

# MELLOR PARISH CHURCH

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## *Dear Friends*

Over the last few weeks I have had, for me, the rather strange experience of doctors' and hospital appointments. Not being someone who 'does' sickness I have found this a very humbling, and at times frustrating, experience as I have been brought face to face with the fact that no matter how hard I may wish it to be my body isn't completely under my control! I am very grateful for all the expertise that has been so much in evidence from both the medical professionals and the ancillary staff at medical centres, hospitals and clinics. So often the NHS comes in for a lot of 'stick' from all sides; from the government, through the press and other media, and from the average 'bod' in the street. It seems to me that a lot of the time we forget what a great blessing and social

institution this is. With its central principle of medical care being free and available to all regardless of wealth or poverty at the point of need it is an institution which exemplifies Christ's command to love neighbour as self and in so doing give glory to God.

October 18<sup>th</sup> is St. Luke's day and tradition has it that he was a physician as well as a friend and co-worker of Paul in his evangelistic travels, not to mention an artist. We know him best as the one attributed with writing the third Gospel – according to Luke. And so this month presents us with a wonderful opportunity to give thanks and praise to God for Aneurin Bevan's vision, and most of all for those who continue to carry it forward today; medical practitioners, care and ancillary staff, administration staff, medical research scientists and laboratory staff; in fact everyone who works in the NHS! As you will see from elsewhere in the magazine we are planning a special celebration service at St. Mary's in Mellor to both honour Luke and all who in our present time work for the relief of those who are ill in body and mind.

In the Gospels we see that Jesus' healing of the sick and troubled was not simply a 2D approach but a holistic 3D action. Jesus reaches out not only to the physical and mental ailments of those brought to his care but also to their spiritual need and suffering. The Church seeking to follow her Lord's command and example has a long tradition of seeking to offer spiritual, as well as physical care to those who are ill. The Celebration Service on 18<sup>th</sup> October will also offer the opportunity for you to come for prayer for yourself or for others and receive the ancient Sacrament of Prayer and Anointing; for yourself or on another's behalf. The Church as the Body of Christ needs all its members to stand before God in prayer for those who suffer in "body, mind or spirit," and so I would encourage as many people as possible to come along to the service, whether you have someone particular to pray for or not.

"Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord...Therefore...pray for one another, so that you may be healed" [James 4, 13 &14, 16].

*With every blessing*  
*Sister Sue OCMM*

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**Service of Celebration**  
**for St Luke's Day**  
*With laying on of hands with prayer*  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

# 6.30pm

## St Mary's Church Mellor

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### Calendar for October

<b>October 4</b>	<b>Trinity 18</b>
10.30	Parish Communion (Rev'd Enid Briggs)
6.30	Evensong (Rev'd Enid Briggs)
<b>October 11</b>	<b>Trinity 19 Harvest Festival</b>
10.30	Parish Communion (Canon John Hartley)
6.30	Evensong (Rev'd Roland Nicholson)
<b>October 13</b>	<b>Mothers' Union Autumn Outing</b>
<b>October 18</b>	<b>Trinity 20 St Luke the Evangelist</b>
10.30	Parish Communion (Rev'd Enid Briggs)
6.30	Service of Healing (Rev'd Enid Briggs or Canon Sue Williams)
<b>October 25</b>	<b>Last Sunday after Trinity</b>
10.30	Parish Communion (Canon Sue Williams)
6.30	Evensong (Canon Sue Williams)

**Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel every Tuesday at 9.30am  
followed by Coffee in the Narthex**

*October 1st 7.30 Harvest Festival & Supper at  
St Leonard's Church Balderstone*

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### Church Rotas October

#### Sidespersons

Morning

Evening

October 4	S Nelson		N Walsh
October 11	J Saunders	S Saunders	J Saunders
October 18	A Smith	I Moss	J Moss
October 25	G Tipper	C Davis	S Nelson

### Assistant Wardens

October 4	Debbie Summersgill & Linda Livesey
October 11	Karen Walsh & Debbie Chadwick
October 18	Derek Haworth & Dorothy Walsh
October 25	Lorna Shaw & Sue Nelson

### Chalice Servers

October 4	Graham Tipper	Eileen Peake
October 11	Rita Gorman	Marian Hunt
October 18	Geoff Gill	Linda Livesey
October 25	Eileen Peake	Rita Gorman

### Intercessor

Frank Ashton
Geoff Gill
Debbie Chadwick
Linda Livesey

### Flowers

Donated by:-      Arranged by:-

October 4	McTighe Family	Debbie Summersgill & Lorna Bowes
October 11	Harvest Donations	All Arrangers Please
October 18	Bill Thompson	Joan Moss
October 25	Ros Jessop	Debbie Sommersgill & Lorna Bowes

**Help with decorating the church for Harvest would be appreciated on Saturday morning and also distributing the fruit and flowers on Monday morning.**

### Church Cleaning

Week Commencing

October 5	Vicky Dewhurst, Jane Greenough & Katie Rolston
October 12	Marian Hunt, Di Ibbotson & Sue Ellison
October 19	Pamela Jackson & Christine Redwood
October 26	Jean Freeman, Sheila Turner & Berenice McKeown

## Sunday School News

### Lessons

4<sup>th</sup> October – in school  
 11<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest in church  
 18<sup>th</sup> October – half term  
*There will be no All Age Worship as the children have been in Church for Harvest.*

### Harvest

All children who are not attending The Harvest service with Day school are very welcome to come and sit with Sunday School. Bring along your gift and enjoy the service.

## **Autumn Fair**

We are running our usual game stalls and teddy tombola so please save all those teds that need new homes. If anyone has face paint they no longer want we would appreciate that also.

*Any child from the age of three is welcome to be dropped at Sunday School from 10.20 each Sunday during term time. It would be lovely to have some new children to join our merry band this autumn.*

God Bless from all the teachers.

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## **MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!**

I hope very soon to audition the multitude of people (young and not so young) who are clamouring to join the church choir. I trust that you will not be too disappointed if your application is unsuccessful for numbers are necessarily limited.

However, do not be unduly dejected as any organisation offering companionship, the joy of singing the finest music in Christendom and beyond - not to mention the health benefits, physical and mental - of so doing, etc ... is bound to be oversubscribed.

Nevertheless, there is still time to declare your interest. Have a word with me and I'll see what I can do to process your application.

Mike Wilcock

Organist and Choirmaster

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

September was a month of change in school. All the children looked older and taller as they moved to their new classes with their new teachers. The new little ones have really settled in quickly and are making good progress. Sadly, Tony Dixon, our extremely efficient Site Supervisor, has decided to retire from the end of September. He has been with us for four years and has always been conscientious, practical and cheerful in his approach to school life. Mr. Dixon has also represented the support staff as a member of the Governing Body and has been an informative member of the Fabric, Health and Safety Committee and for all these school duties, we thank him very much. Mr. G. McCann will be our new Site Supervisor from 1<sup>st</sup> October.

The Bishop of Burnley, Philip North, will be visiting school on 2<sup>nd</sup> October during the morning lessons and we look forward to showing him around the classrooms. Our annual Book Week takes place from the 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> October and many activities are planned to encourage the children to read, recite and write poems. The younger children will be visiting Mellor Library to explore the books and listen to some poetry. On the morning of October 20<sup>th</sup>, the school photographer will be visiting school to take individual and family portraits and, during the afternoon, our new school adviser will be touring school and meeting governors.

Harvest Festival forms the main focus of our worship at the beginning of October. This years' service is based on "Seeds and Growing". The School Harvest Festival

Service is at 9.00 a.m. in the School Hall on Friday, 9th October, when each child is asked to bring one vegetable or one piece of fruit which will be displayed and then used to decorate the Church. On Sunday, 11th October, the whole school will attend the Harvest Festival in Church when the children bring their harvest offerings to the altar. Year 5 and 6 pupils are asked, if they wish, to bring items such as tinned ham, tuna, fruit juice, rice pudding, rice, pasta or long life milk in a supermarket carrier bag to be distributed via the food bank run by the Trussel Trust in Blackburn.

School closes for half-term at 3.15 p.m. on Friday 23rd October and re-opens on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 8:45am.

Christine Taylor Headteacher

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### **From The Registers**

		<b>Communicants</b>	<b>Collections</b>
August	23	62	475.55
	30	70	670.72
September	6	89	602.45
	13	62	561.50

### **Wedding**

*We ask for God's Blessing on*

Stuart Andrew & Anna Carey Moss

### **Baptism**

*We welcome into the Lord's family*

Eli Daniel O'Donoghue

Jack James Fenton

Erica Grace Redwood

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#### LITTLE ANGELS

Because of school half term holiday at the end of October we shall be meeting on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 2.15pm in the Narthex for our usual hour of fun and friendship.

Rita Margaret Hilda and Gillian

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### **Future pianists needed....**

Long established piano teacher with 100% exam success, has two vacancies.

For details, please contact Mike Wilcock on

01254 581816.

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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**

FOSMS will kick start the programme of fundraising activities with a Family Ramble. A lovely event to get families, who are new to St Mary's C.E. Primary School, the opportunity to get to know each other and ideal for those families who want to have a catch up with friends. The walk will take place on Sunday 4th October at 2.00pm, the walk will start at school and finish at The Traders Arms. The walk will take approximately one hour. We look forward to seeing you.

Our second fundraising event is the school disco which will take place on Friday 16th October from 7.15pm to 9.00pm. The disco is open for those children in year 1 onwards, the children have a great night with drinks, hot dogs (vegetarian and meat) being served on the night as well as fruit cups and sweets.

FOSMS would like to thank all the volunteers who make these events possible.

Look forward to seeing you.

The FOSMS team.

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

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

6th	Jack Bedford	18th	Rafe McMillan
7th	Alisdair Ambler	19th	Lauren Heenan
8th	Benjamin Dewhurst	19th	Tomlin Jackson
9th	William Lucas	20th	Grace Riley
10th	Georgia Wells	23rd	Lily Peake
12th	Jack Almond	30th	Jude Sargeson
15th	Matthew Walsh	30th	Henry Adams
15th	Lauren Redwood	31st	Ruth Brown
17th	Samuel Taylor		

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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**An Invitation to Deanery Synod**  
**The next meeting of the synod is on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 7 for 7.30pm.**  
**(Venue to be finalised)**

We have decided to devote the evening to 'The Migration Crisis: a Christian Response'; we have invited Dr Karl Moeller from the University of Cumbria (an OLD TESTAMENT specialist) to lead us in discussing this vitally important topic, and because of this **we are opening the Synod to any church member.**

The venue will be put on the notice sheets as soon as I have it and if anyone wants further info. See **Debbie Chadwick**

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**School Comes To Church**

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September the children and teachers from St. Mary's held their assembly in church - and I'm sure it won't be the last.

It was great to see them all crocodile in and they all looked excited to be part of this new idea. Mrs Taylor asked us all to look around the church and see how interesting and beautiful it is, but reminded us that it is really people who make a church, not a building.

It certainly rang true when you looked at the children, mums, dads, grandparents and all, joining in with the worship. We then saw the children awarded with their merit certificates and other achievements gained outside school.

We were very pleased that many parents stayed behind for coffee & toast and a chat.

.It is a lovely way to spend an hour and as was said on the day " it's gone so well, I don't know why we haven't done it before! "

The next 'Assembly in Church' is planned to take place on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November at 9,00am. so please come and join us.

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**MOTHERS' UNION**

I was so pleased to welcome Mrs. Heather Henderson, wife of our Bishop, as our speaker in September. We had an excellent meeting. She told us much about Borneo where she was born.

I would like to thank all who baked and supported the Diocesan Day at Bishop's House and everyone who came to the Whalley Deanery Prayer Evening.

We meet in October on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> for our Autumn Dinner. The coach leaves from outside church at 6.30pm for the meal in Waddington at 7.00 for 7.30pm.

The 'Wave of Prayer' has been changed this year from February to October. I have arranged for Mellor to meet in church on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00am. Copies of the service are in the autumn edition of M.U. News.

We are pleased that Yvonne Hebbard is back home after a spell in hospital. We send her our love and good wishes.

Margaret Ashton

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## P. A. L. S.

Just a reminder about the trips to the ballet and opera on offer at the King George's Hall, in Blackburn.....

Verdi's 'La Traviata', which is a tale of love and loss set in the Paris Bohemian artist quarter, and for which you will need a hankie....is on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm, and the ballet 'Coppelia', which again is about love and loss but involves a doll and you will probably not need a hankie, is Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 7pm.

I shall be going to both so the choice is yours, as usual if we get more than 10 for the opera or the ballet it will cost you £10, otherwise it will be around £15.

If you are interested in the opera and you get the magazine in time, give me a call straight away, if it's the ballet you prefer then contact me, Marie Ashcroft on 07787 976339, by the end of September, to allow time for bookings to be made before the performance on the 21<sup>st</sup> October.

Thank you, *Marie Ashcroft*

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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*  
*Freeman 01254 812366*

*Jean*

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## **Could this be you?**

Young Choristers of the Year 2014

Two young choristers from Guildford and Devon have been crowned winners of the prestigious BBC Radio 2 Young Choristers of the Year 2014 competition.

Winners of Radio 2's Young Choristers of the Year - Tom King and Helena Paish

Tom King, aged 13, who sings at Guildford Cathedral, and Helena Paish, aged 12, who sings at Crediton Parish Church, were named Radio 2's Young Choristers of the Year 2014 in a special programme broadcast on Radio 2, which reaches on average 15m listeners a week, on Thursday 13 December.

The grand finale of this year's competition took place in the stunning surroundings of St Paul's Cathedral in the City of London, and was hosted by BBC Radio 2 The Sunday Hour presenter Diane Louise Jordan.

The final featured eight contestants from around the UK who each performed in front of a panel of highly acclaimed judges. Chaired by the Director of Music of St Paul's Cathedral, Andrew Carwood, the judges on the night were Suzi Digby OBE, international choral director and renowned promoter of young voices, and X Factor winner and lead in hit West End musical The Bodyguard, Alexandra Burke.

**Join the choir at ~St Mary's Mellor NOW!**

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*Samlesbury, St Leonard-the-less*

*Christmas Afternoon Tea*

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

*Tickets available from*

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### **FAIRTRADE**

After the summer break the stall will be back on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> October before and following the Parish Communion service.

We are very grateful to Jim & Sue Saunders who have very kindly agreed to help with the collection and return of the boxes of Fairtrade goods.

We are now entering the 10<sup>th</sup> year of being part of the Fairtrade initiative – thank you to all who support this worthwhile cause.

The Fairtrade Team

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

Saturday 3rd October 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 October

<b>October</b>	<b>4</b>	<b><u>Trinity 18</u></b>	
		10.30	M Ashton M Eccleston Celebrant
	6.30	S Brindle S Dobson	Mark 9: 38-50 Mark 10: 2-16
<b>October</b>	<b>11</b>	<b><u>Trinity 19</u></b>	
		10.30	Day School Day School Celebrant
	6.30	S Nelson M Riley	Amos 5: 6-7,10-15 Mark 10: 17-31
<b>October</b>	<b>18</b>	<b><u>Trinity 20 – St Luke the Evangelist</u></b>	
		10.30	Alan Smith  D Summersgill Celebrant
	6.30	N Hogg  M Watson	Isaiah 35: 3-6 or Acts 16: 6-12a Luke 10: 1-9
<b>October</b>	<b>25</b>	<b><u>Last Sunday after Trinity</u></b>	
		10.30	W Shaw S Gill Celebrant
	6.30	S Nelson Celebrant	Jeremiah 31: 7-9 Mark 10: 46b-52
<b>November</b>	<b>1</b>	<b><u>All Saints Day</u></b>	
		10.30	M Baldwin M Woodward Celebrant
	6.30	M Riley S Dobson	Wisdom of Solomon 3: 1-9 John 11: 32-44

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Debbie Chadwick

**Little Angels**

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Stewart

Volunteers still required

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