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## Vicar's viewpoint



The physical environment in which we find ourselves can have a profound effect on our spiritual lives. Every faith tradition

recognises certain locations which have become special, and therefore sacred, to believers.

### Thin places

These are often called 'thin places', where the barrier between the physical world and the spiritual seems to have been lessened. But even as individuals, we often discover our own favourite place where we go to be still, somewhere in which we find it easier to open our hearts and minds to the transcendent. These too are part of the spiritual landscape of our world.

### Jacob's Dream

In the Bible there's a story of a man named Jacob who having settled down to sleep for the night in the desert, rested his head on a stone for a pillow. The dream he had of an encounter with God was so vivid that when he woke he said 'surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it. How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.'

Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and

poured oil on top of it, turning his 'pillow' into an altar.

### A poem sums it up

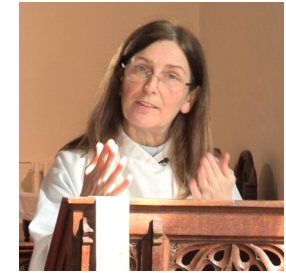
Poet Jan Sutch Pickard writes...  
*It could be a simple piece of marble,  
hewn and carved by human hands,  
or a cairn of stones  
worn smooth by the jostle of the waves;  
it could be a window sill, a mantelpiece  
or a kitchen table;  
it could be here - or anywhere,  
outside or within;  
it could be overflowing  
with wealth or symbols and offerings,  
candles, flowers, colour, creativity,  
light and dark,  
with icons, incense, starched white  
cloth,  
the sound of bells, the taste of bread  
and wine.*

*It could be blessed by all of these -  
and sometimes it is.  
And sometimes it is stripped  
a bare board,  
a hard place  
without candle or colour  
or the rock is flawed,  
cracked across  
like a broken and contrite heart.  
But it can still be an altar.*

Best wishes Tracy

## Church Services for June 2021

Sunday Services are now back in Church:  
8.30am Holy Communion; 10.00 sung Eucharist.  
Wednesday morning 10.00am  
Said Holy Communion in church



The church is open for private prayer and reflection every day during daylight hours. Maybe light a candle in prayer... or just sit and listen to the music... Prayer resources are also available in church for you to use at home.

Our online presence continues: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday each week: 10.00am Morning Prayer and 7pm Compline/Night Prayer.

These can be found on our YouTube Channel:

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## Thought for the Month

Prayer is like watching for the Kingfisher.

All you can do is be where he is likely to appear, and wait.

Often, nothing much happens; there is space, silence and expectancy.

No visible sign,

only the knowledge that he's been there, and may come again.

Seeing or not seeing cease to matter,  
you have been prepared.

But sometimes, when you've almost  
stopped expecting it,  
a flash of brightness  
gives encouragement.

Ann Lowen: *Disclosure*

## A Message of Thanks to Mr and Mrs Editor

So Guy and Mrs Editor have finally retired.

For years they produced *Outlook*,  
at times we thought inspired,  
No doubt by the many praises  
from a growing readership  
Around the Parish and far beyond  
their fame would never dip.



But Guy, no more 'Meanderings', we enjoyed them all so much.

Do dig into your memory to tell a tale of such and such,  
And you know who, not every month, just now and then,  
To keep us all a-guessing for sometime, who knows when.

We welcome now a new team in search of fine fame,  
To bring some new ideas, though much we'll see the same,  
In our Parish Magazine, delivered through the door.

So scribes get on a-writing, you are needed evermore.

*Written by a fond reader. Name and address supplied!*

*Wishing Mr and Mrs Editor a happy retirement after many years editing 'Outlook'. The PCC would like especially to thank them for all their hard work in producing such a popular magazine. Guy's personality and sense of fun, together with the support of Anthea, have made it a must read as it pops through the letterbox. Guy has assured us, thankfully, that his 'Meanderings' will continue in due course....Ed.*

## Reflections on Lockdown

Lockdown is over, and apart from the unfortunate few who are advised to continue self-isolating, we have all been set free. Yippee!!

So, what did you miss most during our period of incarceration?

The occasional meal out as a treat? Not really. Many of our innovative local restaurateurs set themselves up doing takeaways, with delivery service for a few pennies extra. Saturday nights were still special. We lit the log burner, and with my best frock on, the Christmas candelabra in the middle of the table, even that humble stalwart, fish and chips from the Town Fryer served with tartare sauce, slice of lemon, salt and vinegar, tasted like a gourmet meal.

Seeing friends and family? Not really. With the wonders of modern technology we had a constant stream of photos and videos back and forth. These were interspersed with the occasional Zoom chat. Red Nose Day was a riot, I laughed till my tummy hurt!

The regular entertainments and activities? Not really. There was Zoom Church, Zoom Yoga Classes and Zoom Tai Chi. So much easier from home. No putting on umpteen layers to brave the winter weather and battle through fog, snow and ice to get to places, then repeat the same procedure to come home. Even the Hallé continued rehearsing throughout, although it did help if you had a piano.

Getting out and about? Not really. The buses were still running, and catching the 375 up to Shiloh Road gave me the opportunity to don my AVFC Claret and Blue face mask. I wear it with pride, although one bus driver, a MUFC supporter, did threaten not to let me on!

A shortage of vegetable seeds and fruit plants? Not really. I always save my seed packets from one year to the next. Most, apart from parsnips, will still germinate. Then there is the extra challenge of growing from your own seeds. Our daughter is having great success with this. She is starting up her own 'incredible edible' scheme in Disley.

No, definitely for us it was the hairdresser! Even with some agricultural snippings of my fringe, or maybe because of them, I was starting to look like Worzel Gummidge, and on a windy day my husband bore a striking resemblance to Ken Dodd. Looking around I think this may have been the case for a growing number of other households. I have never seen so many ageing Jesus lookalikes. Somehow I find it hard to imagine that personage, thinning on top, wearing glasses and sporting a straggly grey beard! D-day for us was the 30th of April. Debbie the hairdresser came. At last we are both respectable enough to be seen out. Hope to see you soon.

**Kareen Dayes**



## Mellor Birds

At 5.30 am on 2<sup>nd</sup> May in the churchyard, Clare took part in the International Dawn Chorus Day. As dawn unfolded she heard goldfinch, jackdaw, wren, blackbird, crow, woodpecker, geese, woodpigeon and long-tailed tit. There is now a blackboard in the church porch where one can add any other birds seen or heard. Well done Clare.



It is very special to get up half an hour before sunrise and go from complete quiet to gradually hearing more and more birds. The first birds are usually robins, song thrushes and blackbirds.



Across the road from the War Memorial park Liz has just had 7 coal tits in a nest box hatch out, as well as visits by three male mandarin ducks.

I have so far unsuccessfully been listening out for the screeching return of the swifts. But Liz has heard and already seen 4 Swifts on 12<sup>th</sup> May. (Last year I first heard them on 8<sup>th</sup> May.)

The dippers that nested behind the weir at the Roman Lakes were feeding their young at the edge of the river.



Last week I had two golden ducks fly through my letterbox. My sister had sent them. They are metal lapel badges from my mother's ATA uniform (Air Traffic Auxiliary). I have photos of my mother wearing the uniform at Woodford Aerodrome in 1945 having flown there in an Avro Ansen. The Avro Heritage Museum have said they would be happy to have her uniform for display. So I have been busy sewing on badges and buttons. It's a great museum and will be open again now.

I know this is not birds but I have to tell you that Hilary has seen a weasel in her garden. They are quite small, furry brown with a white flash down their front.

*Maggie Williams*

## Laughs with Lynda

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I accidentally rubbed ketchup in my eyes and now I have heinzsight.

I have taught one of my hens to regularly count her own eggs.

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The Baptism Team forms an important, friendly and helpful extra link to our church for families bringing their babies or children, and sometimes adults, for baptism. I love meeting new people, so it's a real pleasure to be part of the team which welcomes these families to the church. I really enjoy attending the baptisms and the preparation meetings beforehand, to learn more about the families and their, very varied, reasons for wanting their child to be baptised. They're always lively occasions, full of laughter and happiness . . . and the babies are so lovely!

If you'd like to join the team, please contact Revd Tracy or Catherine Starling (427 1320).

### Baptism Wordsearch

Can you find these words horizontally, vertically or reversed in the grid below?

BABY FONT VICAR WATER OIL CANDLE LIGHT PRAYER ANGEL  
 CHURCH BABY MOTHER FATHER GODMOTHER GODFATHER FAMILY  
 DUCKS

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If you're wondering why ducks have been included, join the Baptism Team to find out!

### Marple Bridge Street Names Peter Forbes

When the land between Hollins Lane and Lower Fold in Marple Bridge was developed the streets were given the names of artists. Some of those are unfamiliar and others well known. There follow brief biographies of all the artists – spread over a number of *outlook* issues.

**William Hogarth (1697-1764)** was born in Smithfield, London to a schoolmaster and his wife. In 1703 he was apprenticed to a silversmith engraver and developed his skills as an engraver and printmaker. In 1720 he set up on his own as a painter and engraver, becoming increasingly annoyed by having his prints copied without payment. In 1735 he was largely instrumental in having the Engravers Copyright Act passed into law, which became known as the Hogarth Act. In the same year he opened his own academy taking over from James Thornhill whose daughter he married. Two of his best-known works are *Marriage à-la-mode* and *The Rake's Progress* but his subject matter varied widely and he has been called the father of the English school of painting.

**Richard Parkes Bonington (1802-1828)** was born in Arnold, Nottingham where a primary school is named after him, and the house where he was born is now named Bonington House and is Grade II listed. At the age of 14 the family moved to France and his father opened a lace factory in Calais. He had exhibited paintings in England from an early age, and received further training in France where most of his work originated. He is as much a French artist as English. It was said that he was 'A most important artist of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, vital to the understanding of French and British art of the Romantic period.' He painted historical scenes and landscapes. Two highly regarded works are *An Estuary in northern France* and *On the Seine – Morning*. He died aged 26 from consumption.

**Paul Sandby (1731-1809)** was born in Nottingham and moved to Windsor about 1750. He has been called the father of the watercolour school and was a founder member of the Royal Academy where much of his work is displayed. He was one of the pallbearers at Gainsborough's funeral. His brother Thomas Sandby (1721-1798) was also artistic and became a prominent architect and was the first Professor of Architecture at the Royal Academy in 1770. He built the Freemason's Hall in Lincolns Inn Fields and was joint architect of His Majesty's works with James Adam.

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### Save the date, Mellor Church Fête, Saturday 17th July

We are still optimistic about being able to hold the Fête and welcoming Rose Queen Hannah, though aware that there is still a possibility that the restrictions due to lift on 21<sup>st</sup> June may have to continue. Avoiding any unnecessary pre-fête expenditure that couldn't be recouped if we have to cancel, we are scaling down the raffle and not having tickets printed. In any case, it doesn't seem right to approach local shops and pubs for prizes when they have had such a difficult year. SO- we asking for raffle prize donations. We would welcome any of the following: bottles of wine, boxes of chocolates, 'pampering' items, vouchers- i.e. things that you yourself would be pleased to win in a raffle. Donations can be left in the Parish Centre or handed to one of us. All the usual activities will take place plus 'Emma's Amazing Dog Show' !! Start prepping your dog- and yourself! And look forward to Band on the Hill in the evening, when Frank Renshaw's band 'Vintage and the Allstars' will perform.

As ever, we will need masses of help, particularly in the physical setting up of marquees and carrying chairs, tables, equipment etc to the field. It's hard work if only a few offer-it's easier and more fun with a big team. Please offer help, or say 'Yes' if asked. Many thanks, Helen, Margaret and Maggie.



### **Mellor Church Fête Tombola**

Please help the Tombola at the Fête by leaving bottles, tins, gifts etc in the porch at 31 Townscliffe Lane. 0161 427 2619. I have only got a few items so far and don't want it to be the smallest tombola in the world!! Many thanks to all.

Lynda Gwyther





**Hi! I am Hannah Scott**, and I'm looking forward to being the 2021/22 Rose Queen. I am 13 years old and am in Year 8 at Marple Hall School. I have been part of the St Thomas' Mellor Church Choir and the church community since I was six. I have always wanted to be the Rose Queen since I was little, and am so pleased I now have the chance.

I love to sing and dance in my free time (that is what most of my after-school activities include). I also play netball on my school team and play the piano.

The attendants in my retinue are Ellie Britton, Emily Britton, Edward Henderson, Alice Maxwell, Alice Roche, Ellen

Roche and Molly Scott. We are all very excited - especially as we have been delayed by a year. We look forward to sharing lots of fun times together over the next year, and helping important causes at the same time.

Before the pandemic, we chose Music in Hospitals & Care <https://mihc.org.uk/> as our charity, and supporting it seems even more important now, after all that has happened. As in other years, 70% of the money we raise during the year will go to our chosen charity and 30% will go to our Church.

Music in Hospitals & Care spreads joy through live music across the length and breadth of the UK. From lullabies for premature babies to old favourites for those living with dementia, the charity operates in a wide range of healthcare environments including hospitals, hospices, care homes, day centres, special schools and community settings.

If you wish to support our fundraising, you can donate directly to our campaign here <https://gofund.me/3997f5a4>

Please like and follow our facebook page to find out about our events <https://www.facebook.com/mellorrosequeen>

### **Church Fête - Plant Stall**

It is hoped to hold the Fête on 17th July and the plant stall would welcome donations - outdoor or indoor plants welcome. Please let Judith Shiel know if you would like more information on what would be good. (427 4155 or shiel180@btinternet.com). Thank you.



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## How We Kept On Singing in 2020—Notes from the Choir

As we all know, life in lockdown has been exceptionally hard, but one of the things that has kept us going is Trebles Biscuits on Zoom every Friday evening. **(Ellie)**

We have kept going with the help of Tom's weekly video messages, trebles Zoom and biscuit deliveries. Lockdown recordings were a bit stressful but everyone was really brave. I think it's amazing all the children have persevered and we are all singing together again. I can't wait for Hereford, which will be my last big sing as Head Chorister. **(Molly B)**

Choir over lockdown has been different, with it being online and not being able to do much singing, but it has still been fun because of all the games and catch-ups we were able to do over Zoom. **(Eleanor)**

Yummy surprise biscuits 😊 Mmm brownies! 🍰 music 🎵 **(Daniel)**

I was gutted to miss the Bring Your Pet To Rehearsal rehearsal, but then Gwin The Ferret had already been to church (on Zoom) the week before so I wasn't sure he'd have sat still long enough to listen to the quiz questions. I know Matt has also worked hard to keep the trebles' music theory up to scratch. **(Clare)**

**Clare Jackson writes:** Chris Mann, Ian Dayes and others and their team did an amazing job of stitching together recordings to try and give us a sense of singing together for services online. This is tremendously time consuming and hard work for singers and techies alike. Luckily the back catalogue of Pre-Covid recordings is amazing. Using these in our services online, over Zoom and via You Tube have been a wonderful reminder of what we are missing but will experience again.

As Molly mentions, we are shortly to start rehearsing for a week of cathedral services in Hereford Cathedral, which is always exciting, but will be quite a step up to achieve that after just three months rehearsal. But Tom our director has a Plan! Please find out how we do by coming along to hear for yourselves, either at Evensong in the next couple of months, or at Hereford in August, or there may even be a CD to purchase for church funds.

But now we are able to sing together in small groups, the pain of waiting has been eased, and it's just wonderful to sing in a much safer climate once more. We are so grateful for everyone who has kept the faith, dealt with constantly changing advice to keep us safe, as well as, in the case of the medics in the choir, not least Director Tom, saving the Nation also. There is something so special about the words and harmonies that we treasure when we sing them, and lockdown has shown us how important and irreplaceable this connection with our spirit, mind, body and friendships is. I hope we can share some of that with you all this coming year.

## Captain Ken



## Suez Canal blocked

The grounding of the mega sized container ship *Ever Given*, briefly closing the Suez Canal, swiftly disappeared from the headline news once she was under way again.

Although the accident was colossal, I confess to feeling some satisfaction, that, due to the worldwide news coverage, people became aware of the importance of the continuous stream of large container ships, which is the basis of world trade as we know it.

As I write, the ship is still being held by the Suez Canal authorities, until a very large payment for expected costs is received from the owners.

And what is quite unusual is that the ship's insurers have declared a state of General Average, which stems from

an ancient maritime agreement that requires that all the parties that have cargo on the ship must pay towards the costs involved.

## Who was to blame

The Canal authorities blame the ship's captain for the grounding, even though they supplied two pilots to conduct the Canal passage.

My sympathy is with the captain, as I know the German management company concerned is of the highest quality, and their staff likely to be the same.

These extremely large ships are very difficult to control when affected by very strong winds, such as occurred on this occasion.

I have transited the Suez Canal a great many times, and know how frightening a sand storm can be, while you are steaming through.

## It happened to me!

In 1978 when the Suez Canal was re-opened after a long closure following the Israeli war, I was Chief Officer on the large container ship *Cardigan Bay* owned by Overseas Containers Limited. a ship with the exact same

dimensions as the QE2.

The Suez Canal authority claimed that they had now dredged the canal depth to 41 feet, and thus we would be safe to go through with a draft of 38 feet.

Our Captain ( a most brilliant Cornishman ) told the Fleet management that he didn't think the canal was yet suitable for a ship of our size.

However, as the saving in cost, to the Company, by using the canal rather than going round the Cape, was 23 million pounds, the decision was made.

South bound, in the channel, almost exactly where the *Ever Given* later came to grief, we grounded.

We had ripped a huge 150-foot gash in the ship's bottom and taken a 15 degree list.

All the convoy behind us had to stop, and the Canal authorities were in a panic.

Fortunately, by pumping water between ballast water tanks, we were able to right the ship and reach the Red Sea, where we anchored to inspect the damage.

As we suspected, we had

struck a rock, which was supposed to have been dredged.

I well remember that, just as the divers began to inspect the bottom of the ship, a large school of sharks appeared.

I was desperately worried, but impressed with the divers, who simply flattened themselves against the ship's hull when a shark came too close.

We were able to hire a floating crane to shift enough containers to open the hatch lid and then re-

position enough containers to make a cement box over the damaged area, to stop the sea coming into the hold.

### ***Our return refused***

We then requested permission to go back through the Canal to return to Hamburg, where the ship had been built, for permanent repairs. This was refused, as the Authorities now realised they hadn't dredged the canal as deep as they had claimed.

Fortunately, Mitsubishi ship yard in Kobe, Japan, offered a solution, and we contin-

ued our voyage east-bound, at reduced speed, calling at Port Kelang, Singapore, and Hong Kong, to deliver all our containers, on the way.

We dry-docked in Kobe, where a complete double bottom section for the damaged hatch was lowered into place by a giant crane, and the ship continued very successfully in service for many years.

*Ken Owen*

## ***The Mellor March 2021***

**The Mellor March cannot be held  
this May due to the Covid regulations.**



**However from 17<sup>th</sup> May gatherings of up to 30 will be allowed.**

**Please will you organise your own March?**

**Cancer charities are struggling, so why not hold your own walk for friends and family to support The Mellor March.**

**Share your journey on our facebook page by uploading your photos.**

**Provisional autumn date for the Mellor March**

***Sunday 26th September***

**[www.mellor-march.org.uk](http://www.mellor-march.org.uk)**

## **Strawberry Tarts**

*Jill Baker*



### **For the Sweet Pastry :**

- 10 oz plain.flour
- 1 oz ground almonds
- 6 oz butter
- 3 oz icing sugar
- Grated rind 1 lemon
- 2 egg yolks
- 3 tbsp milk

I often use one whole egg, one egg yolk and a little less milk. If you are using a processor put everything in the bowl and switch on until it comes together. **DO NOT** overwork. I use bun tins for small tarts but you could make a large tart. Roll the pastry out to about 4mm thick not too thin you cannot handle it, but not too thick either. Cut out circles to line the bun tin. Press the pastry in and gently prick with a fork. Chill in the fridge for ½ hour and bake at 180 C for about 8 minutes until pale gold. Leave to cool. For a larger tart you would need to line the pastry case and use baking beans to weight the pastry down removing them after baking for 20 minutes.

### **The Filling:**

- 2 egg yolks
- 30g/1.5oz caster sugar
- 1 tsp cornflour
- 15g/1/2 oz plain flour
- 140ml milk
- Vanilla essence
- 250g. strawberries
- Icing sugar to dust
- Or melted redcurrant jelly to glaze

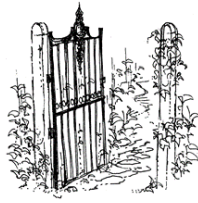
Mascarpone cheese whipped with some vanilla essence and a little sugar makes a wonderful no effort filling. However, the traditional pastry cream or crème patisserie recipe is here.

Whisk the egg yolks and sugar together in a bowl until pale and light. Fold in the flour and cornflour. Bring the milk to just below boiling point and pour onto the egg mixture slowly whisking all the time. Return to the pan and bring slowly to the boil whisking as you go. Simmer for one minute, add a couple of drops of vanilla essence. Leave to cool.

Assemble the tarts by spooning in a layer of your cream filling and putting sliced or whole strawberries on top. Dust with icing sugar or coat with melted redcurrant jelly to glaze.

Enjoy June with strawberries or substitute raspberries, blueberries or a variety of fruits as you choose.

## Mellor Open Gardens



**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Mellor Open Gardens returns for the eighth time this summer with some modifications for necessary covid safety restrictions, but with the same spirit of hospitality and happiness and with lovely gardens!

A dozen gardens have been volunteered and will be open on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July from 2.00pm until 6.00pm on each day. Admission is by ticket, price £8 for either day, or £12 for both. These tickets will be available to buy in advance from local outlets such as Dutson's in Marple Bridge and can also be purchased on the day. Tea and cakes will be offered at two private gardens as well as at the Parish Centre where there will also be sales of plants and books. Proceeds will be shared between Cancer Research UK and Mellor Parish Centre and further details about the event will appear on Marple website.

As usual we are asking for the support of local people to make the event a success. If you are able to make a cake or donate some plants, that would be wonderful. We will also be needing volunteers, so if you feel able to offer two hours on either the Saturday or the Sunday we would be very grateful. See more details in the article about Mellor Women's Fellowship. Please contact Meg Barley on 427 4370 or [meg.barley6@gmail.com](mailto:meg.barley6@gmail.com)



We're looking forward to seeing some creative MOG potpeople around the village too!

Mary Hoult

## Jaunts with Judy - Easy Local Walk No.9

**A Circular Walk from the Mellor Church car park 6 miles Allow 3 hours**

This is the longest walk in the series and if you have been walking each month you will find it easy. After a short climb at the start of the walk it is surprisingly level. However there are two tricky stiles to negotiate.

**Parking** : Park in the car park at St Thomas' Church, Church Road, Mellor SK6 5LX

### Walking Route and Points of Interest:

- 1 Leave the car park and turn left to walk down Church Road. Cross the road to join the footpath on the right hand side. The path is between a stone wall and a hedge. At the end of the walled section of the path, cross over to where you see some large white iron gates.
- 2 Walk left past the gates and you should find a small green gate to the left of a large green metal gate. Go through this and head to a metal gate with a yellow way marker sign. Go through the gate and follow the field path. Keep to the right. Go over the next stile by a tree with a 'Please don't feed the Horses' sign on it. Keep to the right and continue through the next field until you reach the waymarked post.
- 3 Go through the wooden gate and follow the well-trodden path through another gate. You will walk past Dove Bank Cottages and drop down to Moor End Road.
- 4 Cross over the road and straight ahead is a footpath sign. Follow the path and after a few metres there is a right turn currently with a Road Closed sign on it. Squeeze past the temporary fencing and begin an ascent up and over the field. (Take care here as this is a possible sink hole). This is the steepest part of the walk. Head up to the waymarked stile, continue up through the field keeping left.
- 5 At the top of the field you will find some construction fencing, keep left and follow this on to the driveway at Birchenough Farm. Turn left after the cattle grid. At the next junction turn right to join a tarmac road
- 6 You are now on Bogguard Road. Continue on this road for approx ½ mile. You will pass Moorland Cottage and Mellor Cross. Keep straight on past Capston Farm on the right. The road changes to a grassy track which bears left. At the footpath post take the right hand track which descends steeply to a well-made track. Turn left. There is a white footpath sign on the fence. Head straight down the lane but at the right-hand bend look left to find a metal gate. Go over a stile. You should



now be on a footpath that has a stone wall on the left and a wire fence on the right.

- 7 At the next gate go over the stile and then a few metres on the left is a stile. This is a very tricky stile and is best approached by going up the well-worn path on the banking!
- 8 Once safely over the stile keep to the obvious path on the left-hand side. You will find a bench here . A break here allows you to take in the view of Lyme Park and the Goyt Valley.
- 9 At the meeting of three stone walls there is a wooden gate. Go through the gate and head diagonally across the field to Shaw Farm.
- 10 At the bottom of the field go through a metal gate. Carry straight on across a small field for about 43 metres. Go across the wooden stile. Follow the path for another 7 metres. Go through a gap in the wall. Within a few steps turn immediately left passing an old bath tub on your left. Carry on along the path until you come to the farm gate. Do not go through the farm gate but go round the gate on the right-hand side then follow the wall keeping it on your left. Carry on along the path until you come to a gap in the wall, go through and turn right. Continue on this track up the hill until you see the green fencing at New Mills Golf Club. Turn left.
- 11 Continue on this track until you get to the crossroads. The Club House will be on the right (Refreshments available to non members).
- 12 Turn left. Follow this road for ¾ of a mile until you reach Five Lane Ends. Cross over carefully to join Shiloh Road. Cross over and walk on the right-hand side until you get to a large sign advertising The Little Mill Inn. At this point cross over and go left down the wide track. Keep on this track until it joins a lane, opposite is Hill Top Meadows Farm . Turn right. In 50 metres take the middle track. Hambleton Farm is on the right.
- 13 Keep on this path. It will take you past a farm renovation and through three gates and up and over the hill back to the church car park. Take time to look at the views of Kinder Scout and of the Manchester conurbation.

### Mellor Well Dressing

## Mellor Church Fête Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021

This will be the ninth year of well dressing in Mellor (unfortunately there was no well dressing in 2020). The blessing will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July during the Fête. If you would like to help in the week prior to the Fête (12 – 16<sup>th</sup> July) please ring Anthea Nicholls (427 2187).



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## News from Mellor Primary School

What a time we've all had, and school has faced many challenges over the past 14 months. As things begin to improve it is wonderful to see the children and staff immersed in learning.

School is still operating with a range of control measures and the teaching team is doing all it can to create a varied diet of learning and to ensure that we are able to adjust accordingly to meet the needs of the children. The children have certainly retained their capacity and ability to learn and we are very proud of them.

However, we must remain mindful that over time we may see the impact on such things as social interaction and elements of learning that are as yet unseen. School staff are looking at trends or aspects that may need consideration.

Things have changed so much, because of the pandemic, and also because of the way technology and life in general is moving forward so quickly. The curriculum will need to be adjusted to meet the needs of the children so they are prepared for what lies ahead. The school is involved with agencies that are thinking about this.

We look forward to telling you about activities that the children have enjoyed in the future.

Meg Barley

## Solution to Wordsearch on P11

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## LOOKING AFTER OUR CHURCHYARD



For anyone who ever visits St Thomas' Mellor, the first thing they notice is our beautiful churchyard, and its stunning views. As a PCC, we have a responsibility to care for this special place, and maintain its peace and beauty for everyone who uses it now, and will use it in the future. We feel we share this responsibility with the members of our parish and all our visitors. The PCC were recently made aware of some worries about the upkeep and appearance of the churchyard, which we considered, and as a result felt we needed to do a number of things.

Firstly, we decided to put together a group of volunteers, who will go around the churchyard every month, to tidy up and remove dead flowers and any rubbish. We know many visitors aren't able to come back often enough to do this for themselves.

Secondly, we know most of the visitors to the churchyard, other than those going into the church, are there to remember the loss of a loved one. Everyone has their own ways of marking the last resting place of someone close to them, and ideas about this have changed over time. But we feel we need to remind everyone that our churchyard belongs to the church, and the Church of England has clear regulations about what can and cannot be placed in a churchyard or on a grave, as does any municipal cemetery. The Anglican Church also does not believe in creating shrines, for example by placing memorabilia such as photographs on resting places. The churchyard regulations say that only fresh cut flowers or spring or autumn bulbs can be placed, or grown, on graves or memorial stones, and nothing else. We know that sometimes people will want to mark special times, such as anniversaries, with other keepsakes, but we would ask that these only stay for a month or so and then are taken away again. Similarly, with Christmas wreaths, these should be taken away again by the end of January, but if people aren't able to come back to do this for themselves, the volunteers will tidy up instead.

Thirdly, as a church community we are called to be good stewards of God's creation and actively pursue a sustainable and environmentally friendly approach to caring for our churchyard. There is a growing concern with the amount of plastic we find around the graveyard which is a potential problem to our local wildlife and also the wider environment. We politely ask that only items that are biodegradable be left on graves.

Finally, we hope to develop plans for a special memorial garden area, where people can come to remember loved ones who may not be eligible to be buried in the churchyard, due to no longer living in the parish, but have a connection with St Thomas' Church.



We are blessed as a parish to have a graveyard in such a beautiful location. It offers a place that is both sacred and peace-filled where we can find a space to stop and remember those we have loved and lost. We would love your help in helping us to maintain this special place for ourselves and future generations to appreciate.

Revd Tracy and the PCC

### ***Rosemary Ackroyd – Thanksgiving Event***

Ever since Rosemary died in January and arrangements for her funeral were so restricted, I have had in mind arranging an event where we could celebrate her life.

I am arranging such an event in the Parish Centre on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July commencing at 6 p.m.** and would like to invite everyone who knew Rosemary to come. I will put more details in the July *Outlook* but, if you would like to come, please put the date in your diary now.

*David Ackroyd*



### ***Mellor Church Women's Evening Fellowship***

Please note that the date of the Fête Shower has changed from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July to **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**. It will still be held at Lynda Gwyther's house, 31 Townscliffe Lane, and guests are welcome from 7.00pm. As many of you will know parking is not easy on Townscliffe, so if possible, arrange shared lifts, walk, or park on Clement Road safely and considerately, and walk through the snicket which comes out right by Lynda's house.

Everyone is welcome. The entry fee is £5.00 and all proceeds are added to the proceeds from the Church Fête; the money raised supports the upkeep of the church. The entrance fee includes strawberries and cream, homemade shortbread biscuits and a glass of wine. There will be a raffle, a bric a brac stall, and plants and books for sale.

Mellor Open Gardens is to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July this year – two afternoons from 2.00pm – 6.00pm. Women's Evening Fellowship is co-ordinating one catering venue, and there will probably be two others. It is proposed to sell cakes and drinks rather than the more substantial lunchtime menu that has been on offer at previous events. Local people are always very generous and the organizers are very grateful for the support of the local community. If you could make a cake please bring it to either Lynda's house or to Margaret Lowe's (3 Old Hall Lane) on the morning of 3<sup>rd</sup> July – not just WEF members – anyone who can bake a cake! It would be very helpful if you could let me know if you will make a cake and, if possible, what sort it will be! The proceeds from Mellor Open Gardens supports Cancer Research UK and Mellor Parish Centre, both of which are very worthwhile causes. For more information please contact me on 427 4370 or [meg.barley6@gmail.com](mailto:meg.barley6@gmail.com)

As you will know by now the Church Fête is on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July. The Fellowship committee is making plans and we are hoping to have the same range of tables as usual in the produce tent: cakes, sweets, jewellery, biscuits, toys and preserves. People are always very generous by donating produce and goods, and this is to let you know that we should be grateful for any donations this year, including cakes, sweets and biscuits. Again you do not need to be a member of Fellowship! We are very grateful to all members of the local community who donate. Non-perishable goods can be given to a committee member as soon as you like. Cakes, biscuits and sweets can be brought to the produce tent on the field on the morning of the fête. Contact me for further information.

As we come out of this lockdown I'm sure we are all looking forward to getting back to some semblance of normality. I feel sure these three events will help us to get out and socialize safely over the summer!

*Meg Barley*

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## Notice of Weddings

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm – Daniel Troughear & Amanda Topping

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm – Andrew Thompson & Leanne Harrison

## Prayer for the month

Awaken me, Lord, to your light;  
open my eyes to your presence.

Awaken me, Lord, to your love;  
open my heart to your indwelling.

Awaken me, Lord, to your life;  
open my mind to your abiding.

Awaken me, Lord, to your purpose;  
open my will to your guiding.

Where does the journey end?

Beyond where you can see.

Where does life end?

In love and eternity.....

David Adam: *Tides and Seasons*



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## Church Rotas

### Stewards Rota

Date	8.30 am	10.00 am
6 June	P Cooke	A Nichols & C Starling
13 June	A Mason	M Lowe & M Williams
20 June	P Cunningham	P & L Forbes
27 June	P Cooke	A Allcard & H Ruffell

Please arrange your own substitute if necessary

### Flower Rota

6 June	Lesley Fitcher
13 June	Wedding
20 June	Wedding
27 June	Julie Elliot



If you wish to change a date, need a key or have a query, please contact Jill Baker (07881 902533 or jillbaker427@hotmail.com). The church key is also available from the Parish Office (0161 484 5079)

### Holy Dusters

### Brass Cleaning

6 June	A Shaw & C Duckworth	June	L Driver & M Heijbroek
13 June	A Muller & J Cooper		
20 June	M Leng		Please arrange your own substitute. If necessary contact Anthea Mason on 0161 449 9815 if there are any problems.
27 June	J Burrows & E Wilson		
4 July	A Mason & C Starling		

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