

# MELLOR PARISH CHURCH

## Vicar

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**Parochial Church Council**  
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Noel Walsh Pat Webster

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## Calendar for May

May 4 Third Sunday of Easter  
10.30 Parish Communion  
Canon John Hartley  
12.00 Baptism of Emily Forrest  
6.30 Evensong  
Canon John Hartley

May 9 7.30 Youth Fellowship

May 11 Fourth Sunday of Easter  
10.30 Parish Communion  
& Baptism of Lauren Redwood

Amma Sue

6.30 Evensong  
Amma Sue

May 13 Mothers' Union Outing – 'Crazy for You'  
7.30 at Thwaites Empire Theatre

May 18 Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.30 Parish Communion  
Canon John Hartley

6.30 Evensong  
Amma Sue

May 25 Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.30 Parish Communion  
Rev'd Dr John Darch

12.00 Baptism of Rory Kenyon

6.30 Holy Communion  
Rev'd Dr John Darch

May 27 2.15 'Little Angels'

May 29 Ascension Day ( t b a )

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### Hometime Afternoon tea.

The back of church becomes a tearoom!  
Tea/coffee and cakes served.  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2.30-4pm

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*Dear Friends,*

"All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well." So wrote the 14<sup>th</sup> Century anchoress Julian of Norwich whose feast day we celebrate on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May.

Who was Julian of Norwich? The fact is nobody really knows, the exact days of her birth and death, even her real name are lost in the mists of time. All we can say with any confidence is that she was an anchoress, a woman who had chosen to live a solitary life of prayer and meditation attached to the Church of St Julian in the city of Norwich and that she was well known in her own day as a wise spiritual counsellor sought out by many men and women for her spiritual direction and guidance. Nevertheless, her writings gathered together in the "Book of Shewings" or "Revelations" as they came to be known, are among the greatest of English spiritual classics indeed were the first to be written in the English language by a woman and have been a source of strength and comfort for many hundreds of Christians throughout the ages.

In May 1373, Julian had a remarkable prayer experience or "revelations" which she recounts in her book and her writings are the fruits of many years of contemplation, meditation and prayer on that experience. However, these writings are not some great theological treatise hard to understand but are filled with many homely images and written with great charm,

warmth and integrity by a highly intelligent woman well acquainted with Scripture and doctrine. Her famous quote comes towards the end of the book and describes God's answer to her as she ponders the great mysteries of sin and suffering in a world created by the God of Love, and redeemed by the loving sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. Julian doesn't seek to find easy answers and platitudes but eventually comes to understand that all the answers lie with God and that indeed all shall be well in Him.

Julian has a special place in my own spiritual life, but Julian and her writings are not the exclusive preserve of Religious Sisters and Brothers, Monks and Nuns, nor indeed the clergy, but for all who, as she herself says, intend to be God's lovers for as she explains at the end of her writings, God tells her: 'You would know our Lord's meaning in this thing? Love was his meaning. Who showed it to you? Love. Why did he show you? For love. Hold on to this and you will know and understand love more and more. But you will not learn anything else – ever!...All this we shall see in God for ever. May Jesus grant this.' And amen to that!

*God bless you all!*

*Anna Sue*

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### **Diocesan Summer Festival 21-22 June**

Bishop Julian has invited all parishes in the diocese to join him at the Diocesan Summer Festival which is being held at Arnold KEQM School, Lytham St Anne's on the weekend of 21 and 22 June.

Brochures giving details of the events being held on Saturday are available in church and on Sunday afternoon there will be a pilgrims' walk from the windmill at Lytham and also from St Anne's pier to the school.

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### **From The Registers**

	<b>Communicants</b>	<b>Collections</b>
30 March	90	£518.24
6 April	52	£407.55
13 April	60	£543.75
20 April	Easter Sunday 109	£443.96

### **Funeral**

Michelle Wouldsworth

Deborah Renshaw

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### **Church Rotas**

#### **Sidespersons Rota**

**Morning**

**Evening**

May 4th	J Moss P Webster	J Saunders
May 11th	C Davis G Peake	S Nelson
May 18th	I Moss A Bibby	S Tipper
May 25th	P Cowell G Calvert	I Moss

### Chalice Servers

### Intercessors

May 4	Eileen Peake & Linda Livesey	Sonia Tipper
11	Marian Hunt & Geoff Gill	Frank Ashton
18	Graham Tipper & Rita Gorman	Debbie Chadwick
25	Linda Livesey & Marian Hunt	Geoff Gill

### Flower List

	Donor	Arranger
May 4	Mrs S Turner	Di Ibbotson
11	Mrs N Alcock	Helen Holroyd & Helen Cooper
18	Mrs R Jessop	Joan Moss
25	Mrs P Webster	Lorna Bowes & Debbie Summersgill

### Church Cleaning Rota

week commencing....

May 5	Pamela Jackson & Christine Redwood
May 12	Jean Freeman, Sheila Turner & Berenice McKeown
May 19	Rita Gorman & Betty Green
May 26	Christine Taylor & Friends

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

At the start of May, our youngest pupils will be completing their first module of Right Start. Across four lessons, our Foundation Stage pupils will be learning the key life skill of crossing the road safely, by stopping, looking and listening. Thank you to Mrs Holroyd for continuing to lead our road safety work and also to Mrs Fielding and our parent volunteers, Mrs Lucas and Mrs Hilton, for their support with this. If any other parents would like to be trained to help with Right Start, please do contact School, as it is always useful to have more volunteers for this.

On Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, our year two pupils will be visiting Fleetwood Museum. This will be done as part of their history topic relating to seaside holidays in the past. Pupils will dress up as Victorians and pose for a group photograph, learn about travelling to the seaside by steam train, consider how Victorian children

would entertain themselves on a rainy day by making a pebble and shell souvenir picture and learn about a Victorian boarding house and the Victorian toys which could be found there. The visit ends with a very entertaining, traditional Punch and Judy Show. "That's the way to do it!"

Also, in May, Mrs Newton, one of our support assistants, will be continuing her training about Forest Schools. Mrs Newton has been practising den building, craft activities using tools, wood and other natural materials, fire lighting, orienteering and team building skills. From September, pupils will then go out in small groups into the school grounds with Mrs Newton and learn these skills for themselves. Thank you to our FOSMS Committee who have kindly donated some funds, so we can purchase the resources needed for this new, exciting project.

Finally, on the sporting front in May, we wish our pupils all the very best in their dodgeball, cross country and hockey tournaments. School closes for half term at 3:15pm on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May and reopens on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Michael Oddie (Deputy Headteacher)

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## **The Parish Church of St Mary, Mellor**

### **Churchwardens' Review of the Year 2013**

This has been a year of significant change for St Mary's, the two most welcome being the establishment of the United Benefice of Balderstone, Mellor and Samlesbury and the Institution and Induction of Reverend Doctor Sue Williams OCMM. The service on 12 March was a "packed house", with family, friends, parishioners and clergy celebrating her incumbency.

Amma Sue lost no time in involving herself with the life of the parishes, the work of the PCC, the social life of the communities, the introduction of new services and leadership of House Groups. She has made a great impact in a short period of time. We welcome both her and Sister Judith and thank them for their generosity and hospitality on the Open House occasions. We also thank Father Roland for all his work and support during the interregnum.

The parishes have begun to work more closely together, combining for a number of services and social occasions during the course of the year.

The less welcome aspect of 2013 has been the major repairs and renovation to the interior and exterior of the east end of the church in order to deal with wet rot problems. The work was completed by November (though we have since been aware of a further leak in the vestry ceiling) and we survived the inevitable problems with dust and restrictions on movement. A Repairs Appeal Fund was launched at a Cheese and Wine evening in May and a wide range of fund-raising events took place during the year, including the Youth Fellowship sleepover, a Cleaners on the March walk, a hotpot supper at the Millstone and the splendid Last Night of the Mellor Proms. Together with donations large and small, legacies and grants the bills which totalled in excess of £52,000 have been matched by the funds raised!! We are extremely grateful to all – too many to mention individually – who have given their time, talents and support. We hope to continue this effort in order to redecorate the interior.

The Village Quiz in February, Barbecue in July – this time blessed with excellent weather - and the annual Christmas Fair were three major social and general fundraising events during the year and all of these were extremely well-attended and enjoyable. Thanks go to everyone involved in these and other events whether as part of the organising committees or through their support at them.

The PCC met 7 times during the year. All meetings have been well attended and the details of the items discussed have been published in the magazine and on the website. A PCC Away Day took place to begin to consider the way forward for the United Benefice and combined churchwardens meetings have thought about closer links between the parishes.

The various organisations within the Church continue to flourish, the Mothers' Union, the Sunday School, Youth Fellowship and Little Angels. We have actively supported Montgomery Heights in Zimbabwe and the Blackburn Foodbank.

The church school continues to provide a wonderful start to our children's lives thanks to Mrs Taylor and her staff and we look forward to and enjoy their participation, together with that of our own Sunday School children, in our services, especially the new All Age Worship introduced by Amma Sue.

The work of the cleaners and flower ladies was even more welcome in 2013 as they maintained the attractive and welcoming aspect of St Mary's, despite the scaffolding, repairs and dust during the year. The churchyard is maintained throughout the summer by the willing team of mowers. The church clock and chimes continue to play an important part in the life of the village and will continue so to do thanks to a generous legacy from a late parishioner.

The parish magazine continues to flourish, the website is kept up to date and the readings and notices sheet has proved most useful. The Fair Trade stall is held on the first Sunday of most months and the work of the "Card Ladies" is ever present.

Thanks are again due to all those who help with our services, choir, sidespeople, servers, visiting clergy and the ladies who make the coffee for us not only after parish communion on the first Sunday of the month but also at the weekly coffee mornings.

Finally, to everyone who has supported the church in any way during a hectic and memorable year, we hope you will accept this note of thanks and appreciation. You make St Mary's the centre of our worship, witness and community.

Graham Tipper  
Churchwarden

Jim Saunders  
Churchwarden

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### **Mellor Connections Update**

We were a year old in February and are going from strength to strength. The singing group is currently fully subscribed but if you'd like to put your name onto the waiting list let me know at [johnlhymas@aol.com](mailto:johnlhymas@aol.com) and we will update you as vacancies come up.

Our "guerrilla gardening" has recently planted 40 young saplings at the Village Hall and we've sown a batch of native wild seeds as the first stage of establishing a small wild flower meadow to help the struggling bee population and also look good. If you would like to join us we normally meet on the second Saturday in each month at the Village Hall.

There are also two specific events we're planning to let you know about;

**Open Gardens Weekend 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> July**

We are holding an Open Garden and plant sale weekend on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July with all profits going to the Village Hall refurbishment fund. We currently have 9 very different gardens around Mellor lined up to take part but we need your support to make it a success.

If you would like to open your garden to visitors please let Carolyne Hymas know by email to [barneyboobop@aol.com](mailto:barneyboobop@aol.com).

We are also looking for donations for the plant sale so those green fingered ones amongst us get potting up and help make the event a great success!

The village hall will be open for teas/coffee and home baked cakes on both days manned by Mellor Connections volunteers.

Entry to the gardens will be strictly by pre-purchased ticket – look out for the advertising around the village nearer the time.

Fingers crossed for fine sunny weather!

### **World War 1 Commemoration Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

It can't have escaped anyone's notice that this year marks the centenary of the start of World War One and, although there are no longer people alive who were directly involved, it's unlikely that there isn't a family in Mellor that doesn't have a relative that took part.

To mark the centenary we are planning an event on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August in the Village Hall with all profits being split between "Help for Heroes" and our Village Hall refurbishment fund.

More details, including how to reserve tickets for the day, will be advertised shortly.

As well as a social event on the Saturday evening we are hoping to create an exhibition of WW1 memorabilia in the Village Hall. If you have anything from the time (medals, photographs, diaries, etc) that you would like to put into the exhibition let John Hymas know by email to [johnlhymas@aol.com](mailto:johnlhymas@aol.com) or telephone 01254 813282.

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### **Passover Meal      Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

It was lovely to join with our friends from St Mary's Church Osbaldeston and Mellor Methodist Church to share a Passover Meal in the school.

A service booklet had been prepared by Amma Sue so that we could follow the rituals of a traditional Passover Meal using all the recommended ingredients.

Thank you to all who came and those who helped us to prepare the supper.

Catherine, Grace, Sonia & Rita  
(The United Benefice of Balderstone, Mellor & Samlesbury)

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### **'Little Angels'**

We meet on Tuesday, 27th May from 2.15 - 3.15pm in the Narthex for an hour of fun and friendship.

Margaret, Rita, Hilda, Irene & Gillian

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### **Recycled Cards**

A special 'thank you' to Joan Hak for knitting 4 dozen chickens and lambs which we sold at Easter time - raising £72 for Church funds.

We continue to make all kinds of greetings cards using recycled materials and are grateful to all who support us by passing on their cards as well as all our customers.

Confirmation cards will be available soon...

Jean, Rita, Sheila & Sonia

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## FAIRTRADE

The stall will be in the Narthex before and after Parish Communion on Sunday, 4th May for the usual treats and other commodities.

Bill, Lorna, Marian and Rita

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## MOTHER'S UNION

At our April meeting we were invited to share the life of a 'Victorian Butler' by Leslie Jackson.

On Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May we have arranged an outing to the Thwaites Empire Theatre at Ewood to see the musical 'Crazy for You'. The cost is £10 - please let Rita have your name and ticket money by Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> May.

We are invited to Rishton Parish Church on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May to share in the Whalley Deanery Festival.

I do hope that as many ladies as possible go.

Margaret Ashton

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## ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN

Thank you to everyone who has helped to tidy up and make the outside of the church more attractive, especially Ian with painting and varnishing and Pat with the flower planters.

On Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March a small team made up of Rita, Stewart, Barbara, Pauline, Sonia, John, Jim and Graham together with some much appreciated help from Barbara's sons, Andrew and William, and John's son, Oliver spent the evening tidying up the churchyard by removing old Christmas wreaths, plastic flowers and the branches which had fallen from the trees over the winter.

This work is both important and necessary as summer approaches so that our volunteer team of grass mowers can cut the grass more easily. It would also be so much easier if we could get just a few more volunteers to help on the night.

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## **"A Very Happy Birthday"**

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

2nd	Eleanor Day	25th	Ethan McMahon
14th	Oliver Wiggins	26th	Alannah Slater
15th	Harrison Jones	27th	Oliver Moore
21st	Shay Harris	28th	Benjamin Dixon
22nd	Harriett Leech		

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## **Parochial Church Council**

At the Annual General Meeting on 16 March 2014, having completed their terms of office, Graham Tipper and Jim Saunders resigned as Churchwardens and Steward Woodward as Treasurer.

An Extraordinary Vestry Meeting was held on 13 April to appoint new office holders. Hilda Hilton was happy to serve as Churchwarden once again, for a period of one year, but we were unable to find a second nominee. Graham will take over as Treasurer and Jim will continue to act as Secretary. We are grateful to all who offered to assist in any way and hope that a team of helpers, working together, will make life easier for those who have taken on these responsibilities.

The life of St Mary's depends so much on all those who so willingly give of their time in so many ways.

Jim Saunders - PCC Secretary

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## **CHURCH WARDENS**

As Graham has stepped down from the role of Church Warden after 5 years of service during a difficult time at St Mary's – 2 interregnums, 3 organists, as well as serious major repairs to the fabric of the church – it is appropriate that we record our gratitude to him for the diligent way he has carried out his duties. and his dedicated commitment to the church. THANK YOU, Graham

For the past 18 months Jim has been a great support to Graham and has served us well in many ways. THANK YOU, Jim

Although we are very sorry to lose them as Churchwardens we are fortunate that they both continue to serve the church in the crucial roles as Treasurer and Secretary of the PCC.

We now welcome Hilda who begins her second (stint – can't think of the right word) as Churchwarden – THANK YOU, Hilda. You can be assured of the support and encouragement of us all.

Also, THANK YOU to Stewart for his time as Church Treasurer during the past 3 years.

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**St Leonard the Less, Samlesbury**

**Garden Party**

28<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Samlesbury Memorial Hall

at 2:00pm for the Crowning of our New Rose Queen

More Details to follow!

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## **The Parish Church of St Mary, Mellor Fabric Report 2013**

The background to the major repairs and restoration undertaken in 2013 lies with the Quinquennial Inspection Report of July 2012. This identified various works to be carried out, a number of which were classified as urgent. The first of these were undertaken in the latter part of 2012, namely, the removal of the asbestos ceiling in the boiler room and then rectifying problems with dry rot, ventilation and water

ingress. Repairs to the chimney, stonework, roof and gutters were effected. Scaffolding was then erected in the chancel in order to remove plaster on the north and south walls, exposing the stonework, and to ascertain the extent of wet rot problems in the walls and roof timbers. The area then was left to ventilate and dry out.

By early 2013, Francis Roberts Architects submitted a scheme for repairs to the Diocesan Advisory Committee, two tenders were obtained from specialist contractors and Lambert Walker were engaged to undertake the work. Faced with a forecast final account in excess of £45,000, a Repairs Appeal Fund was launched in May.

The wet rot problems in the roof beams were more extensive than originally thought because of raining in around the chimney. Outside work had to be undertaken before work inside could begin. Accordingly, scaffolding was erected on the east wall, to effect repairs around the chimney and to raise flashings and widen gutters. It was agreed to offset some of the additional costs by postponing internal redecorating of the walls.

The north and south walls of the chancel were re-plastered and the wet rot problems dealt with. Traditional materials and methods were used to repair and replace roof timbers and corbels in order to preserve the church's character and appearance.

The PCC reported in November that the work was complete. However, it since transpires that there is still evidence of a leak on the vestry ceiling: re-pointing of some of the outside wall may be needed to rectify this, with inevitable extra expense.

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## **The Queen's Visit to Blackburn Cathedral Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

Three months ago I received a large white envelope marked 'Buckingham Palace'. In it was a letter saying my name had been submitted by the Dean of Blackburn to be a 'Maundy Recipient' when the Queen was to visit Blackburn Cathedral and it was hoped that I would accept this honour.

I was very shocked and felt humbled but was delighted to accept, especially as Margaret was invited to accompany me. When Maundy Thursday arrived we made our way to the Cathedral where we went through very tight security. Once inside the Cathedral we were escorted to our seats on the front row of the Centre Nave.

The 'Yeomen of the Guard' in their scarlet uniforms marched in and positioned themselves in the three aisles.

Many processions then came past:-

- the clergy from many denominations
- the Cathedral Choir with the Children and Gentlemen of the Chapel Royal and their Director of Music
- The Royal Almonry - headed by the Dean's Verger from Westminster Abbey

On the stroke of 11.00am there was a fanfare of Trumpets which led into the hymn 'Praise to the Holiest in the Height'

- Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were on their way in – preceded by the Cathedral Canons and

Chapter, Bishop Julian and the Dean – followed by an Equerry and Ladies, and finally by the Lord Lieutenant and his wife.

The choir sang Psalm 138 – followed by prayers on the theme of ‘Service’, the hymn ‘When I Survey’ and the first lesson.

Then came the gift of the Maundy Gifts on the South Side (I was number 6). The queen very quietly - with a lovely smile – gave me two purses (one red and one white).

After the second lesson Maundy Gifts were distributed on the North Side of the Cathedral.

During the distributions the Choir sang ‘God So Loved the World’ and ‘Zadok the Priest’ (both sung in Mellor Church by our own choir). This music and the Queen walking through the Cathedral moved many to tears.

There were further prayers and the hymn ‘My Song is Love Unknown’ before the Trumpeters and Full Organ led the singing of the ‘National Anthem’ which many people found too emotional to sing. The service concluded with the Blessing by our Bishop. The Queen and Duke walked slowly down the Centre Aisle as the bells rang and the organ played Bach’s Prelude and Fugue in ‘C’.

*What a Service – I will always remember the day  
Her Majesty the Queen came to Blackburn Cathedral  
to distribute the Royal Maundy.*

*Frank Ashton*

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## **Sunday School News**

### **Lessons**

- 4<sup>th</sup> May – No Sunday School – bank holiday
- 11<sup>th</sup> May – in school
- 18<sup>th</sup> May – in church AAW
- 25<sup>th</sup> May - No Sunday School - Holiday

### **Rose Queen/Walking Day**

We hope you can all come along on 14th June for this wonderful day.

Our Rose Queen for 2014 will be the lovely Millie Bolton. Attending her will be George Rolston as cushion bearer, and on the train Lucy Taylor, Olivia Bradshaw and Caitlin Slater. Millie will be crowned by Christine Spencer, lady of our parish. Christine is a close friend of Millie’s family and also the mum of Sunday Schoolers Harrison and Charlotte Green.

This is the main occasion where everyone comes together as a church family and is truly a day full of joy and friendship, for all in our parish, so please encourage your neighbours and friends to join the fun.

From all the teachers. X

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## **Holy Week and Easter Services**

The services across the United Benefice truly brought home the Easter message as Amma Sue led us through the events of Holy Week. So many deep emotions were felt, some of which - such as the Stations of the Cross - brought members of the congregations to tears.

The fact that different services took place in each of the three churches simply added to the experience. For the writers of this article, these would include worshipping with others on Good Friday in the box pews at Samlesbury and the peacefulness of the setting of this historic church. Also, the drama of Holy Hour at Balderstone with the beautiful reredos covered over and the huge wooden cross and the crown of thorns focussing our thoughts. At Mellor, the bareness and emptiness after the Stripping of the Altar on Maundy Thursday made the beauty and joy of Easter Day, with all the fresh flowers and a large congregation, all the more dramatic. The Easter Vigil celebrated on Mill Hill took place on a glorious, sunny morning and this felt so appropriate.

A big thank you is due to Karen for the bacon and sausage butties, to Jim for the fizzy wine and to the flower ladies for all their hard work.

The biggest thank you must go to Amma Sue for the thought, time and preparation that the Holy Week services entailed, not least in the selection of music, from the Benedictine nuns and Taizé chants to Vaughan Williams and Lloyd Webber.

**We are truly blessed.**

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## **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 9th and 23rd.**

1.45pm – 3.00pm

St. Mary's Court Community Centre (opposite Church)  
£2 per family including refreshments & healthy snacks

Contact: Karen Walsh 07507-293484

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The Parish of St. Mary, Mellor  
Rose Queen Festival

**Saturday 14th June 11.30am**



**Miss Amelia Bolton**

is crowned by

**Christine Spencer**

*Attended by George Rolston, Caitlin Slater, Lucy Taylor and Olivia Bradshaw*

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 Afternoon Tea, straight after the service, served in St.  
Mary's School.  
(All welcome - small charge for adults, children free)

Evening Family Disco in school 7 - 9.30pm  
-more details later-

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### **Mellor Youth Fellowship**

In April the children created a wonderful rainbow for the Noah's Ark that will be on display in Church during the Art Festival.

We next meet on Friday 9th May in the Church Narthex 7.30pm – 9.00pm. All children from Year 6 and above are welcome to join us. Cost is £1 and tuck shop is available.

I would like to thank those who have kindly offered to support us on a rota basis, if you are interested in helping please let Karen Walsh know as soon as possible – you do not need to organise anything (unless you want to), just come along and help out. Also the children always like to see new faces!

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

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### Readers for May

May 4	Third Sunday of Easter		
Morning	M Ashton M Eccleston Celebrant	Acts 2: 14a,36-41 1 Peter 1: 17-23 Luke 24: 13-35	
Evening	M Watson G Hill	Haggai 1: 13 - 2: 9 1 Corinthians 3: 10-17	
May 11	Fourth Sunday of Easter		
Morning	R Jones N Walsh Celebrant	Acts 2: 42-47 1 Peter 2: 19-25 John 10: 1-10	
Evening	S Nelson M Riley	Ezra 3: 1-13 Ephesians 2: 11-end	
May 18	Fifth Sunday of Easter		
Morning	S Gill A Smith Celebrant	Acts 7: 55-60 1 Peter 2: 2-10 John 14: 1-14	
Evening	S Tipper S Dobson	Zechariah 4: 1-10 Revelation 21: 1-14	
May 25	Sixth Sunday of Easter		
Morning	D Summersgill	Acts 17: 22-31	

	W Shaw Celebrant	1 Peter 3: 13-22 John 14: 15-21
Evening	N Hogg M Watson Celebrant	Acts 17: 22-31 1 Peter 3: 13-22 John 14: 15-21
June 1	Seventh Sunday of Easter	
Morning	M Baldwin M Woodward Celebrant	Acts 1: 6-14 1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11 John 17: 1-11
Evening	S Nelson M Riley	2 Samuel 23: 1-5 Ephesians 1: 15-end

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**Christian Stewardship**

Chairman / Recorder Geoff Peake 813654  
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**Electoral Roll Officer**

Sonia Tipper 813565

**Deanery Synod**

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Debbie Chadwick 812091

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**Little Angels**

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**Children's Society**

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Janet Hartley, Alan Smith

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Site Supervisor Tony Dixon  
Friends of St Mary's School (FOSMS)  
Daleen ten Cate Julie Ollson

**Mothers' Union**

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**Alter Flowers**

Joan Moss 813581

**Rainbows**

Lynn Fish (Wren)

**Guides**

Hilary Wensley

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**Churchyard**

Chris Wilson David Holroyd Paul McBride  
Rob Cooper Tom Shaw Stewart Woodward