

# MELLOR PARISH CHURCH

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## Dear Friends

“Remember, remember the fifth of November...” so begins the old rhyme, and November certainly seems to be the month to remember; beginning as it does with All Saints and All Souls and moving on to Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday. Coupled with the growing shortness of days this can make November seem the saddest month of the year, which is perhaps why all too soon we will be concentrating on Christmas (something that many retailers have been doing since the summer!). Nevertheless, even though it brings a sense of sadness it is good to remember those who have gone before us, those whom we love but see no longer; as Ecclesiastes reminds us: “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven, a time to be born; and a time to die.” [Eccl. 3:1&2].

In our modern society it is often that any discussion about death is tasteless and morbid, and anyone speaking about their own death is quickly assured that it isn't going to happen for a long time yet, but the truth of the matter is that sooner or later we will all die. Along with our denial of the naturalness of death we have also lost sight of the fact that to grieve and mourn

is as much part of what it means to be a human being as it is to breathe. We mourn because we love. Today, society expects that we will quickly “get over” our grief, pick ourselves up and start life as if nothing had happened. Almost as soon as the funeral is over we expect everything to be back to normal, and we should be getting on with things, when what we really need is time, time to stop and take a breath; to take the time to adjust to the changes in our lives. At the tomb of his friend Jesus took the time to weep and when he knew he was going to die he only asked his friends to stay as he took the time to pray, and weep and bargain with God.

The Gospels show us a Jesus who loved and as someone who knew and understood and shared the feelings of those around him. He mourned when his friend died and got scared and angry when he faced his own death only coming to an acceptance after much emotional torment in the Garden of Gethsemane; Jesus lived the fullness of his humanness, he didn't pretend to have feelings - he felt, because it's human to feel. He grieved because it's human to grieve. He knew for himself that there is indeed “time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance.” And with and in Jesus we can know that we're not alone with our grief, we're not alone as we try to make sense of things and begin to find our own resolution. Not that we ever “get over it” for we will never do that for there will always be a place in our hearts which can never be filled, but there will come a time one day, when we reach a place of peace, where the pain of loss is not so acute and we can remember with bitter sweet thoughts those whom we love but see no longer. But most of all we can hold onto the Christian hope, the hope of eternal life in Jesus, safe in the arms of God.

With love in Christ, *Sister Sue*

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### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came and supported me at my Anniversary Service. I was truly overwhelmed with the response and emotion felt during the evening, but I must thank again the ladies of the United Benefice for providing the refreshments and the choir for leading the worship.

It was a night that my family and I will never forget.

I didn't want anything – but thank you to those who gave or sent me cards and gifts.

Thank you, St. Mary's, for your kindness

Father Roland

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### Rev. Roland Nicholson's 40th Anniversary Service

Roland's 40th Anniversary, with in excess of 300 attendees, showed what he means to his Family, Friends, Fellow Clergy, Past and Present Parishioners and long suffering North End supporters.

Roland is a good man, friend and comforter, whose pastoral care is second to none. He is a man, who always goes the extra mile, which was evident by the number of people who took the time to come and wish him well on the day.

His service on 29th September 2015 mirrored his initial Induction service on 29th September 1975. Both included 'Roland's hymn' – Brother Sister Let Me Serve You. This has been sung at every Induction and Thanksgiving service throughout his ministry, a hymn that reflects the man.

His two 'Comrades in Arms' did him proud. Canon Godfrey Hirst delivered a wonderful and well received sermon, which gave us all an insight into the extra curricula activities, which took place on the courses both attended over the years.

Canon John Hartley, who led the prayers, even managed to include reference to Roland's favourite watering hole during the Intercessions.

Overall, it was a night which will live long in the memory.

Rest assured, however, we will make it our goal to discover what actually appertained in Dunsop Bridge. The cream of Lancashire CID and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are on the case!

Chris and Sue Coe. Parishioners from Sabden St Nicholas Church.

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### Thank you

Malcolm and Lynn Jones wish to express their sincere appreciation for the support they received, both practical and in prayer, during Malcolm's long stay in hospital and for the continuing help now he is home.

Thank you to all our brothers and sisters in Christ at St Mary's, Mellor.

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## **Calendar for November**

November	1st	All Saints Day
	10.30am	Parish Communion (Rev Enid Briggs)
	6.30pm	Evensong (Canon Sue Williams)
November	2nd	All Souls Day
	7.00pm	United Benefice Service at St Leonard's Church, Balderstone (Canon Sue Williams)
November	3rd	'Little Angels'
November	8th	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
	10.30am	Parish Communion (Canon Sue Williams)
	6.30pm	Evensong (Rev Roland Nicholson)
November	10th	Mothers' Union
November	14th	AUTUMN FAYRE 11.00am – 1.00pm
November	15th	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent
	10.30am	Parish Communion (Rev Dr John Darch)
	6.30pm	Evensong (Canon Sue Williams)
November	22nd	Christ the King
	10.30am	Parish Communion All Age Worship (Canon John Hartley)
	6.30pm	Evensong (Rev Dr John Darch)
November	24th	'Little Angels'
November	29th	Advent Sunday
	10.30am	Parish Communion (Rev'd Gary Hunt)
	4.00pm	Advent Service

‘Taking the Light of Christ home’  
(Rev’d Roland Nicholson)

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## **Church Rotas November**

### Sidespersons

		<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
November	1st	J Moss P Webster	N Hogg
November	8th	G Tipper C Davis	N Walsh
November	15th	N Walsh M Hodson	S Saunders
November	22nd	A Bibby P Cowell	G Tipper
November	29th	G Calvert P Hughes	M Hodson

### Assistant Wardens

November	1st	Geoff Gill	Rita Gorman
November	8th	Jim Saunders	Sue Saunders
November	15th	Karen Walsh	Debbie Chadwick
November	22nd	Debbie Summersgill	Jean Freeman
November	29th	Graham Tipper	Sue Nelson

### Chalice Servers

<u>Intercessor</u>				
November	1st	Marian Hunt	Linda Livesey	Graham Tipper
November	8th	Geoff Gill	Rita Gorman	Frank Ashton
November	15th	Graham Tipper	Eileen Peake	Debbie Chadwick
November	22nd	Rita Gorman	Linda Livesey	Geoff Gill
November	29th	Marian Hunt	Eileen Peake	Linda Livesey

### Flowers

		<u>Donated by:-</u>	<u>Arranged by:-</u>
November	1st	Mary Woodward	Helen Holroyd & Helen Cooper
November	8th	Remembrance Day - Poppies	Joan Moss
November	15th	Rita Gorman	Ann Minoprio
November	22nd	Sue Gill	Helen Holroyd & Helen Cooper
November	29th	Advent - No flowers	

### Church Cleaning

Week Commencing		
November	2nd	Rita Gorman, Betty Green & Peter Cowell
November	9th	Linda Cawtherly, Margaret Eccleston & Frances Thompson
November	16th	Sue Nelson & Amanda Calvert
November	23rd	Eileen Peake & Wendy Eatough
November	30th	Joan Moss & Ann Minoprio

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## Sunday School News

### Lessons

1st November – holiday  
8<sup>th</sup> November-in school- Remembrance Sunday  
14<sup>th</sup> November- Autumn Fair

15<sup>th</sup> November – All Age Worship in church –‘Charity’  
22<sup>nd</sup> November- in school  
29<sup>th</sup> November – No Sunday School. Light service 4pm

### **Harvest**

Thanks to all the children who came along with their generous gifts. How great it is to see church so full and well done to the day school for sharing such a lovely service with us.

### **Autumn Fair.14<sup>th</sup> November**

We will be running our usual Teddy tombola and toy/book stall so all donations gratefully received. Please leave at church or pass on to a Sunday School teacher, or drop at school on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> labelled for Sunday School

### **Taking Home the Light of Christ**

St Mary’s has a special parish service to begin the Advent season. ‘Taking the Light of Christ’ is a family service where each family takes home the light from our church candle, along with an advent candle to count down the days. We would love everyone in the parish to come along, to mark the beginning of our preparations to celebrate the birth of Christ in this special way. **Advent Sunday 4pm. 29<sup>th</sup> November.** (There will be no Sunday School held in the morning)

God Bless from all the teachers.

## **Taking Home the Light of Christ**



**A service for all, to begin the Advent season.**

**St. Mary’s Mellor**

**29<sup>th</sup> November 4pm**

**Please join us and take His light home with you**

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

Last month, every child planted a daffodil bulb in the school grounds. Class 4 have also planted bulbs as part of the Edina Trust Project in order to compare growth in different locations. Every child has examined the bulbs to locate the roots and shoot and we look forward to seeing these in the spring time.

Congratulations to the Year 6 and to the Year 3/4 football teams who both played in the Ribble Valley Tournaments at Ribblesdale High School in October. There were 15 teams in the first session and 19 teams in the second and both our teams played well just missing out on semi or quarter final places! Also in October, all the children enjoyed their visit to the planetarium in the hall. They travelled around space and were shown the arrangement of constellations and planets.

After half-term, the children return to school on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November is the FOSMS annual Bonfire and Fireworks display on the school field. The barbeque will be served from 5:30 pm and the bonfire will

be lit at 6 o'clock. If you have any wood to burn, please bring this on Thursday morning and place it in the centre of the school field. Everyone is welcome but please do not bring fireworks or sparklers.

8<sup>th</sup> November is Remembrance Sunday. Edward and Leighton are the oldest and youngest Year 6 pupils who will be representing all the young people in the parish of Mellor when they lay a wreath at the War Memorial after the morning service.

The annual Toy Sale will take place on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> November to raise funds for the Christmas parties. If any parishioner has any unwanted toys or games or children's books, please bring them to school from Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> November and pop them in the library in the centre of the school.

**Christine Taylor Headteacher**

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**From The Registers**

		<b>Communicants</b>		<b>Collections</b>
September	20	58		693.14
	27	66		498.32
	29	286		—:—
October 4		59	474.79	
	11	126		771.31
	18	58		574.80

**Wedding**

*We ask for God's Blessing on*

**Arthur Byrne & Karen Stock**  
and  
**Stuart Moss & Anna Shepherd**

**Funeral**

*We commend to God's care*

**Thomas Pickering**

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The United Benefice of Balderstone, Mellor and Samlesbury

**THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS**

**MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

**A SERVICE  
OF  
COMMEMORATION**

**OF THE  
FAITHFUL DEPARTED  
BALDERSTONE ST LEONARD  
7.00PM**

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*Would you like to make a poppy?*

We are asking people to help us raise funds for the Royal British Legion this year by making a poppy that we can sell.

They can be knitted, crocheted, made from felt, paper or any other material.

There are plenty of ideas or patterns available on the internet, or perhaps you have a pattern of your own that you would like to use.

If you need any help accessing instructions or guidance please contact us and we will happily search the web for you.

*The Card Ladies  
Rita, Jean, Sheila, Ann*

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**F.O.S.M.S**

Fundraising activities

Our annual FOSMS bonfire extravaganza with its fantastic firework display will take place on Thursday 5th November at St Mary's Primary School.

The night will start with a BBQ at 5.30pm, (veggie and meat options available ) the bonfire will be lit at 6.00pm and fireworks at 6.30pm.

Come along for a glass of mulled wine, hot chocolate, coffee, treacle toffee, toffee apples and soft drinks.

**Please do not bring personal fireworks or sparklers  
to the bonfire. Donations on entry.**

We will shortly be collecting unwanted clothing and shoes, these are to fill the bags2school large plastic bag which will be included in each child reading pack, which will be given to all children prior to half term.

Please look out in the children's reading packs for our FOSMS newsletters which provide details of all our forthcoming events, especially in the run up to Christmas!

Look forward to seeing you.

The FOSMS team.

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*"A Very Happy November Birthday"*

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

1st Millie Turner  
1st. Hayden Goldsworthy  
5th Ellie Shaw  
17th Matilda Dunn

18th Caitlin Slater  
21st Thomas Dixon  
26th Zoë Woodward  
27th George Barnes

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

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**COLOUR FASHION SHOW**  
**at**  
**MELLOR VILLAGE HALL**

M and S, Wallis, New Look, Oasis, Top Shop, Next at 50% off or less  
Saturday 12th December 2015, Doors open 2pm, show starts 2.30 pm

Tickets £5. Prizes include a £50  
Refreshments available clothing voucher to  
spend at the show

Tickets and more information contact,  
Janine Foster - 07561 538314, John Hymas - 01254 813282,  
Mavis Williams - 01254 812545, 6 Hob Green, Mellor.

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Mellor War Memorial

On Saturday morning, 10<sup>th</sup> October, members of the Parish Council and local residents met to tidy up the Cenotaph and to plant 100 spring bulbs to enhance the area and to ensure a colourful display in the coming years.

If anyone has plants or shrubs they do not need which could be planted around the Cenotaph please contact your local councillor.

Many thanks to everyone who gave their time to make the Cenotaph neat and tidy for the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> November.

Ian Moss  
Mellor Parish Councillor

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**St.Leonard's Church, Balderstone**

**Coppull & Standish Brass Band Christmas Concert**

Sunday 29th November 2015

6.30pm in Church

£5 Adults £2 Children

Refreshments in the school following the concert

Mince Pies, Biscuits, Mulled Wine, Soft Drinks

Tickets available from School Office, Church

or Catherine Dixon 01772 877289

A wonderful start to the festive season.



### Christmas Fair

Saturday 5th December at 2pm in the School  
Santa's Grotto- Stalls - Games - Raffles - Refreshments  
Admission Adults  
£1 Children 50p  
Please come and join us for a pleasant  
afternoon for all the family.

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We meet twice in November at 2.15pm in the Narthex..

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> when Debbie Chadwick who leads Sunday School will join us and we will be thinking about 'Saints' and again on 24<sup>th</sup> when our topic will be 'Stars'.

There is always time for friendship and refreshments – everyone is welcome.

Rita Margaret Hilda and Gillian

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### **MOTHERS' UNION**

Our Autumn Dinner was held in Waddington, 43 ladies enjoyed a lovely evening and our thanks to Pam and Christine for organising it for us.

We meet in November on Tuesday, the 10th and will welcome Mr Keith Sowerbutts who will give us 'A Taste of the Orient'.

I hope you will all support our stall selling cakes, biscuits, groceries etc at the Autumn Fayre.  
Margaret Ashton

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## *The Autumn Fayre* *Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November*

*It is that time of the year again when we are turning our thoughts to the Autumn Fayre. It is one of the main events of our year, raising much-needed funds for our Church and as such we need your support!*

*We will have the usual activities and some new ideas also this year. And I am assured that Father Christmas will have time in his busy schedule to pay us a visit.*

*There will also be a new team in the kitchen, serving Hot-Pot and cakes as before. We must thank Pam and Karen for all their hard work over many years, and welcome Debbie, Barbara and Helen.*

*One of our new attractions this year is a  
**NEW OR GOOD-AS-NEW TOY STALL.***

*If you have any toys in good condition that we can sell, please get in touch with any member of the Committee.*

*We can arrange collection if required.*

*Thank you*

*Social & Fundraising Committee*

*Jean Freeman 01254 812366*

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**Vision youth group**

Next meeting 27<sup>th</sup> November 7.30-9pm. St Marys Court.  
Year 6 and up welcome, £1 entrance.

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United Benefice of Balderstone, Mellor and Samlesbury – a busy week!

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September – Songs of Praise at

St Leonard's Church, Samlesbury

Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> September – Roland's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at

St. Mary's Church Mellor

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> October – Harvest Service & Supper at

St Leonard's Church, Balderstone

Those of us who were privileged to be part of any or all of these  
services realized the benefits of being a United Benefice.

There was a warm friendly atmosphere at all three events as church members and many  
friends shared worship, fellowship and enjoyed the wonderful food provided by the Social  
Committees and their friends.

Such generous hospitality – thank you to all involved in any way.

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**St Mary's Court**

You are invited to an afternoon with Stewart and Anita who will take us 'Walking in the  
Dales' – with slides on Tuesday afternoon on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

All welcome – tea & biscuits £1

Rosemary Potts

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**RECYCLED CARDS**

We are using Ann Minoprio's painting of the Lych Gate and the Church as this year's  
Christmas Card. The cards will be available to buy at the Autumn Fayre and from the Card

Stall in church - £5 for 6 cards with the proceeds going to

St Mary's Church.

Thank you, Ann, for allowing us to use this lovely painting.

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Thank you to those who knitted poppies and those who bought them – all proceeds will be  
donated to The Royal British Legion.

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We have recently given £20 to the McMillan Coffee Morning Appeal and  
will soon be donating a £100 Marks & Spencer voucher as first prize in the  
Autumn Fayre Prize Draw.

Thank you again for you continued support.

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*Samlesbury, St Leonard-the-less*

*Christmas Afternoon Tea*  
*Samlesbury Memorial Hall*  
*Saturday 21st November 2:30-5pm*

*Christmas Tombola, Raffle*  
*Handicrafts and Produce*

*Tickets £6 available from*  
*Social committee early November*  
*Or call Gaynor 0756 3262784,*  
*or Grace 01772 877249*

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### **FAIRTRADE**

The takings at the Fairtrade Stall on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> October amounted to £43.90 – the lowest we have ever taken during the 9 years we have operated the stall. This leads us to wonder whether we should be continuing with this venture.

However, the next stall will be in position on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November before and following Parish Communion service for the purchase of Fairtrade goods with another opportunity to support the producers in the Third World.

The Fairtrade Team

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### **Saturday Cafe at Mellor Village Hall**

Saturday 7th November from 10am to 2pm  
Hot and cold drinks, bacon sandwiches, soup,  
home made cakes to eat in or take out.

(Every first Saturday in the month)

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### **Readers for November**

November	1	<u>All Saints Day</u>	
	10.30	M Baldwin	Wisdom of Solomon 3: 1-9
		M Woodward	Revelation 21: 1-6a
			Celebrant John 11: 32-44
	6.30	R Gorman	Wisdom of Solomon 3: 1-9
		S Dobson	John 11: 32-44
November	8	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent</u>	<u>Remembrance Sunday</u>
		R Jones	Jonah 3: 1-5. 10
		D Summersgill	Hebrews 9: 24-28
			Celebrant Mark 1: 14-20
	6.30	N Walsh	Jonah 3: 1-5. 10
		J Saunders	Mark 1: 14-20
November	15	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent</u>	
	10.30	All Age Worship	Daniel 12: 1-3

		All Age Worship	Hebrews 10: 11-25 Celebrant Mark 13: 1-8
	6.30	S Nelson N Hogg	Hebrews 10: 11-25 Mark 13: 1-8
November	22	<u>Christ the King</u>	
	10.30	F Ashton S Gill	Daniel : 7: 9-14 Revelation 1: 4b-8 Celebrant John 18: 33b-37
	6.30	M Riley G Tipper	Daniel 7: 9-14 John 7: 9-14
November	29	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</u>	
	10.30	A Smith W Shaw	Jeremiah 33: 14-16 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 Celebrant Luke 21: 25-36
	6.30	S Brindle M Watson	Jeremiah 33: 14-16 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 Celebrant Luke 21: 25-36
December	6	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</u>	
	10.30	P Jackson C Redwood	Malachi 3: 1-4 Philippians 1: 3-11 Celebrant Luke 3: 1-6
	6.30	S Nelson S Dobson	Malachi 3: 1-4 Luke 3: 1-6

The Redemptorist sheets can be found in a blue folder marked "READINGS" on the Warden's Pew in the Narthex.

### **Christian Stewardship**

Recorder/Gift Aid Secretary Eileen Peake

### **Electoral Roll Officer**

Graham Tipper

### **Deanery Synod**

Sue Gill Debbie Chadwick

### **Sunday School**

Debbie Chadwick 812091

### **Vision (Formally Youth Fellowship)**

Debbie Chadwick

### **Little Angels**

Margaret Baldwin 812360 Rita Gorman 812566

### **Children's Society**

Debbie Chadwick 812091

### **Social & Fund Raising Committee**

Jean Freeman, Rita Gorman, Debbie Summersgill,  
Janet & John Hartley, Alan Smith.

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Joan Moss 813581

**Rainbows**

Lynn Fish (Wren)

**Guides**

Hilary Wensley

**Police**

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Tel# 01200 458766

**Churchyard**

Chris Wilson Paul McBride Rob Cooper Tom Shaw

Stewart Woodward Bernard Whalley Gordon Hayes

Volunteers still required

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