

# MELLOR PARISH CHURCH

## During the Interregnum

until further notice please contact Rev'd Roland Nicholson 07715 793282

### Church Warden

David Holroyd 07793 052143

### Organist

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### Parochial Church Council

[www.mellorparishchurch.org](http://www.mellorparishchurch.org)

**Chairperson**            - - : - -  
**Clerk & Secretary**    David Wain  
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David Holroyd Barbara Lucas (2019)  
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Mark Smith (2019) Debbie Summersgill (2018)  
Graham Tipper (2018) Dorothy Walsh (2018)  
Karen Walsh (2019) Marilyn Watson (2017)

### Sidespersons

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 Stuart Woodward

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### Calendar for November

November	1	
	9:30am	Rev'd David Kennedy
November	2	
	7.00pm	All Souls' Service Rev'd Roland Nicholson & Canon John Hartley
November	6	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent
	10.30am	Parish Communion Canon John Hartley
	6.30pm	Evensong Mrs Christine Ritson
November	8	
	9:30am	Rev'd Roland Nicholson
	7.30pm	Mothers' Union

November	12	11-00am-1.00pm	Autumn Fayre
November	13	<u>9.30am</u>	Remembrance Sunday Parish Communion Rev'd David Kennedy
		6.30pm	Evensong Mrs Christine Ritson
November	15	9:30am	Canon John Hartley
November	20	10.30am	Christ the King Parish Communion & All Age Worship Rev'd Roland Nicholson
		6.30pm	Holy Communion Rev'd Roland Nicholson
November	22	9:30am	Rev'd Gill Dyer
November	27	10.30am	Advent Sunday Parish Communion Rev'd David Kennedy
		4.00pm	Service of Light Rev'd Roland Nicholson
November	29	9:30am	Rev'd David Kennedy
		2.15pm	'Little Angels'

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### Pam's Paper Blog:

Dear friends,

Samlesbury War Memorial Hall was awarded some lottery funding to research the names of those who had died in WW1 and are commemorated on the plaque there and in the local churches. It includes names of men who were both Roman Catholic as well as those who were Anglican from local parishes. It was a surprising mix of people with some having quite loose connections with Samlesbury.

As part of this research I looked at our parish magazine records for this period. We'd had our first magazine published just before the beginning of that war and it was a rather thin affair predominantly full of administration. What really did surprise me was how long it had taken them to use the magazine for spiritual matters. It's not until 1916 that there was a list of men involved in the war to pray for. What was the church up to? Had it not cared until then?

Sometimes we are very guilty of missing the obvious. We believe sincerely in God and we trust Jesus to guide us and then forget about using this wonderful facility of prayer. Yet Jesus tells us:

**“And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.”** Matthew 21:22.

So often we worry about things forgetting that we can use prayer to help us; forgetting that God's will runs through all things in life, great and small.

There is an initiative similar to the Alpha course that is available right now. It's called trypraying: <http://www.trypraying.co.uk/try-it> . It's aimed at people that 'don't do church' because a recent survey showed that 1 in 3 people pray for others usually when they're in dire circumstances. It's a natural thing to reach out to God when you feel there is nothing else you can actually do. On the website there's an app or a booklet to get you going.

Yet as church members we're also inclined to dismiss prayer in our private lives as if Jesus only listens to others more holy than us. Yet prayer should be a daily staple in our lives like breakfast and not just for when things aren't going well. Last year I started writing my prayers

down and even I have been surprised at how much has been answered. Now I find I start more of my prayers with a thank you rather than a please!

War is such a pestilence on the face of the earth. Yet when we watch the news and look at pictures of Aleppo in Syria somehow it just doesn't seem real; as if we're looking at an old picture of WW2. But people are besieged in that city right now and we know about them, but feel powerless to do anything about it. Yet we can pray and it truly is not a waste of our time; it's entering the war with God.

Pam Daunton.

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## **Church Rotas November**

### Assistant Wardens

November 6	Geoff Gill	Graham Tipper
November 13	Rita Gorman	Mark Smith
November 20	Debbie Chadwick	Karen Walsh
November 27	Lorna Shaw	Marilyn Watson

### Sidespersons

### Morning

### Evening

November 6	J Moss	P Webster	N Hogg
November 13	G Tipper	S Woodward	N Walsh
November 20	N Walsh	S Brown	S Nelson
November 27	A Smith	P Cowell	G Tipper

### Chalice Servers

### Intercessors

November 6	Rita Gorman	Graham Tipper	Graham Tipper
November 13	Eileen Peake	Linda Livesey	Frank Ashton
November 20	Geoff Gill	Eileen Peake	Debbie Chadwick
November 27	Linda Livesey	Rita Gorman	Geoff Gill

### Flower List

		<u>Given by:-</u>	<u>Arranged by:-</u>
November	6	Rita Gorman	Joan Moss
November	13	Remembrance Day -Poppies	Debbie Summersgill & Lorna Bowes
November	20	Sue Gill	Di Ibbotson
November	27	Advent no flowers	

### Church Cleaning

Week Commencing

November	7	Sue Nelson & Amanda Calvert
November	14	Eileen Peake & Wendy Eatough
November	21	Joan Moss & Ann Minoprio
November	28	Deborah Chadwick & Barbara Lucas

If anyone would like to join a team please see Hilda or Rita

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**United Benefice of Balderstone, Mellor and Samlesbury  
All Souls' Day Service**

**on Wednesday 2nd November at 7.00pm  
at St Mary the Virgin, Mellor**

If you wish to have loved ones remembered at this service  
please write their name on the sheet in the Narthex.

*You will be invited to light a candle in their memory.*

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**On Remembrance Sunday**, 13th November Parish Communion will be held at **9.30am** at St. Mary's Church so that we can meet up with others at the Memorial for an

**Act of Remembrance at 11.00am.**

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The 'Little Angel' Group

We were very pleased to welcome Sarah Earnshaw to our meetings in September and October.

Sarah is employed by the Diocesan Board of Education and has responsibility for Under 5s so it was good for us to meet Sarah and we look forward to working with her for the benefit of our youngest church members.

All pre school children from birth onwards are welcome to come each month for an hour of fun and friendship.

We meet on Tuesday, 29th November at 2.15 in the Narthex.

Remember – all are welcome.

Margaret, Rita, Hilda and Gillian

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**FAIRTRADE**

The stall will be up and running in the Narthex before and after the 10.30am Parish Communion Service on Sunday, 6th November.

- a good time to stock up on dried fruits etc -

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**BIBLE STUDY / DISCUSSION GROUP**

Anyone interested please come along to an initial meeting on Thursday, 3rd November, at 7.30 pm at the home of Glenn Clayton, 'Ingledene', Preston New Road, Mellor Brook (01254-81-3330)

At this meeting, as well as Bible Study, we'll decide on the frequency and content of meetings.

If enough people would prefer an afternoon meeting, it may be possible to have 2 groups.

**Mtr. Enid. (01772-879-264, enid\_briggs@hotmail.com)**

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**\*Christian Meditation Group\***

If we are to grow in our own spiritual life; indeed if our parishes are to grow, it is good to spend time quietly in the presence of God. This group is formed to do just this. It will include some short scriptural thought along with a meditation and prayer. There will be the opportunity to pray for others and coffee for those who can stay longer. Please come along and join us.

Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 10.30 am.  
(14th September; 12th October; November 9th and December 14th) at Rev Gill Dyer's home,  
**61 Glendale Drive, Mellor.**  
**Gill Dyer & Pam Daunton**

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

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

1st Millie Turner	18th Caitlin Slater
1st. Hayden Goldsworthy	21st Thomas Dixon
5th Ellie Shaw	26th Zoë Woodward
17th Matilda Dunn	27th George Barnes

Do you have a Special Birthday coming up?  
Would you like us to mention it in the Church magazine?  
Karen Walsh (karenwalsh739@brinternet.com).

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### **United Benefice Joint Services**

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

This is effective from Sunday 31 July 2016.

Please make a note in your diaries for the next United Benefice Service on  
**Sunday 29 January 2017 10.45am St Leonard's Balderstone**

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### **From The Registers**

	<b>Communicants</b>	<b>Collections</b>
September 18	56	630.80
September 25	71	533.66
October 2	49	550.91
October 9	120	501.65

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### **Mothers' Union**

We shared a lovely night out together in October at the Higher Buck, Waddington where we enjoyed an 'Autumn Meal'. Thank you to Pam and Christine for organising this for us.

We also met on Friday, 21st October to share the Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer service in church.

The speaker at the November meeting on Tuesday, 8th will be Ray Lea with a talk 'Flying for Life'.

The support of all members would be greatly appreciated at the Autumn Fayre on Saturday, 12th November when the Mothers' Union Stall will be selling Cakes & Preserves etc. Please would you bring your gifts for the stall on Saturday morning.

We send love & best wishes to Millie Clarkson & Margaret Riley who have both been in hospital.

Margaret Ashton

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

### Composed by Year 6

Pupils at Mellor St. Mary C.E. Primary School have enjoyed many events so far this term, and are looking forward to those still to come. The Harvest Festival in school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup>, and the Harvest Service in Church on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October were a huge success. We would like to say a big thank you to all the people who attended these services. Lots of fruit, vegetables and tinned food were generously donated, and have helped so many elderly people in our local community, and those who rely on the Blackburn Food Bank. This is a perfect example of generosity in action, which is our Worship theme this term. All the children from Foundation Stage right up to those in Year Six spoke extremely well, when reading prayers and explaining the Bishop's Harvest Appeal. They also sang beautifully.

The School Council representatives have been chosen for each year group and they are busy collecting ideas to improve our school. Watch this space! This year, six pupils from Year Five and Six have been selected as Play Leaders. They carried out some in-depth training, provided by the Schools Sports Partnership and with the help of Mrs McPherson are hoping to make every playtime at Mellor St. Mary's a joyful experience for all children. This term the children in Year Six have been challenging themselves both mentally and physically by carrying out the Daily Mile. Miss Lowe has been trying to keep up with the runners; however this has proved difficult so far! It has been hard work but the children have thoroughly enjoyed this extra workout, in addition to their P.E. lessons. FOSMs have raised enough money to provide Key Stage One children with a new piece of musical equipment, the chime panel which has been added to the grass area outside the Year One and Two classrooms. This has created an enjoyable outdoor learning area and allows the children to create their own music.

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September eight boys from Year Five and Six went to St. Augustine's Roman Catholic High School to take part in a football tournament. They played extremely well as a team and successfully made it to the final. Unfortunately they were beaten at this stage, but did very well to come second out of fourteen teams. Well done boys! Coaches from Blackburn Rovers Football Club have been leading extra-curricular activities at Mellor St. Mary's for a number of years now. This year, the children are looking forward to participating in P.E. lessons led by these experts. As always, raising money for charities plays an important role in our school. On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September a number of Year Five girls held a cake sale to raise money for Macmillan's annual coffee morning. They successfully raised £90.96 for a great cause. Well done girls!

For five days, from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October everyone at Mellor St. Mary's enjoyed partaking in Book Week. In Key Stage One, Foundation Stage have been reading 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', Year One have enjoyed drama lessons based on 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea', and Year Two have been engrossed in 'The Enormous Crocodile'. In Key Stage Two, Year Three have been reading some classic Roald Dahl stories, Year Four have been absorbed by 'Charlotte's Web', Year Five have been reading mystery novels by Philip Coleman and Year Six have been

captivated by their class novel 'Goodnight Mr Tom', and have also read and recited Harvest Poems. From Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October the Scholastic Book Fair arrived at school. Mrs Embley-Peers, class teachers and members of FOSMs have kindly volunteered to manage the fair after school each day. Sixty percent of the money raised from this fair will contribute to new books for the school library.

Coming up this term, there will be a school disco organised by FOSMs on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. For the first time, this year Mrs Embley-Peers would like to invite the Foundation Stage children to join all the other year groups at this highly popular event. Bonfire night is fast approaching and this year FOSMs have organised a firework and food night on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November. This is often an event that attracts children and parents from school, but also the wider community. Our annual Autumn Fair will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November. There will be lots of craft and food stalls, not forgetting the famous school tombola stall run by staff members, and a visit from Father Christmas. It is hoped that these events will raise lots of money for the church.

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## **Sunday School News**

### **Lessons**

November 6 in school  
13 in school - Remembrance Sunday  
20 All Age Worship in church  
27 Advent Service in church

### **Harvest**

Thanks to the children who came along with their generous gifts. How great it is to see the church so full and thank you to the Day School for sharing a lovely service with us.

### **Autumn Fayre**

All donations for the Sunday School Stall may be left in church, passed on to a Sunday School teacher or dropped off at school with a label -

**'FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL'.**

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

Once again we begin the season of Advent with a special service 'Taking the Light of Christ Home' in church at 4.00pm on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November. We would love everyone in the parish to come and share this service with us, taking home the light from our church candle as well as an advent candle to count down the days until Christmas.

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



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

**St. Mary's Mellor**

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

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

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### **FOSMS NEWS**

The latest FOSMS meeting last Tuesday 11th October saw a few members resign from post after 2 years and new people voted into post.

#### **New appointments:**

CHAIR (Joint) –Zohra and Scott, VICE –Brett

The above members can be contacted on the following email addresses:-

Zohra: zohranisar@icloud.com

Scott: scottjhellier@hotmail.com

Brett: brettholdsworth@gmail.com

#### **Family Ramble:**

An excellent turnout on the day with approximately 80 people taking part in the Ramble, due to its success we will be arranging future family walks for all ages around some different routes in the future.

#### **School Disco:**

This year the Disco is going to be opened up for the younger children as well. Sweets and drinks will be on sale during the Infants and Juniors disco -hot dogs will also be provided during the Juniors disco only.

Infants: 6-7pm and Juniors: 7-9pm

#### **School Firework Display:**

We invite all families to join us at this year's school firework display.

BBQ starts at 5:30 pm and fireworks shortly after at 6:00pm.

#### **Future events:**

Father Christmas will be doing the rounds again this year in Mellor and Mellor Brook - We have not yet received confirmation from the North Pole as to when this will be - but keep your eyes peeled!

All the children of Mellor School will be putting on a Christmas concert again this year for all the families. The theme/format this year is yet to be confirmed. There will be 4 performances as normal but slightly different to previous years - these will be run on the 15th and 16th December with both an afternoon and evening performance on each day.

#### **Next FOSMS meeting:**

The next FOSMS meeting will be held on  
Tuesday 15th November 2016 @ 7.30pm  
Everyone is welcome.

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### **The FREE PROJECT**

- providing support for the homeless in Blackburn -

Used plastic containers (eg margarine tubs) are very useful at the Sunday Night Feeding Hub for the guests to take away with any extra food - please could you bring any clean used boxes and lids to church and leave them in the Narthex.

Thank You, Rita

PS Thank you to those who already do this

- please carry on x

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## **HAVE YOU GOT THE BOTTLE?**

We need BOTTLES  
for the Bottle Stall at the Autumn Fayre.

If you can help, please bring them to church  
or contact

Alan Smith, Graham Calvert - - -  
or any sides person.

Thank You

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## **Ever wanted to go to exotic places?**

If you would like to, but can't find the time or money.....

Come to St Mary's Court on Tuesday, 1st November  
Stuart & Anita are giving a talk with slides on the  
Himalayas and Bhutan.

All are welcome to come along and join us at  
St Mary's Court for tea and cake.

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## **St Leonard's Balderstone**

**Coppull & Standish Brass Band Christmas Concert**

Sunday 27th November 6.30pm in church.

Tickets Adults £5 Children £2

Refreshments of mulled wine/soft drinks and mince pies  
served in school following the concert.

Tickets or further info from Christine Jackson 01254 814170 or

Catherine Dixon 01772 877289/Catherine@dixonrainage.co.uk

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## ***AUTUMN FAYRE***

Saturday 12th November 2016  
11.00am to 1.00pm

All the usual stalls and attractions will be in the School Hall

with a few new ideas, too.

**There will be the usual tasty Hot Pot lunch with tea/coffee  
and a choice of delicious cakes**

And we are assured that **Father Christmas** will have time in his busy schedule to pay us a visit checking up on who has been **naughty or nice!**

Entrance £1 for adults – children free.

**The Grand Christmas Draw will take place at 12.45**

(1st Prize £100 M&S Voucher)  
- plus many other wonderful prizes—\*  
So make sure you get your tickets!

**We are delighted that  
Dave Holroyd and  
Mick Venables  
have agreed to step in and open The Fayre so please  
come along and support them.**

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Lest we Forget

There are beautiful felt poppies ( made by Jean) on the Card Stall in church.

There is a box for your contributions - with ALL proceeds going to the Royal British Legion.

Thank you

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**WANTED**

...children and young people to join the choir for the exciting Christmas period and possibly beyond??

Why not give it a try?

Contact Mike on 01254 581816 or  
see him after the service.

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**What's on at Mellor Village Hall**

**Aerobics** every Monday 9.30-10.30 Cost £4,

First session free  
**Chair based exercise** every Monday 11-12 Cost £3,  
first session free

**Christmas Market & Gift Fair**  
including Santa's Grotto.  
Saturday 3rd December from 10am until 4 pm.

Tables available at £15,  
contact Janine 07561 538314 for more details

### **POP UP COFFEE SHOP**

on first Saturday  
of each month

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### **Recycled Cards**

The Church Christmas Cards are now available and will be on the Card Stall at the Autumn Fayre.

Once again we are grateful to Ann Minoprio for offering a painting of the east end of St Mary's Church for us to use.. Also, thank you to Ron Hak for his technical skill in preparing the cards for printing.

Thank you from The Card Ladies

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### **Readers for November**

<b>November</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Third Sunday before Advent</b>	
	10.30	P Jackson C Redwood Celebrant	Job 19: 23-27a 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5. 13-17 Luke 20: 27-38
	6.30	N Walsh S Brindle	1 Kings 3: 1-15 Romans 8: 31-end
<b>November</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	
	10.30	G Gill A Smith Celebrant	Malachi 4: 1-2a 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 Luke 21: 5-19
	6.30	S Nelson M Riley	Daniel 6 Matthew 13: 1-9. 18-23
<b>November</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Christ the King</b>	
	10.30	R Jones	Jeremiah 23: 1-6

	D Summersgill	Colossians 1: 11-20
	Celebrant	Luke 23: 33-43
6.30	S Dobson	Jeremiah 23: 1-6
	K Walsh	Luke 23: 33-43

**November 27 First Sunday of Advent**

10.30	W Shaw	Isaiah 2: 1-5
	S Gill	Romans 13: 11-14
	Celebrant	Matthew 24: 36-44

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**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

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Margaret Ashton 812616

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Volunteers still required