

(Rev'd Christine Ritson)

June 14		
9.30	Eucharist	(Rev'd Roland Nicholson)
7.30	Mothers' Union	
June 19	Fourth Sunday after Trinity	
10.30	Confirmation Service with Bishop Philip	(Canon John Hartley)
6.30	Evensong	(Rev'd Roland Nicholson)
June 21		
9.30	Eucharist	(Canon John Hartley)
June 26	Fifth Sunday after Trinity	
10.30	Parish Communion	(Rev'd Roland Nicholson)
6.30	Holy Communion	(Rev'd Anne Hardacre)
June 28		
9.30	Eucharist	(Rev'd Gary Hunt)

Vicar's letter

Dear Friends,

WHAT KIND OF CHURCH?

What kind of church do you want? This is a difficult question, but, a very important one to ask, not just for the church today, but for the future church.

Everyone in the UNITED BENEFICE of MELLOR, BALDERSTONE & SAMLESBURY will be receiving two questionnaires which I hope will be taken seriously and answered and returned by a large percentage of residents in the communities.

Since the early church there has always been change...change in building design... change in music and the way we conduct our worship, and that change still goes on today...BUT...I truly believe we are at a point in the life of the church that still falls behind in many ways and none more so than in our styles of worship. I grew up with a church that was three times on a Sunday using the 1662 Book of Common Prayer then came Series 1..2 & 3 now Common Worship...yet with all of these changes the church membership and people attending Sunday worship keeps on falling...WHY ?

One of the reasons being that the lifestyles of people have changed...the way we travel so easily today ...young peoples activities that take place on a Sunday... the list goes on.

Many who worship today are happy just `to stay as we are`... the question you then have to ask is...who replaces them when they have gone?

The answers that come back are very important and vital for the planning of the Church in the United Benefice.

If nothing is done and we just drift along then the future is bleak. PLEASE read and answer the questions honestly.

Is the church relevant or irrelevant ?

Yours in Christ

Fr Roland

Admission of Church Wardens – Guild Hall, Preston

On Tuesday 10th May 2016, Barbara (Lucas), Helen (Holroyd) and I, went along to support Dave as he was admitted as our Church Warden for a second year.

We are very thankful that Dave has kindly agreed to be our Church Warden for another year and he continues to do a fantastic job (with support from Barbara) and we appreciate all his hard work and enthusiasm.

The evening was combined with a ‘Welcome to Vision 2016’ event and included parishes from across the diocese with over 2000 people packing the Guild Hall in Preston for 90 minutes of worship, praise and celebration, one of the largest Christian gatherings in Lancashire this year.

We arrived to the lovely sound of the worship group, a group of 6 musicians playing a range of instruments including keyboards, guitars and violins, and leading the singing in a selection of hymns and songs.

The evening was compered by a presenter from Radio Lancashire who during the evening ‘interviewed’ the Bishops of Blackburn, Burnley and Lancaster about of the aims and some of key issues that the Diocese is hoping to address as part of Vision 2016: Healthy Churches Transforming Communities. Video clips of messages and ideas from children and young people across the diocese were shared with us giving us a positive insight into how young people view the church and what things they thought would help the church to ‘Make Disciples of Jesus Christ’, ‘Being Witnesses to Jesus Christ’ and ‘Growing Leaders for Jesus Christ’.

The whole event was joyful and uplifting but I think the thing that I enjoyed the most was the music. It had something for everyone; traditional hymns with familiar words and tunes with a modern twist being added by the worship band. We ended the evening with one of the most rousing versions of ‘Thine be the Glory’ I had ever had the pleasure of singing, accompanied by keyboards, guitar, violin, and drums.

If anyone is interested in becoming our Vision 2026 Champion – it is not too late!

There is a lot of information on the Diocese website at <http://www.blackburn.anglican.org> or Barbara and I have information we can share with you.

Debbie Summersgill

Church Rotas June

Sidespersons

		<u>Morning</u>		<u>Evening</u>
June	5th	S Nelson	F Thompson	S Nelson
June	12th			N Hogg
June	19th	A Smith	I Moss	S Nelson
June	26th	G Tipper		N Walsh

Assistant Wardens

June	5th	Lorna Shaw	Graham Tipper
June	12th	Geoff Gill	Marilyn Watson
June	19th	Karen Walsh	Debbie Chadwick
June	26th		

Chalice Servers

Intercessor

June	5th	Eileen Peake	Linda Livesey	Frank Ashton
June	12th	Graham Tipper	Rita Gorman	Geoff Gill
June	19th	Linda Livesey	Graham Tipper	
June	26th	Geoff Gill	Eileen Peake	Linda Livesey

Flowers

Given by

Arranged by

June	5th	Lorna Shaw	Helen Holroyd & Helen Cooper
June	12th	Rose Queen	Di Ibbotson
June	19th	Roslyn Jessop	Joan Moss
June	26th	Mrs M Lomax	Ann Minoprio

Church Cleaning

Week Commencing

June	6th	Joan Moss & Ann Minoprio
June	13th	Deborah Chadwick & Barbara Lucas
June	20th	Janice Ball, Linda Livesey & Lorna Shaw
June	27th	Maureen Forrest, Hilda Hilton & Marilyn Watson

CHRISTIAN AID

Thank you to all who gave their time delivering and collecting the envelopes, to all who contributed and to Liz Skupski who counted the money. The total amount will be announced in church, on the notice board and in July magazine.

Rose Queen Festival 2016 **Saturday 11th June 11.30am**

Please join us as our Rose Queen 2016

Miss Lucy Taylor

Is crowned by

Mrs Jess Hayes

Attended by

Sam Taylor, Ruby King and Grace Taylor.

11.30am- Service in St. Mary's Church followed by a Procession of Witness with brass band around the village.

Then everyone is invited to

THE PEOPLES PARTY

Mellor Village Hall

1.00pm ish start

Children's street party, BBQ, family stalls, bar, café,

A great family afternoon

In celebration of Queen Lucy's Crowning and
Our Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday
God save the queen

-:-:-:-

LUCY'S FAMILY Disco 7-10PM

MELLOR VILLAGE HALL.

- music, games, food+fun -

Bring own drinks, supper included

Adult £3 Children £1.50

Everyone welcome, tickets from 44 Glendale Drive, Sunday
School or Barbara Lucas

Mellor St. Mary C. E. Primary School News



On Saturday 2nd July at 3:00pm, I am hoping to take a photograph of some pupils from my first class together with my present class. I can remember the names of each and everyone of them and it would be really good to see them again. If you know the

whereabouts or contact details of any of the children pictured above, please pass on this message or contact me on 01254 812581 or head@mellor.lancs.sch.uk

Thank you

Christine Taylor

Headteacher

From The Registers

	Communicants	Collections
April 24	61	647 – 21
May 1	58	475 – 55
8	60	470 – 52
15	70	673 – 15

Baptism

We welcome into the Lord's family

Jude Freddie Cotton

Ellis Joseph Foster

Stewardship Report 2016

We have 87 boxes in the weekly recording scheme. Not everyone is a tax payer but these members give generously to the church and their contributions are recorded weekly but are not included in the final total for Gift Aid. We do thank these members for their valuable giving.

We have 85 signed forms, some are for single people and some are for joint households - please remember that all giving is treated with the utmost confidentiality

Included in this final figure are:-

Donations in the weekly boxes and those in the white envelopes

Direct Debit contributions

Donations throughout the year

For the financial year 2014-15 I was able to claim £7,836.28 from £31,335 – **this is a record**
!

A big thank you to all the people who donated to this great sum.

Stewardship is not just about MONEY but also TIME & TALENTS – we do have many people at Mellor Church who give so much.

Please could you think about offering to be **Churchwarden** at St. Mary's?

Eileen Peake

Recorder and Gift Aid Secretary for the Stewardship Committee

United Benefice Confirmation Service
Sunday, 19th June at 10.30am at Mellor

This is a very important occasion for the 15 candidates – who, this year, represent both Balderstone and Mellor congregations – as they continue their Christian journey and make a commitment to the Lord Jesus.

They, and their families, are a very important part of today's Church in the United Benefice. Do try to make every effort to support them by your presence at the service ! At the very least, remember them in your prayers as they live out their Promises. Please pray for Bishop Philip, too, who is to administer the Sacrament.

The United Benefice says 'thank you' to Debbie Chadwick, Pam Daunton, Barbara Lucas for organising and leading the weekly classes. Rev Gill Dyer, also, has given of her time.

John Hartley

A THANK YOU FROM CAITLIN

It has been a great honour to have been Mellor Rose Queen for the past year. I have thoroughly enjoyed representing St Mary's Church at various walking days.

During the year I have held many fundraising events, including various bake sales, a tuck shop at St Mary's Primary School, silly sock day at Westholme, and I ran the 5km Colour Run. I set myself a target of raising £1,000 and to date I have raised £1127.98 for the Motor Neurone Association. I am continuing to fundraise for the rest of this month and am taking part in a sponsored silence over the Half Term. My Just Giving page is <http://www.justgiving.com/Caitlin-Slater> if anybody would like to sponsor me.

I would like to thank my wonderful attendants Emilia, Matilda & Scarlett along with their parents and grandparents for all their hard work in supporting me at every All Age Worship and Rose Queen event. I would also like to thank my mum and dad, my grandparents and my little sister Alannah, but especially my mum and my Grandma for being with me at every event. Thank you to everyone who has: baked, donated, helped and much more and to all the Sunday School teachers who gave me this opportunity.

I wish Lucy Taylor all the best for her year as Mellor St Mary's Rose Queen and I am sure she will enjoy it as much as I have.

Reflections on a visit to St Mary's . . .

Blessings in the fellowship of Jesus Christ!

We were encouraged and inspired by our visit on Pentecost Sunday! We heard from the Bible about God's gift of his Spirit to guide us and give us the right words to speak, and this was then explained really helpfully. How God uses our words to encourage, to be positive, not negative, and to build up each other. How we can allow God's Spirit to lead us, in who we talk with, and in what we say. How we need to look for the ways God is working around us, noticing his hand in others' lives, and telling others about answers to our prayers.

All this was reinforced by the songs 'Be still for the Presence of the Lord is here', and 'Father I place into your hands the things I cannot do'.

Our prayer is that you will see the positive aspects of your time with no Vicar, learning to trust God more; working together, sharing your gifts across all your churches and other Christians in the area; and taking opportunities to grow in service and see God at work! May you know the unity of which Jesus prays in John 17:20-22, so that people will see one church, whose roof is Jesus Christ, and which has no walls!

With love in Jesus
Andrew & Kate Smith
St. John's Kingston Park
Newcastle upon Tyne

United Benefice Joint Services

It has been agreed that whenever there are 5 Sundays in a calendar month the three churches in the benefice will have a joint service in the morning starting at 10.45am.

This will take effect from Sunday 31 July 2016.

Please make a note in your diaries that the first three United Benefice Services will be:-

Sunday 31 July 2016	10.45am St Mary's Mellor
Sunday 30 October 2016	10.45am St Leonard's Samlesbury
Sunday 29 January 2017	10.45am St Leonard's Balderstone

ART EXHIBITION - 13-15 MAY 2016

This fourth Exhibition of Art brought pleasure to many people with 170 items on display in St Mary's Church. Throughout the weekend, from the demonstration by Harry for the children on Friday afternoon to 'Songs of Praise' on Sunday, the church was busy with visitors from *far and wide who appreciated the variety of the exhibits and the talent of so many local artists. This made the planning, preparation, meetings etc all worthwhile. We have a great team here in Mellor and lots of good friends who have helped in so many ways to make the Art Exhibition a huge success.

THANK YOU

The Social & Fundraising Committee

To date the St Mary's Church has benefited by the sum of **£2,076.31**, raised during the weekend for the maintenance of our beautiful building.

** (two visitors agreed to share their experience of the Art Exhibition, please read the letters received from Paul who lives in Essex and Andrew from Newcastle upon Tyne.*

RECYCLED CARDS

We continue to thank you for all the cards that you pass to us for recycling, and for your continued support when buying our cards.

Thank you from "The Card Ladies"

Reflections on the Art Exhibition – from Paul

I used to put a question to my students in Kenya. Imagine a visitor arriving at a British airport. For an hour after he steps off the plane, the only people he sees are wearing uniform – the airline crew, the immigration officials, the customs officials, the security people etc etc. Would it therefore be sensible for him to predict that everyone in Britain wears a uniform? It would be an amazing country if it were true.

I find myself in the same predicament concerning Mellor. I have visited twice and on each occasion there has been an art exhibition with music at the parish church. Quite astonishing!

The second occasion certainly lived up to the first, confirming that there is not only a great deal of talent in the village but also a great deal of community spirit and good will. Last time there was a young man playing the piano – this time a ukulele group – great fun and a super choice of songs. Then the art – I am not a critic, so my views on quality are perhaps not worth a great deal. For me the most impressive feature of the exhibition was the sheer quantity – that a small village could produce 170 exhibits filling the walls of the church, and more, is quite wonderful.

Space, however, in this article means that I can mention only one or two particular paintings. The choice is difficult, nigh impossible, but let me start with the painting of the cyclists passing through Haworth. I thought there was something very Lancastrian, something of Lowry, in the painting – the

crowds, the colour, the vitality, all contribute to a powerful atmosphere. The setting, as in a Lowry picture, gives you a cosy sense of familiarity. You can imagine yourself there because you recognise the scene though you may not have thought about it in quite that way. You are breathing and heaving along with the cyclists.

By contrast, the pen drawing of Salford, Starkie St. in Blackburn in the 1890s was in a way anti-Lowry. There were the buildings – only – drab, functional, entirely devoid of decoration. Unlike a Lowry painting where the people set their own scene, here the people, when they come, must fit into the forbidding and fabricated landscape. This painting pulled me in by a sort of magnetic malevolence. I would like to think that these two pictures could be brought together and hang together on somebody's wall.

Space for just one more comment. David Beckham – I thought the artist had made him a little more handsome than I see him, but that was exactly what Holbein was doing for his sitters five centuries ago.

I'm not sure when I'll next visit Mellor, but it would be truly wonderful if my hypothesis were reinforced.

Paul Robins from London

"A Very Happy June Birthday"

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

1st	Lucy Taylor	9th	Emilia Dunn
2nd	Alfred Hudson	11th	Joseph Truswell
2nd	Edith Thompson	13th	Jane Brown
2nd	Harris Holden	13th	Grace Mellor
2nd	Ava Broomes	17th	Florence Adams
5th	Rory Teare	20th	Jessica Walsh
6th	Cassius Sargeson	22nd	Isaac Hilton
8th	Georgina Batty	23rd	John Yates
8th	Holly Batty	29th	Zachary Jones

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

FAIRTRADE

The stall will NOT be in church on 5th June but we are planning to be 'open' on 3rd July.

Lorna & Rita

VISION

WE ARE STRUGGLING TO FIND A FREE DATE FOR JUNE. PLEASE KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE NOTICE BOARD AND FACEBOOK FOR DETAILS OF THE NEXT MEETING.

SCARECROW FESTIVAL

Following the success of last year's Scarecrow Festival it has been decided to repeat the event to take place this summer in July.

It would be great if we had even more scarecrows around the village - so time to put on your thinking caps and come up with some bright ideas.

More details next month.

The 'Little Angel' Group

We were delighted to welcome Debbie Chadwick to lead our thoughts on Pentecost – the children enjoyed blowing bubbles, windmills and watching how the wind makes things move. There was also another birthday cake to share – this time for Hilda.

In June we are hoping that Mrs McPherson will bring the children across from school to sing to us. The date will be announced when we have one !

Rita, Margaret, Hilda and Gillian

Sunday School News

Lessons

5th June – in school

11th June – Rose Queen 11.30 am + Peoples party

12th June – in church AAW – Celebrating Queen Elizabeth

19th June – No Sunday school. Confirmation at Mellor

26th June – in school

Rose Queen/Walking Day + People's Party

The big day is nearly with us! We are celebrating 2 Queens, Queen Lucy and Queen Elizabeth.

We would like you all to wear your royal best, red, white and blue.

We will finish our walk at the village hall and begin the Peoples Party to celebrate Lucy's crowning and our Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday. The lunch will begin at 1pm with the children's street party. There will be BBQ, the café in the hall and a bar. All our local churches and schools are helping so we have lots of things to do, crafts, face painting, animal visitors, bouncy castle, coconut shy – the list goes on.

We then will have the disco at the hall in the evening.

Tickets for the children's lunch and the disco can be obtained from school, church or Debbie Chadwick.

Profit from the afternoon will be donated to Queens charity fund.

Cakes- we are appealing to the ladies and gents of the parish for any donations of home made cakes. These will be sold in the café on the day and proceeds donated to the charity

CONFIRMATIONS 19th JUNE 2016

We are blessed to have fourteen young people from our United Benefice being confirmed on this date here at Mellor. We hope that you will all come on the morning and support them as they take this wonderful step towards adult faith. Please pray for them as they prepare for the day. This is an adaptation of the prayer which they have been given to use which we could pray ourselves to support them.

O Lord and heavenly Father, You are calling these young people to give a lifetime of service and to receive your strength through confirmation.

Open their hearts to receive all that you want to give, so that their lives are made strong by your Holy Spirit, so they may serve you gladly and faithfully all their days, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Mothers' Union

We were all grateful to Nora Clay for sharing her experience 'Under the Makuta Roof' whilst spending three months in Kenya.

We meet again on June 14th and welcome Yvonne Pinder from Burnley.

For our July meeting on the 12th we are to go by coach to Ribchester Church, the Roman Museum, a walk through the village (weather permitting) and then on to The Ribchester Arms for dinner (with a choice of menu). Non walkers can go by coach from the church to the hotel.

The coach will leave church at 6.00pm and the cost of the outing will be £20. Please would you let Pam Jackson have your money as soon as possible.

I hope that as many members as possible will walk with the Mothers' Union Banner on Rose Queen Day – Saturday, 11th June.

Margaret Ashton

Mellor Community Association

I can't believe that it's almost 12 months since I took over the chairmanship of Mellor Community Association and with it, our Village Hall.

I'm sure many of you reading this will use the village hall, either regularly as a member of one of the many groups that meet there, or occasionally when it acts as a village hub for important events such as elections.

To say the past year has been challenging would be an understatement – but our committee, David Woodward our hall manager and a whole host of volunteers continue to rise to the challenge as we look to equip the hall with the facilities needed for everyone in our community.

We now have a public access defibrillator and have recently trained 25 local residents how to use it in case of emergency, we are fitting the hall with WiFi, looking into alternative ways to heat the main hall and are busy planning a refurbishment schedule to improve the look and feel of the building to equip it for the future.

All of these things cost money and we look forward to your support with events we have planned over the coming weeks, for example;

As well as the "pop-up" cafe we run on the first Saturday in every month we now also have a cafe operating *every Friday* from 9:30am and look forward to seeing you there from time to time.

The second Mellor Scarecrow Festival is taking place on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th July with all proceeds going towards the hall – entry forms are available at most shops in the village or directly from Gill Hargreaves at "Hill Top" on Church Lane.

Thank you again to everyone who supports the hall, we literally couldn't do it without you and if you've not been in for a while or are new to the village pop-in and see what there is going on, from Aerobics to Zumba via singing groups, line-dancing, "knit and natter", drama, guides and bowls.

If you have any suggestions as to how we might improve the hall or if you would like to hire it for an event please contact me at johnhymas@aol.com.

John Hymas

Saturday Cafe at Mellor Village Hall

Every first Saturday in the month from 10am to 2pm
Hot and cold drinks, bacon sandwiches, soup,
homemade cakes to eat in or take out.

Readers for June

June	5	Second Sunday after Trinity	
	10.30	M Ashton M Eccleston Celebrant	1 Kings 17: 17-24 Galatians 1: 11-24 Luke 7: 11-17
	6.30	M Riley N Hogg	Genesis 8.13-9.17 Mark 4.1-20
June	12	Third Sunday after Trinity	
	10.30	S Gill A Smith Celebrant	2 Samuel 11:26-12:10. 13-15 Galatians 2: 15-21 Luke 7: 36- 8: 3
	6.30	S Brindle M Watson	Genesis 13 Mark 4.21-end
June	19	Fourth Sunday after Trinity	
	10.30	- - Celebrant	Isaiah 65: 1-9 Galatians 3: 23-29 Luke 8: 26-39
	6.30	S Nelson S Dobson	Genesis 24.1-27 Mark 5.21-end
June	26	Fifth Sunday after Trinity	
	10.30	D Summersgill R Jones Celebrant	1 Kings 19: 15-16. 19-21 Galatians 5: 1. 13-25 Luke 9: 51-62
	6.30	N Walsh S Brindle	1 Kings 19.15-16, 19-end Luke 9.51-end

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Debbie Chadwick

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Volunteers still required
