

Readers for June

2nd June

Morning

First Sunday after Trinity

P Jackson 1 Kings 8:22-23,41-43
C Redwood Galations 1:1-12
Celebrant Luke 7:1b-10
S Nelson Genesis 4:1-16
N Hogg Mark 3:7-19

Evening

9th June

Morning

Second Sunday after Trinity

R Jones 1 Kings 17:17-24
S Gill Galations 1: 11-24
Celebrant Luke 7:11-17
M Watson Genesis 8:15 – 9:17
S Brindle Mark 4:1-20

Evening

16th June

Morning

Third Sunday after Trinity

All Age Worship 2 Samuel 11:26–12:10.13-15
Galations 2:15-21
Luke 7:36 – 8:3
M Riley Genesis 13:
S Dobson Mark 4:21-end

Evening

23rd June

Morning

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

A Smith Isaiah 65:1-9
W Shaw Galations 3:23-29
Celebrant Luke 8:26-39
G Hill Judges 13:2-7, 24-end
G Tipper Luke 1:5-25

Evening

30th June

Morning

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

G Gill 1 Kings 19:15-16. 19-21
D Summersgill Galations 5:1. 13-25
Celebrant Luke 9:51-62
M Watson 1 Kings 19:15-16. 19-21
S Brindle Galations 5:1. 13-25
Celebrant Luke 9:51-62

Evening

Dear Friends,

Families can be funny things! They can be the most loving, caring and supporting foundation for our lives, and as the Marriage Service says, the family is the place “in which each member...in good times and bad, may find the strength, companionship and comfort” they need to “grow to maturity in love.” Yet, at one and the same time they can be the most frustrating of relationships. Thankfully for most of us our experience of family life is positive and affirming; but sadly for others they can be damaging, even dangerous. Nevertheless, they shape and form us in our journey through life. As my grandmother used to say, “You can choose your friends, but you can’t choose your relations!” But where would we be without them?

Of course Christians are not just members of their own family but we are also part of a much greater family, the Christian Church, the family of God. As Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans, “For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.” And, we are being conformed to Christ’s image so that, “he might be the firstborn within a large family.” And in just the same way as our natural families the Christian family can give “strength, companionship and comfort” and at the same time be quite as frustrating as our natural families are.

Nevertheless, we cannot do without it and each other. Being a Christian on one’s own is almost an oxymoron. For no matter what our physical circumstances, whether we can get to Church to worship with our sisters and brothers or not, we are part of the Family of God; and that means that we have those who care for us and those for whom we care. Of course, we will never meet all the members of God’s family personally but that doesn’t mean we should be any less mindful of them. The early Christian communities we read about in the Acts of the Apostles and the letters of Paul and others show how much these Christian communities thought about and cared for each other, even though they would never meet in person.

As we go about the daily round of church life it's easy to concentrate on our own church and United Benefice and to forget the fact that we are part of the greater whole, so it's good that we should remind ourselves of the fact that we are part of God's Family throughout the world, both living and departed, regardless of the denomination. And that's why prayers for the Church – the whole Church and not just our little bit of it - are included in the liturgy week by week. But being part of the family means that we should be outward looking as well for as the Family of God we have an important task, it's a task that we have been directly given by the head of our Family, Jesus himself, for he has commissioned us to "go and make disciples." And as Christianity is more often "caught" than "taught" it's up to each one of us to spread the Gospel, spread the word that the Christian family is not a "holy huddle" of like-minded people, but a loving community where all are welcomed, young and old, happy and sad, "respectable" or not. For as someone once said the Church "is a hospital for sinners not a gathering for saints!"

So come on brothers and sisters, let's tell the world the Good News, God loves us, and as the song says: "We ARE family!"

God bless you all,

Amma Sue



Hometime Afternoon tea.

The back of church becomes a tearoom!

Tea/coffee and cakes served.

Next date Friday 14th June 2.30-4pm

All welcome for a small donation

From The Registers

	Communicants	Collections
April 21	55	£319.78
April 28	85	£497.61
5 May	53	£501.40
12 May	67	£481.20

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family

Georgia Lily Wells

Funeral

We commend to God's keeping the soul of

Elizabeth Bober

Mellor Youth Fellowship

In June we will meet on **Friday 14th June** in the Church Narthex 7.30 – 9.00pm. Children from Year 6 and above are welcome to come and join us.

Cost is £1 and there is a tuck shop available.

If you would like to come along and share your interests or stories with the children during one of our meetings, please let Karen know.

We are still short of volunteers to help us with Youth Fellowship. Please, Please can you let Karen Walsh know if you can join our rota to help us and provide for the children.

We look forward to seeing you
The Youth Fellowship Leaders

**Would you like to help at church but not sure how?
Have limited time or think you aren't 'qualified' to help.
A Sidesman is the job for you.**

On 2nd June the Sidesmen/ladies will be enrolled. We would love some new people on the team. You don't need to be able to give time every week or to know the ins and outs of every single liturgy or service to do this job. The main qualities are a willingness to help where you can and the desire to welcome and assist people during the services. Please speak to Graham, Jim, Amma Sue or any of the sidesmen if you want more information. It's an important job in church life which is actually more straightforward than you think.

Calendar for June

2nd June

First Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Parish Communion
(Revd John Darch)
6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
(Amma Sue)

9th June

Second Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Parish Communion
(Amma Sue)
6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
(Mrs Pam Daunton)

16th June

Third Sunday after Trinity

10.30am All Age Worship
(Revd Alan Reid)
6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
(Amma Sue)

23rd June

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Parish Communion
(Revd Gary Hunt)
6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
(Amma Sue)

30th June

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Parish Communion
(Amma Sue)
6.30pm Holy Communion
(Amma Sue)

7th July

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

Flower arrangers

Date	Donator	Arranger
2nd June	Lorna Shaw	Margaret Eccleston
9th June	Rose Queen	Joan Moss
16th June	Hilda Hilton	Helen Holroyd & Helen Cooper
23rd June	Irene Holt	Margaret Eccleston
30th June	Mrs M Lomax	Di Ibbotson

Sidespersons

Date	Morning	Morning	Evening
2nd June	S Nelson	S Tipper	M Hodson
9th June	A Bibby	P Cowell	I Moss
16th June	N Walsh	M Hodson	S Nelson
23rd June	P Hughes	G Calvert	S Tipper
30th June	I Moss	G Peake	G Calvert

Chalice servers and Intercessors

Date	Servers	Intercessors
2nd June	Marian Hunt & Rita Gorman	Frank Ashton
9th June	Eileen Peake & Linda Livesey	Geoff Gill
16th June	Graham Tipper & Geoff Gill	Debbie Chadwick
23rd June	Rita Gorman & Eileen Peake	Linda Livesey
30th June	Linda Livesey & Graham Tipper	Sonia Tipper
7th July	Geoff Gill & Marian Hunt	-

Cleaning

Week commencing	Cleaners
3rd June	Sue Nelson & Amanda Calvert
10th June	Geoff & Eileen Peake
17th June	Joan Moss & Sonia Tipper
24th June	Debbie Chadwick & Barbara Lucas
1st July	Janice Ball, Linda Livesey & Lorna Shaw



The Social and Fundraising Committee
is hoping to produce a
Book of Recipes and Household Hints.

If you have any favourite recipes, menus, hints and tips that you would like to share, please see Debbie, Jean, Rita or Sonia. There will be a small charge for each entry, to cover printing costs. All proceeds from the sale of the book will go into Church funds. So please have a think if you have any recipes you would like to share with us.

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 May we will be meeting on **Friday 7th and 21st**

1.45pm – 3.00pm

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

£2 per family including refreshments

Contact: Karen Walsh 01254-812939 / 07507-293484

Rose Queen/Walking Day

Note – change of time

The service has been brought forward to 11a.m.

This will allow Amma Sue to be here for her first Rose Queen service as she also has the lovely job of a marriage ceremony elsewhere at 12.30.

Cakes- as we are back to the traditional afternoon tea this year, we are appealing to the ladies and gents of the parish for any donations of homemade cakes. Emily would be grateful for all your efforts.

We look forward to seeing everyone there

Sunday School News



Lessons

2nd June - Holiday. No Sunday school

9th June – in school

16th June - AAW, Rose Queen outfits

23rd June – in school

Rose Queen/Walking Day

The big day is nearly with us!

Hope you are all able to attend the service and disco.

The teachers would be grateful for some help from the parents or older girls in the morning to make sandwiches. We will be in from about 8am, so even half an hour early on would be helpful.

We won't be in church the day after Walking Day as it is the Confirmation service that morning at Balderstone. We will however be having Sunday School in school as usual.

Please could everyone wear the outfits they wore for Walking Day at the AAW on 16th June, Emily's first outing as the new Rose Queen.

Any child is welcome to come and join us in Sunday School. Please don't feel that they if they can't come every week it is a problem. We love to see them whenever they can get here!

From All the teachers x



“A Very Happy Birthday”

June birthdays from the baptism, Sunday School and Youth Fellowship registers are:

1st	Lucy Taylor	12th	Jane Brown
2nd	Alfred Hudson	17th	Emily Hussey
2nd	Harris Holden	17th	Florence Adams
2nd	Ava Broomes	20th	Jessica Walsh
5th	Rory Teare	22nd	Isaac Hilton
6th	Cassius Sargeson	23rd	John Yates
9th	Emilia Dunn	24th	Julia Coulthard
11th	Joseph Truswell	26th	Sam Johnson
11th	Jolie Mackereth	29th	Zachary Jones
12th	Grace Mellor	30th	James Popadiuk

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

A Summer Garden Party.....

will be held on the school grounds of St Leonard the Less, Sablesbury, on Saturday 22rd June at 2pm. The new Rose Queen, Madeline Noblett, will be crowned, and Amma Sue is invited to declare the Garden Party open.

There will be lots of stalls, and fun and games including a dog agility show! Refreshments, including delicious cakes and sandwiches will be provided by Mothers' Union and will be served in the school hall.

We would love to see you there! Entrance is £1, children free.



Mothers' Union

Thanks are due to Rita for again organising the 'Theatre Outing' to see 'Me and My Girl.'

I was pleased so many ladies were able to go to the Whalley Deanery Festival held at Balderstone on 1st May. Four of us were presented with certificates for forty years plus membership – Susan Perkins, Judith Connolly, Marjorie Mather and myself.

We meet in June on the 11th when librarian Joan Davies will be our speaker.

I hope as many as possible will walk with the banner on 'Rose Queen Day,' Saturday 8th June at 11am.

In July we have Mrs Majorie Holt booked as our speaker.

Each Parish organisation has been asked to raise a substantial amount towards the Church repairs. I have decided we will make the July 9th meeting into an Open Evening, inviting members of the congregation, family and friends (men and women). Tickets will be on sale for everyone to join us.

Margaret Ashton

Mellor St. Mary C. E. Primary School

During the Spring Term, many extra activities were planned by and for the children in school. The Year Six pupils produced a school newspaper outlining these events and I enclose excerpts from "TOO COOL FOR SCHOOL!"

"Mellor School raised £193.01 for Comic Relief by donations and by selling year 6's delicious chocolate coated buns with Smarties, cherries and Maltesers for 20p. MMM Yummy!" by Jasmine and Shay

"Every year Easter at our school is awesome! To celebrate this eggcellent event (which is very important to all Christians around the world) we have an Easter Parade. All the children walk around a decorated table and, at every corner, they twirl 360° to show off their bonnets to everyone." by Ruth and Zainab

"We have bought some new kit for netball and rugby. We have got some new groovy bibs for the fantastic netballers and our rugby kit is sponsored by Atherton's Estate Agent." by Olivia and Hugo

"The Year 5s and older Year 4s performed a music concert at 2:50pm. They have been practising every week with Mr Keeling from St Wilfrid's and they performed Ariba, O When the Saints Came Marching in and Ode to Joy." by Robert and Matthew

"Unfortunately Mrs Nelson, one of our dinner ladies retired on 22nd March. Her favourite moment was when she dressed up in red, white and blue." by Alex and Christopher

School closes for half-term at 3:15pm on Friday 24th May and re-opens on Monday, 3rd June at 8:45am.

Christine Taylor

Headteacher

The Parish of St. Mary, Mellor
Rose Queen Festival

Saturday 8th June 11.00am



Please join us as our Rose Queen 2013

Miss Emily Walsh

Is crowned by

Mrs. Daleen Ten Cate

*Attended by Matthew Walsh, Lucy Taylor, Marcy
Olsson, Lacey Finch and Neve Olsson*

11.00am- Service in St. Mary's Church followed by a
Procession of Witness with brass band around the
village.

Then everyone is invited to Afternoon Tea, served in
St. Mary's School. All welcome
(Small charge for adults, children free)



Join Emily to continue the party
The Rose Queen's
Family Disco

on 8th June

At St. Mary's School

Disco from 7-10pm

**Great disco with games for the
children**

Tickets £3 adult, £1.50child

**From Sunday School, Church
or Debbie, 44 Glendale Dr.**
Bring your own drinks, sweet stall
Chilli Supper included

The Retiring Rose Queen Amber Writes.....

I would just like to say a humongous thank-you to everyone who has helped me this year as Rose Queen. I have had the most amazing time and will remember my reign for the rest of my life. I especially want to say a big thank-you to all my attendants and their parents for all their support and hope they have thoroughly enjoyed participating. I'd also am extremely grateful for all those people who have donated cakes for me to sell on Sundays and to everyone who conjured up bits and bobs for me to sell in my jumble sale. Overall I have managed to raise £700 for Help For Heroes and Medic Malawi which wouldn't have been possible without your time and effort. It's lovely to know that I am a part of such a warm and supportive community. I am now greatly looking forward to helping Emily Walsh during her year as Rose Queen and I know for a fact the title is being passed down into brilliant hands as Emily has been a massive help to me.

Again, a massive thank-you to all my church family.

Love Amber.

Fancy taking a tour of Mellor and Mellor Brook from the comfort of your armchair?

You can do this if you buy a dvd made for us by Ron Hak who took his new camera for a walk on a sunny morning in 2002. This collection of photographs, set to music, shows many aspects of our beautiful, peaceful villages and is a delight to watch. Also, on the DVD is a set of photographs taken as Ron recorded the demolition of the 'Old School' in 1989.

These DVDs costing £5 are available from church or contact Rita Gorman - 812566.

All proceeds are for the Church Roof Appeal.

FAIRTRADE STALL

The last Fairtrade stall - for a while - will be before and after the service on Sunday, 2nd June.

So please stock up on all your provisions - treats!!!!

Thinking of our Confirmation Candidates

We are thinking about the young people of the Benefice who will take the important step of confirmation this month. Please pray for them as they begin this next stage of their journey in faith.

Heavenly Father, You sent your Spirit to transform the Apostles into men of evangelical strength on the day of Pentecost. Thank You for granting that same Spirit to our children in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Pour down upon them the sevenfold gifts of the Spirit that they may more closely resemble Jesus and be an intrepid witness in the world to You and your Divine Son.

Amen

COFFEE MORNING

On **Saturday 29th June**, Hilda Hilton & Joan Venables are holding a Coffee Morning to raise funds for the repair work in the Church.

Please come along to:

St. Mary's Court Community Centre

10am – 12 noon

Cake stall, raffle and card stall



painting family

The 6th Annual Summer Barbeque

Just a reminder that the BBQ will be held on Friday 19th July at Mire Ash House, Myre Ash Brow, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Alan Bell.

Tickets are £12.50 each and will be available from any member of the Committee.

If anyone has a tent or gazebo, or large trestle-type table that we could borrow, we would be very grateful.

Thank you for your support

Jean, Debbie, Sonia & Rita

NIGHTMARE AT ST MARY'S!

St Mary's Church is not as young as it used to be and just at the moment is showing its age. That means some significant repairs to the exterior and interior Chancel wall, the vestry and the boiler room need to be undertaken. To cover the cost of the repairs we will need to raise at least £50,000 All of which is a bit of a nightmare! So, over the next few months we will be organising a number of fundraising activities to which all are welcome!

We also have a dream....

Once the repair work is complete it would be lovely if we were able to redecorate and restore the beauty of the building in its entirety. But of course that means they need to raise considerably more than the cost of repairs alone.....!

If the 'spirit moves you' donations to St Mary's repairs can be made via the Vicar, Amma Sue.

