

# MELLOR PARISH CHURCH

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**Chairperson**            - - : - -  
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David Holroyd Barbara Lucas (2019)  
Debbie Chadwick (2019) Geoff Gill (2018)  
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Debbie Summersgill (2018) Graham Tipper (2018)  
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Sue Brown Graham Calvert Peter Cowell  
Nanette Hogg Paul Hughes Ian Moss  
Joan Moss Sue Nelson Alan Smith  
Frances Thompson Graham Tipper  
Noel Walsh Pat Webster Stewart Woodward

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## Calendar for May

**May 2**  
9.30am Holy Communion  
(Rev'd Roland Nicholson)

**May 7**  
9.30am **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Parish Communion  
(Rev'd Dr John Darch)

**May 9**  
9.30am Holy Communion  
(Rev'd Charles Jefferson)  
7.30pm Mothers' Union Theatre Trip

**May 14**  
9.30 **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Parish Communion

(Rev'd Charles Jefferson)

<b>May 16</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion (Canon John Hartley)
<b>May 21</b>	9.30am	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Parish Communion (Rev'd Charles Jefferson)
<b>May 23</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion (Rev'd Charles Jefferson)
	2.15pm	'Little Angels'
<b>May 25</b>	7.00pm	<b>Ascension Day</b> (Rev'd Charles Jefferson)
<b>May 26</b>	7.30pm	Vision Youth Group
<b>May 28</b>	9.30am	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Parish Communion (Rev'd Dr John Darch)
<b>May 30</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion (Rev'd Gill/Terry Dyer)

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## **Easter – dead and buried!**

So that's it then. Another Easter has been and gone. You may be a few pounds lighter depending on what you've spent or a few pounds heavier depending on the chocolate you've eaten, but is there anything more? For a Christian the answer is a resounding 'Yes'!

First, the resurrection reveals the uniqueness of Christ. Respect for other faiths, of course; toleration for their customs – as long as they don't break the law, certainly. But amongst all the world religions no-one has come back from the dead like Jesus Christ, even though he said on more than one occasion that this was precisely what he would do (*Mark 10:32-34*). So unlike many of us whose actions do not always match our words Jesus' claim to be the unique Son of God is backed up by what people saw him do (*1 Corinthians 15*).

Secondly, the resurrection assures Christians that death, although fatal is not final (*1 Peter 1:3*). There is a future life with God which we can experience and enjoy once we ask for God's forgiveness and then put our faith and trust in him (*Luke 23:39-43*).

Back in the Middle Ages there was much speculation about whether there was any land in the western Atlantic. Some thought one thing, some thought another. But after 1492 the matter was no longer in dispute. Christopher Columbus had both reached America and returned. From now on he was uniquely qualified to tell people about this land beyond the sea and to guide them there. He was the living proof that there was such a land. He was also the pilot who could take others where he had gone. It is rather like that with the resurrection of Jesus.

So when Thomas asked Jesus about where he was going and how could anyone know the way to God, Jesus replied "I am the way, the truth and the life, no one goes to God the Father except by me. Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (*John 14*).

Therefore, amidst the cacophony of voices and the multitude of opinions, to whom should we look in order to guide us through the really important stages of life? It has to be the one who said "**I am the Resurrection and the Life**" (*John 11:25*). As Sherlock Holmes once put it 'It

is an old maxim of mine that when you have excluded the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable must be the truth’.

With best wishes,

Charles Jefferson

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## **Thank You**

This note is just to say thank you to all the people who help to make St.Mary’s such a lovely Church.

A few weeks ago I was surprised by how light the Altar seemed and when looking up saw the lovely blue and cream ceiling and the bright new lights – what a difference they made.

Also how well organised the Mothering Sunday service was, the flowers were beautiful and mine lasted for a full week at home.

I must also mention the Choir and the special pieces they sing which are lovely to hear when going up for communion.

The Toilets and the Vestry being painted by people giving their time, made a big improvement to the two smallest rooms which are often overlooked.

Other people who quietly do their work are the flower arrangers who again make our Church look so lovely and the tubs outside the entrance making our welcome special.

We can’t forget the people who clean the church and also the gardeners, without them the Church just wouldn’t be the lovely place it is.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter Day Service as much as we did, the Vicar made it such a happy and glorious occasion and the gifts of Easter Cards were beautiful and the chocolate Easter egg cups I am sure delighted the children.

Barbara Smith

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## **From The Registers**

	<b>Communicants</b>	<b>Collections</b>
Mar 12	57	383.37
19	67	463.97
26	75	460.58
Apr 2	132	839.50
9	72	359.26
16	110	572.20
23	57	363.15

## **Baptisms**

*We welcome into the Lord's family*

Ethan Joseph Terry Marshall

Ava Grace Turner

Lharra Julie Houldsworth

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## **Church Rotas May**

### **Assistant Wardens**

May 7	Geoff Gill	Graham Tipper
May 14	Mark Smith	Rita Gorman
May 21	Barbara Lucas	Debbie Chadwick
May 28	Marilyn Watson	Debbie Summersgill

### **Sidpersons**

May	7	J Moss	P Webster
May	14	G Tipper	S Woodward
May	21	G Calvert	S Brown
May	28	A Smith	P Cowell

### Chalice Servers

### Intercessors

May	7	Eileen Peake & Rita Gorman	Geoff Gill
May	14	Linda Livesey & Geoff Gill	Linda Livesey
May	21	Graham Tipper & Eileen Peake	Debbie Chadwick
May	28	Rita Gorman & Geoff Gill	Graham Tipper

### Flower List

#### **Given by:-**

#### **Arranged by:-**

May	7	Mrs N Alcock	Helen Holroyd & Helen Cooper
May	14	Mrs R Jessop	Ann Minoprio
May	21	Mrs P Webster	Joan Moss
May	28	Mrs H Hilton	Debbie Summersgill

### Church Cleaning

#### **Week Commencing**

May	1	Rita Gorman, Betty Green & Peter Cowell
May	8	Linda Cawtherly, Margaret Eccleston & Frances Thompson
May	15	Sue Nelson & Amanda Calvert
May	22	Eileen Peake & Wendy Eatough
May	29	Joan Moss & Ann Minoprio

Please speak to Hilda or Rita if you would like to join a team or help in any way.

## Sunday School News

### Lessons

30 <sup>th</sup>	April – in church united service
7 <sup>th</sup>	May – in school
14 <sup>th</sup>	May – in school
21 <sup>st</sup>	May – in church AAW
28 <sup>th</sup>	May/4 <sup>th</sup> June – no Sunday school - holiday

### AAW 21<sup>st</sup> May

This will be Lucy's last All Age Worship as Rose Queen. She will pick her favourite hymns and will be telling us how much she has raised for her chosen charity. Please come along and celebrate her year as Rose Queen with us.

### Rose Queen/Walking Day -10<sup>th</sup> June

We hope you can all come along on 10th June for this wonderful day.

Our Rose Queen for 2017 will be the Alannah Slater, one of our most industrious Sunday Schoolers, especially in the crafts department! Alannah will be attended by Jessica Wells, Lara Book and Charlotte Dawson Smith. Alannah will be crowned in church, followed by lunch in school. The wonderful Charnock Richard Brass band is joining us again. The evening family disco will be held in school.

This is the main occasion of the year 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. Each year we hear that

churches who previously had a Rose Queen or similar have stopped this event due to lack of support or lack of children in church. Please encourage your friends along and keep our Mellor tradition alive.

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### **THANK YOU...**

-from **Karen Walsh** to all who donated to the Cancer Fundraising Challenge of walking 10,000 steps everyday in March. "in total I walked 320,315 steps and raised £285".

- from **Bill Thompson**  
I would like to express my sincere thanks to my many friends for the cards and messages of good wishes on my recent 90th birthday - with special thanks to Hilda for the lovely cake.

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### **Pam's Paper Blog:**

Well here we are again, thinking some more about how we are collectively Jesus' body here on earth. The readings in church this month are all about the resurrected Jesus. How he meets the disciples on the road to Emmaus and shows them his wounds in that empty room. So I thought we might take a look at the life of Joni Eareckson Tada.

Joni was an athletic American girl who loved swimming and diving in particular. In 1967, at the age of 17, she had a diving accident which crushed her spine. The accident left her as a quadriplegic, paralysed from the neck down, and this July she'll have been wheel chair bound for 50 years. At first she fought bravely to regain some movement but eventually she had to accept that her injury was permanent.

It is not at all surprising that the accident was followed by a period of deep depression. She was overwhelmed by feelings of bitterness, frustration and resentment; a deep anger that brought her to suicidal thoughts. She was fortunate that the support of her parents and sister was strong and they kept her going along with her faith. During that rehabilitation she learnt to type and paint with her mouth.

But in the end it was Joni's trust in God that really helped her face the future with realism. She was transformed by a rediscovery of the Bible and relearned its great doctrines. She was particularly helped by the image of Jesus on the cross as immobilised, helpless, and paralysed as she was herself. But what helped her most was the resurrection.

Christianity is the most materialistic – as in corporeal - of all the great religions. Jesus Christ is the word made flesh that dwelt and died and rose again. When we die we have the expectation of a bodily resurrection. Not a resuscitation which continues what we have now or an ethereal ghostliness but a new body in which to live. It is this the thought of this bodily resurrection that helps to support Joni. When she thinks about our being 'glorified' in heaven, she sees herself as on her feet dancing.

Joni has become a world renowned Christian speaker and writer. She is the CEO of JAF (Joni and Friends), for the support of people with disabilities across the world. Right now they're campaigning for 100,000 wheelchairs for disabled people by 2020 to give poor families a start. If you want to know more then have a look at: <http://www.joniandfriends.org/>.

Pam Daunton.

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

During May, we look forward to two final placement student teachers from The University Of Cumbria working with our EYFS and Year 6 pupils. This is a super opportunity for everyone to learn, as Mrs McPherson and Miss Lowe will be mentoring the student teachers and assisting with their development, while the student teachers

themselves will no doubt bring their own fresh ideas from which both our pupils and current staff can continue to learn.

On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons in the middle of May, our EYFS pupils will be taking their vital first steps in learning about road safety as they complete Stage One of The Right Start Pedestrian Training Programme. Across four lessons, pupils will learn about holding hands with an adult whom they know, finding the safest place to cross the road, stopping behind the kerb, looking, listening and crossing with care.

On Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> May, Year 2 pupils will be travelling back in time as they visit Fleetwood Museum. The children will learn about travelling by steam train, Victorian clothes and photography, life in a Victorian boarding house and making pebble pictures as they experience life during seaside holidays in the past. The visit concludes with a fabulous, traditional Punch and Judy Show!

On the evening of Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, we look forward to welcoming some new members into our school family. The induction meeting for the parents of our new EYFS pupils for September 2017 will take place in school. This is a great opportunity for our new parents to learn about the Summer term morning visits for their children, life in our EYFS classroom and our general school procedures. They can also familiarise themselves with the school building and put faces to names of our school staff.

School closes for half term on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May and re-opens on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> June.

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Michael Oddie (Deputy Headteacher)

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## **Mothers' Union**

We were fascinated to learn the history of some of the families who have memorials inside St Mary's from our speaker in April, Mrs Vanessa Cameron, a member of the Church Recording team who meet to catalogue absolutely everything from textiles to stained glass in church

In May we visit Langho St Leonard's Church for the Deanery Festival on Wednesday 3rd May and on the following Tuesday, 9th May we are going to see 'Oklahoma' at Thwaites Theatre at Ewood.

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## **Thank you to the Clergy . . . our ministers**

The P C C would like to place on record thanks and appreciation to all members of the clergy who have ministered at St. Mary's during the interregnum.

Our worship has been enhanced by a variety of styles of ministry and our faith has been nurtured with their leadership and encouragement.

*We are indebted to them all.*

We especially wish to thank Roland for his very generous donation towards the huge improvement to the sound system in church and to the anonymous donors of the altar linen. We will all benefit from their kind benevolence.

*Thank You*

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## **Easter Sunday**

A very big thank you to Debbie Chadwick for all of the hard work she put in for the excellent dawn service.

Much time was spent beforehand buying and preparing the bacon and sausage sandwiches plus sauces (especially brown for Roland!) and making and putting in place the cross on the moor. Great attention to detail with no stone unturned!

After only two hours sleep Debbie was putting together the final touches. Following the short service in church she lead us up to the moor and gave us a great mini sermon, which gave us food for thought.

Thank you Debbie for going well above and beyond the call of duty. It is very much appreciated.

Stewart Woodward

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### **Confirmation Day 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Please remember all our confirmation candidates in your prayers this May as they embark on the next steps in their journey with Christ. We have children from all 3 churches attending lessons so it will be a real United Benefice affair. At the current time it has not been finalised which church will be used, this will depend on the number of children we finally have to be confirmed and number of guests we expect.

The children we currently have to add to your prayers are:-

Matthew Eastham, Matthew Waller, Emelye Hassall,  
Grace Cummins ,Erin Wright, Jessica Whalley, Elspeth Ambler, Oliver Cotton, Ethan Dewhurst, Thomas Greenough, Marcy Olson, Alannah Slater, Lucy Taylor, Bradley Vause, Beatrice Thompson, John Yates and Harrison Green.

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### **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May Treasure Trail & BBQ**

Fancy a nice stroll around our beautiful countryside whilst taking in hidden views of Woodfold Park and Alum Scar (not usually open to the public) and learning some historical facts.

Starting at, Green Hurst Farm, Alum Scar Lane by kind permission of Janet and Graham Young,

Fun for all ages!

Start anytime from 2pm and  
BBQ from 4pm, it will take approx 1 hour.

. £3 per adult children free

BBQ available

Children must be accompanied  
all times. Sorry no dogs.

Organised by our friends at Samlesbury St Leonard

- who hope to see many of us there!

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### **FOSMS (Friends of St Mary's School) NEWS**

The Easter raffle was once again a great success this year and thank you to everyone who sold tickets and helped with the raffle prizes. The raffle made a fantastic £427.80 and the lucky winners (drawn in school at the Easter Parade on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March) are listed as follows,

1<sup>st</sup> prize (Gulliver's World)

Niamh Gregson (875)

2<sup>nd</sup> prize (Scooter)

Iain Schofield (203)

3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	(Chill Factor)	Ethan Dewhurst (622)
4 <sup>th</sup> prize	(Chocolate hamper)	Bilal Ismail (044)
5 <sup>th</sup> prize	(Easter eggs)	William Hellier (109)
6 <sup>th</sup> prize	(Cuddly toy)	Owen Armstrong (146)

Congratulations!

We are now selling tickets for the FOSMS masquerade ball on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October at, The Samlesbury Hotel. The ticket price is £30 and includes a 3 course meal and drinks on arrival. There is a disco, table games and a reasonably priced bar and wine menu. Ticket order forms will be sent out shortly, so please keep an eye on your child's reading pack for these. This event is open to all parents, families and their friends, so why not get a table together? The Samlesbury Hotel is also offering a reduced room rate, for those wishing to stay over or travelling from further afield. Further information can be obtained from the ball committee, naomi\_goode@sky.com, Lisa.venables15@googlemail.com , zoeff28@googlemail.com or via school for ticket sales.

Bags 2 School blue sacks have now been sent out in the reading packs and the collection has been arranged for Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Please bring all unwanted, good quality (no damaged or torn items please) to school from 8:30am on this day. Bags can be left by the main school gates.

All of the above would not be possible without the kind donations from the friends and family of the school and the time and effort (all voluntary) from our hardworking FOSMS team.

Thank you

Zoe Metcalf

Treasurer

## **Vision Youth Group**

**MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> 7.30-9PM**

**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.**

## **Recycled Cards**

We have recently made the following donations

Mellor School Red Nose Day     £25

Liz Skupski - Manchester Marathon  
in aid of Spinal Research     £25

Karen Walsh - 11,000 steps project for Cancer Research   £25

*Well done to Liz & Karen for their great efforts!*

As ever, we thank everyone who supports us by buying our cards, but we can only make cards to sell from the ones you kindly donate to us. We are always grateful for the cards you give us. We would particularly welcome **men's cards, children's cards** or any other "**special**" **cards** that you no longer need - all contributions gratefully received!

A special 'thank you' to Joan Hak for the beautiful cross stitch cards she made for us to sell.

Thank you from  
*The Card Ladies*

## The 'Little Angel' Group

We are looking forward to our meeting on May 23 when Sarah, our friend from the Diocese will be leading the session. The children are sure to enjoy meeting Jack (a toy mouse) and hearing one of his stories from the Bible as well as joining in an exciting craft activity. Thank you to our friend, Norah, for her generous support and to Sandra who has joined the team.

Margaret, Rita, Hilda, Gillian and Sandra

Remember – all are welcome.

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### Social Committee

BBQ =Just a reminder . . .

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July at the home of Alan & Maureen Bell

**PLEASE NOTE REVISED DATE**

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### Readers for May

May	7	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Margaret Baldwin Mary Woodward	Acts 2: 42-end John 10: 1-10
May	14	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> William Shaw Richard Jones	Acts 7: 55-end John 14: 1-14
May	21	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Sunday School Sunday School	Acts 17: 22-31 John 14: 15-21
May	25	<b>Ascension Day</b> Geoff Gill Graham Tipper	Acts 1: 1-11 Luke 24: 44-end
May	28	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Debbie Summersgill Alan Smith	Acts 1: 6-14 John 17: 1-11

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### VESTRY REFURBISHMENT

During the refurbishment of the Vestry – thanks mainly to Dave Holroyd and Derek Haworth – some old photographs of former vicars of St Mary's have come to light.

Charles is wondering if any parishioners have any similar photographs in their archives which could be donated or loaned so that a permanent display could be made.

Please speak to Charles if you can help.

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### FAIR TRADE

Thank you for the support last month when the takings were over £80 – the next chance to help producers in the Third World will be on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May before and following Parish Communion.

The FairTrade Team

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#### Christian Stewardship

Recorder/Gift Aid Secretary Eileen Peake

Electoral Roll Officer

Graham Tipper  
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Sue Gill Debbie Chadwick  
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Debbie Chadwick  
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Lynn Fish (Wren) Hilary Wensley  
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PCSO Caroline Pemberton  
Tel 01200 458766 (Voicemail)  
**Churchyard**  
Chris Wilson Rob Cooper Tom Shaw  
Stewart Woodward Bernard Whalley Gordon Hayes

Volunteers still required

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