels’ group
- 3, Debbie and her team for running the Sunday School, Vision group, All Age Worship services and undertaking the preparation on the Confirmation candidates

We really need to stand behind them

I personally do not want to stand accused of stopping the children coming to Jesus. It must be a priority for the members of the church to bring children of Mellor to Jesus – if we don’t, then in a few short years there will be no St Mary’s for them to come to . .

Lynn Jones

You are warmly invited to an informal evening of

 *Praise and Worship* 

1st Sunday of every month at 4 pm

St Mary’s Church, Mellor

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

United Benefice of Balderstone, Mellor & Samlesbury

There will be no services at Mellor St Mary on the following dates
July 30. August 20 August 27. Please see Diary for details.

If anyone requires transport to Balderstone and Samlesbury to attend the United Benefice service on the above dates please speak to any member of the Parochial Church Council or wait outside St Mary's at 9.10am for Balderstone or 10.30am for Samlesbury.

Pam's Paper Blog:

If there is one thing I've learnt over these last few years is that prayer, however well-ordered and passionately expressed, doesn't bring growth on its own. It is not enough to sit in God's presence and then expect things to change. We have to get our feet dirty!

Often we place our own importance at the center of things, thinking ourselves pivotal to any success that is achieved. But in the New Testament when the disciples work to their own agenda things don't succeed. Success only comes when there is team work organised by Jesus and done by the disciples.

Jesus sends out the twelve in pairs whilst he is going from village to village teaching, early on in his ministry. He wanted them to call people to repentance and he gave them power over demons. *"These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them."* (Mark 6: 8-11).

It is this characteristic of Jesus, the ability to delegate with thorough instructions so that team work is possible, that I'd like us to think about this month. The person I've chosen who shows this characteristic so well is Wilson Carlisle the founder of the Church Army.

Wilson was from a middle class background with royal connections. His first job at 14 was to follow the family trade in buying and selling silk. He travelled across Europe in this business and learnt to speak 3 other languages quite fluently. When he was 26 years old he was converted to Christianity whilst reading a book on God's grace and later became a clergyman.

In the 1870's ordinary working people didn't go to church; they thought it was only for the privileged. So Wilson started open air preaching on the streets when working people would be out taking an evening stroll. He soon noticed that however erudite he could be, it was the testimony of ordinary working folk that was listened to the most and had the biggest effect upon the people listening to him. This had a life changing influence on Wilson who decided to train ordinary working men as church evangelists.

In 1882 he established the Church Army with the vision of training ordinary Christian men and women to reach those most in need with the good news. The training has always been clear and thorough with a commitment to Christ and his acceptance of poverty; you don't work for the Church Army for the money! They have been giving shelter to the homeless; helping people with addiction and helping women out of prostitution or abusive relationships ever since. Recently they have been helping refugees also. <http://www.churcharmy.org.uk>

It would have been very easy for Wilson to set up a prayer group at his church instead of getting out there and doing something. Once on the streets he could have thought himself the only person capable of telling others about Jesus. He made neither mistake; he built a team.

Pam Daunton

From The Registers

		Communicants	Collections
May	28	66	349.08
Jun	4	74	570.85
	11	55	293.67

Baptism

We welcome into the Lord's family

Mia Rose Baldwin

Funeral

We commend to God's care

John Whittaker

From Our Rose Queen

I had a wonderful day on Saturday. I was so excited that Lucy and I got to walk around the village. I would like to thank **everybody** who came on the day for making it so special. I would especially like to thank all the Sunday School teachers for giving me this opportunity and for all their hard work preparing the lovely lunch, Miss Lowe for crowning me, Mrs Baldwin for playing the organ, the Choir for singing and walking round the village, Salesbury Rose Queen for coming to support me, Mrs Holroyd and the flower ladies for making the church look amazing, Mothers' Union members for helping at the lunch and to everyone who donated food for the lunch.

I would also like to thank my attendants. Charlotte, Jessica, Lara and their mums for helping me so much in all the preparations and on the Crowning day itself. Lara's mum, Jackie, spent so much time doing our hair.

In the evening we had a great time at the disco and I have already started to raise money for my chosen charity East Lancashire Hospice. I am hoping to raise £1,000 over my year as Rose Queen. I would like to thank everybody who has already made donations. I will continue to sell cakes after the All Age Worship services and I will also be making handmade gifts as I love sewing. If anybody has any material they no longer need I would be very grateful if you could pass anything on.

On Saturday 8 July my mummy and I will be joining the Starlight Memories walk which starts at 9pm from East Lancashire Hospice. We will walk for 4 miles. If anybody would like to sponsor us there will be a sponsor form at the back of church or visit my just giving page at:-

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/AlannahSlater

I would just like to thank everybody again for making my weekend so wonderful and I would like to congratulate Lucy for raising so much money for Crohns and Colitis UK.

Alannah

Sunday School News

Lessons

2nd July – in school
 9th July – in school
 16th July – AAW

Holidays Begin

Have a happy summer holidays, we look forward to hearing all about them in September. - from all the teachers.x

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

What an amazing day we had for Rose Queen and Walking Day.

God blessed us with a break in the rain to walk through the village, a true Walk of Witness as God had answered many prayers for fine weather. The Rose Queens all looked beautiful, including our lovely visiting Rose Queen from Salesbury, Hannah. The band played brilliantly and we enjoyed a lunch all together in school.

So many people to thank – everyone who attended, the huge team of parents who mucked in and helped with setting up and putting away, you were brilliant. Mrs Baldwin for our music in church. Mrs Embly-Peers and the school team. Thanks to the Mothers Union who helped at lunch and we were overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone who baked some incredibly delicious cakes.

It is the only social event in the year in which every age group participate, so its extra important we make it super special and you certainly did.

Alannah, Lucy and all the attendants had a day to remember, the Youth team can't thank you enough. Xx

We'd also like to thank everyone who came back into church on Sunday for Alannah's first official engagement All Age Worship, it was great to see so many people their supporting our youngsters who are so important to the future of not just our church but our faith.

Mellor St. Mary C. E. Primary School News

Here in Early Years Foundation Stage, we can't believe it is already July! Our first year in school is going so quickly and we are almost ready for the transition into Year 1.

We feel this is good opportunity to tell everyone some of the exciting things EYFS have done over the year. We have been learning about Ourselves and People Who Help Us. We had special visitors coming in to make our experiences as real life as possible. We have been learning about different kinds of transport and materials. We had a trip to Bury Transport Museum and designed and made our own vehicle.

In February, we took part in a 'Bike-ability' balance lesson for 6 weeks. We learned how to ride and control a balance bike. By the end of the session all children had mastered the balance bikes and some were able to practise on full sized bikes. It was fantastic!

Our other topics have been Growing and Changing. We planted broad bean and sunflower seeds and watched them grow. We carried out a cress experiment. We made an Easter Garden. We made a flower for Mummy for Mothering Sunday.

Our latest topic has been about Minibeasts. We have been learning about different minibeasts and different ways of grouping them. We have been on a minibeast hunt around the school grounds. We have eaten honey sandwiches and learned how important bees are.

In June, the whole school has had an outside learning Environment Week. It was a very busy week with lots of exciting learning opportunities for all children. We went on a Gruffalo Hunt, made stick people, enjoyed den building, made leaf and bark rubbings, went on a sensory walk and made a bug hotel. A Bee Lady came to talk to the whole school. She brought mini hives (without real bees!), a virtual hive, small bee keeping suits and different types of honey to taste. How exciting!

Our final topic is all about Animals. We will be learning about different kinds of animals and their habitats.

On the 13th July, all KS1 children will be going on our school trip to Blackpool Zoo. This will be an exciting time for all!

Mrs McPherson and EYFS

FOSMS (Friends of St Mary's School)
Working Together

Car Wash

Thank you to everyone that supported the fund raising car wash on Saturday 21st May 2017 and had their car cleaned. The event raised an amazing £115 and was appreciated by all that attended. A big thank you to the volunteers for their hard work and time!

FOSMS Masquerade Ball – Saturday 21st October 2017 7PM till late

Fancy a glamorous night out? Well join us at the fund raising FOSMS masquerade ball at The Samlesbury Hotel, drinks on arrival and three course meal for just £30 per person. There will be a disco, table games and a great opportunity to get to know other parents and the wider Mellor community. Event is open to everyone!

Tickets are now available from the school office (term time only). Please buy tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Thank you for all the kind donations made by friends and family and the effort and hard work given by the FOSMS team without whom these fund raising events wouldn't be possible.

Thank you,

Seema Chudasama
FOSMS Secretary

Mothers Prayers

is a prayer group for mothers which meets every week to pray for their children. It was started in England in November 1995 by two grandmothers who felt led by the Lord to pray in a special way for their children and now there are thousands of groups throughout the world.

In September I will be starting a group at the vicarage in Mellor. At the meeting we use a special prayer booklet and gather round a table on which there is a cross, a bible, a candle and a small basket representing Jesus' hands where we place the names of our children which have been written on paper discs. We obey a strict rule of confidentiality. These groups are a great blessing and a wonderful prayer support.

If you would be interested in joining this group, or finding out more, please have a word with Cathryn Jefferson (491464). You can also find more details about it on

www.mothersprayers.org.

SOCIAL & FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

We are looking forward to the

10th Annual Church Barbecue !

We look forward to welcoming you all to the 10th Annual Church BBQ – as I write the sun is streaming through the window and we are enjoying a spell of 'proper summer weather' – let's hope it lasts!

However, whatever the weather, we are assured of a warm welcome at Maureen and Alan's lovely home on Mire Ash.

All the food is ordered, the drinks for the bar have been bought so all we need now is a great turn up on Friday 7th July from 7.00pm onwards.

Members of the Social Committee will happily sell you a ticket - £12.50

News from Montgomery Heights Christian Care Centre in Zimbabwe

You may remember reading an article in the February 2014 magazine from Rosemary, a lovely girl who has been loved and cared for at Montgomery Heights since she was a baby. Rosemary has a skin condition, xeroderma pigmentosa which means she has no natural protection against damage caused by UV light so she either has to stay indoors or wear clothing to completely cover her body including her face.

Last year she was attacked by a dog and now is facing another trauma. She has developed a large growth on her left eyeball under the upper lid which potentially could be extremely serious.

She is home at the moment, having been given time off from college where she is studying hairdressing, before being admitted to hospital for surgery..

Rosemary is terrified – please will you pray for her.

Does anyone know the whereabouts of the blue file containing all the newsletters and correspondence from Montgomery Heights?

It is usually left in the Narthex – maybe someone has taken it home to read. There are two newsletters and an acknowledgement of the latest donation on the table in the Narthex waiting to be added to the file.

Thank you Rita

Christian Aid

Thank you to those who gave their time delivering and Collecting the envelopes, to all who contributed and to

Liz Skupski who counted the money.

The total amount of £636.50 was sent to the Blackburn Branch of Christian Aid.

FAIR TRADE

The stall will be open for business on Sunday 2nd July before and following Parish Communion.

The FairTrade Team

Mothers' Union

We had a very informative and entertaining evening in June thanks to Alan Barry – a good thing he did 'come up North'!

Mothers' Union Summer Outing to St Annes

Tuesday, 11th July 2017

The cost of the outing is £25

- includes transport by coach & buffet supper at
The Bedford Hotel -

Coach leaves from outside church at 5.45pm

expecting to be back for 10.00pm

Contact - Pam Jackson 812744 / Christine Redwood 812228

We meet again on Tuesday 8th August when we will welcome
Judith Scott as our speaker.

Margaret Ashton

ST. LEONARD'S BALDERSTONE

OUR OPEN GARDEN MONTH will continue until the 15th July.

Programmes are available from church/school or
Catherine Dixon- catherine@dixonrainage.co.uk
Cathy Evans- cathy@evabel.co.uk

Recycled Cards

Thank you to all who bought Confirmation Cards at the stall. We continue to keep busy using the used cards given to us – thank you.

Donations will be given to the school Gala Day and Alannah's Starlight Walk for the Hospice.

The Card Ladies

Vision Youth Group

MEET IN CHURCH

A PLACE TO MEET FOR THOSE AGED 11- 16YRS

COME ALONG AND CATCH UP WITH MATES.

£1 ENTRY, CRAFTS, GAMES, TUCK SHOP.

This month we meet on Saturday 22nd July 7.30 – 9.30pm.

If the weather is bad we will have a meeting for just our 'Visioners' in church.

If it's good we will have a BBQ. The children are welcome to come on their own as usual but we invite any mums, dads, brothers, sisters to come along, bring your Barbie, beer and supplies and join us. We did a similar thing last year and it was great fun. Hopefully we will be able to use the school field for this, not confirmed at time of print.

Any Visioner who is coming alone – please let Debbie know so that I have enough grub for the group.

Text me on 07935659004 to let me know or if you have any questions

Diary for July/August

Jul	2		3 rd Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion (Canon John)
Jul	4	9.30	Holy Communion
Jul	9		4 th Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion

			(Rev'd Charles)
Jul	11	9.30	Holy Communion Mothers' Union Outing
Jul	16	9.30	5 th Sunday after Trinity All Age Worship (Rev'd Charles)
Jul	18	9.30	Holy Communion
Jul	22	7:30	Vision youth group BBQ
Jul	23	9.30	6 th Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion (Rev'd Roland)
Jul	25	9.30	Holy Communion
Jul	30	11.00	7 th Sunday after Trinity Benefice Service at Samlesbury (Rev'd Charles)
Aug	6		8 th Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion (Rev'd Roland)
	Aug	8	9.30 Holy Communion 7.30 Mothers' Union Meeting
Aug	13		9 th Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion (Rev'd Charles)
Aug	15	9.30	Holy Communion
Aug	20	11.00	10 th Sunday after Trinity Benefice Service at Samlesbury (Rev'd David)
Aug	27	11 th 9.30	Sunday after Trinity Benefice Service at Balderstone (Canon John)
