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The deadline for the September issue is August 15th

***Whilst we wait for our new vicar, “Vicar’s Viewpoint” will be replaced – as in previous interregnums – with “View from the Hill” featuring a rich variety of contributions from our congregation***

## ***View from the Hill***

*We start with our Reader*

*Dave Shercliff.*



### **In Celebration of Doubt and Faith** (read John 20 v 24-29)

Poor Thomas. He’s been called the doubter. Jesus seems to chastise him for having to see, in order to believe. But I don’t think he’s all that bad. Everyone has doubts. I don’t think it’s possible to have a mature faith without some doubt. It’s just we’re afraid that by admitting to doubts, we expose our weak places to the naysayers, who are only too happy to gleefully jump in, arms folded and smug expressions—“See, I always knew this Christianity thing was ridiculous”. But here’s the thing: in fact, the word for faith and the word for doubt come from the same Greek root. It’s as if they’re two sides of the same coin. It’s as if you can’t have one without the other. If your faith doesn’t have any doubt mixed in with it, it’s not faith, it’s

certainty. And it’s hazardous to be certain of yourself when it comes to the God of the universe. Frederick Buechner said, “Whether your faith is that there is a God or that there is not a God, if you don’t have any doubts, you are either kidding yourself or asleep.” Doubt is normal, but we need to doubt our doubts. Don’t let them rule our life. As Jesus says later in the text, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” I’d like to add, it’s healthy to doubt your faith too—if you know something for sure, you might want to loosen your grip, just a little, so you can still be surprised. But also have faith in your doubt: have faith that in asking the questions, you will find what you need. The questions may not lead you to greater certainty, but they might lead you to even better, more life-giving questions.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2022

3 Wed 10.00 am Holy Communion (Parish Centre)

**7 Sun** 8.30 am Holy Communion  
**8th Sunday after** 10.00 am Parish Communion  
**Trinity** 6.30 pm Compline (Parish Centre)

10 Wed 10.00 am Holy Communion (Parish Centre)

**14 Sun** 8.30 am Holy Communion  
**9th Sunday after** 10.00 am Parish Communion  
**Trinity** 6.30 pm Contemplative Evening Prayer  
(Parish Centre)

17 Wed 10.00 am Holy Communion (Parish Centre)

**21 Sun** 8.30 am Holy Communion  
**10th Sunday** 10.00 am Parish Communion  
**after** 6.30 pm Compline (Parish Centre)  
**Trinity**

24 Wed 10.00 am Holy Communion (Parish Centre)

**28 Sun** 8.30 am Holy Communion  
**11th Sunday** 10.00 am Parish Communion  
**after Trinity** 6.30 pm Compline (Parish Centre)

31 Wed 10.00 am Holy Communion (Parish Centre)

During August there are no Toddlers, or Coffee and Chat, or Womens Evening Fellowship.

The Parish Centre is open as usual.

Prayer Group meets every Monday 10.30 to 11.00 am (Parish Centre)



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*Helen Kennedy*

## THANKS FOR A GREAT FETE!

A huge thank you to the cast of thousands who helped to make this year's fete such a success both socially and financially. Lots of people have commented that it was a really happy community occasion with some remarking how refreshing it is, in an increasingly complex world, to be part of a



traditional and simple event. The fete itself raised over £8,000, kick-started by proceeds of £545 from the W.E.F. Shower, with the evening "Bands on the Hill" adding a further £2000.

The afternoon began with Rev Tracy introducing retiring Rose Queen Hannah who thanked her attendants and their families and most of all her Mum Kate, for their support in enabling her to raise over £2000, which will go to her chosen charity Music in Hospitals, and also to support the work of the church. Well done, Hannah - and thank you! Rose Queen Daisy was duly crowned and declared the fete open, before whisking her teddy away to its fate in the capable hands of Chris Mann, to be fired into the air by Peter Williams, fortunately, courtesy of the attached parachute, landing safely. Next, Daisy led a happy band of children as they skipped round the maypole (thanks, Angie) and the fun began. Teddies flew, children bounced on the



castle, dogs strutted their stuff in a truly eccentric dog show (thanks Emma and the judge Ruth Watson), Mr Punch had his usual tiff with Judy and showed complete incompetence in handling the poor baby.

Meanwhile, burgers sizzled, thirsts were quenched in the beer tent, queues formed for the tombolas, raffle tickets were sold, stall holders peddled their



wares, and the kitchen folk were rushed off their feet - such was the demand for their delicious afternoon teas. Golf and football competitions were hotly contested, young children were lured to the Hook-a-Duck by the real-life ducks who were in charge, and the human fruit

machine and other side shows added to the fun. And to round off the afternoon, as always, the races, run in a great spirit with no-one seeming to know or, fortunately care who came 1st, 2nd or 3rd! Finally, the great Mellor tug-of-war, with more and more piling in. There's always the optimistic forecast that the men and boys will win - but of course they never do, and 2022 was no different!



**Drama at 7pm as the Bands on the Hill** evening was about to begin thunder and lightning and pouring rain! Everyone dashed for cover, but within half an hour the storm passed and the lively crowd were admirably entertained first by Frank Renshaw's Vintage and the All Stars and then by Ozymandias", our own in-house band, fronted by Oscar Qualter.



Well done, and thanks to all the performers. It would be impossible to thank every individual who helped in any way before, during and after the fete, but it could not have happened without John Hodgson and family kindly giving permission for us to use the field and without the co-operation of Charlie Boden in keeping his sheep off that field and parking on his own field. Finally, huge thanks to Angus Wilson who gallantly stepped up to mastermind the whole thing - and amazingly says he is happy to do the same next year!



## Bands on the Hill

Kate Scott

Saturday 25th June 2022

A tempest hit the field after the fête, as final preparations were underway for our evening event. A crowd of over 300 people braved it out under marquees, gazebos and umbrellas while the storm passed. Fortunately, thunder, lightening and torrential rain soon cleared to a spectacular backdrop for a wonderful evening of music.

Frank Renshaw's Vintage and the Allstars entertained the revellers, Woodstock Pizza fed the masses and the beer flowed in the beer tent. Excitement was building at the solar stage, where a crowd was eagerly anticipating the arrival of Ozymandias and their special guest acts.

Ozymandias (name from Shelley's poem about the hugely powerful thirteenth-century BC Egyptian king) consists of local teenagers Hannah (female vocal), Joe (bass), Luca (male vocal), Nathan (bass), Oscar (keyboard) and Theo (drummer).

There was a real festival buzz from the band and the concert goes, as the golden hour glowed over Cobden Edge and then darkness fell. There was singing, dancing, and even screaming from the audience!

Huge thanks to everybody who made it happen, but especially to the very talented young people of Ozymandias and their friends, who did most of the planning, publicising, ticket sales, logistics and practising.

What a brilliantly successful and enjoyable evening. Ticket sales alone raised £1,420.36 for church funds.

For those who couldn't make it, here's a short flavour of the evening:  
<https://youtu.be/Xgo-vvH39f0>





## **Mellor Church Fete 2022**

*The stalwart triumvirate, Helen Kennedy, Margaret Lowe and Maggie Williams, battling through broken bones, 'The Covids', and the unmentionables, scored a resounding triumph with organising the church fete again this year.*

*All the usual stalls and activities were there, proving just as popular as ever, right down to the traditional tug-of-war (we really will need a longer rope in years to come!). The weather, apart from a stiff wind and an occasional flurry of raindrops, was kind to us. Half the village plus many from further afield, turned up in droves to enjoy the day. There was a lovely atmosphere, and everyone had a good time.*

**Long may this annual event continue.**

*Kareen Dayes*

## **Church Fete - Plant stall**

Thank you to everyone who brought some beautiful plants for us to sell, and thank you to all the people who came along on the day to buy from us. I hope your purchases have settled well and are flourishing in their new environment.

We made upwards of £220 on the day, £10 in pre-sales, and some extra pennies yet to be counted from donations for some of the leftovers.

Kareen Dayes



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## Saffron Cake

On our trips to St Just in Cornwall we really enjoy their saffron loaf which is heavily fruited and delicious toasted. I have been trying to recreate it and have adapted a recipe of Paul Hollywood to make a similar one. You need to infuse the saffron a couple of hours before you make the loaf. I do it the night before.

½ tsp saffron threads  
125ml milk  
450g strong bread flour  
¼ tsp mix spice  
¼ tsp nutmeg  
100g light brown sugar  
7g sachet yeast  
85g softened butter diced  
150ml water  
225g currants raisins and sultanas in whatever proportion you like  
1 tbsp finely chopped candied peel (optional)



Place the saffron and milk in a pan and heat gently until just hot. Leave to infuse for at least two hours.

Put the flour, sugar, yeast and spice in a bowl and add the diced butter and saffron milk and turn the mix with the fingers of one hand (or use a machine) add the water a little at a time until you have soft slightly sticky dough (you may not need all the water).

Knead the dough on an oiled surface (or in the machine) for 5 minutes until smooth and no longer sticky. Place it in a lightly oiled bowl and leave to rise until doubled in size - one to three hours.

Butter a 1kg loaf tin.

Put the dough on a lightly floured surface or use machine) and knock back. Knead until smooth adding a handful of dried fruit and peel one at a time.

Form the dough into an oblong by flattening out and then rolling. The seam is the base and goes on the bottom of the tin. Leave it in the tin to rise for 2 hours. (Place in a polythene bag to do this.) The dough should double in size.

Heat the oven to 200C / Gas 6. Bake for 20 minutes then turn oven down to 180C / Gas 4 The cake should be golden brown and sound hollow when tapped. Cool and enjoy.

***Jill Baker***

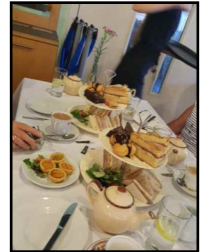
## Women's Evening Fellowship

The second Wednesday in July is traditionally the day of the Women's Evening Fellowship annual outing and this year it was good to be back after 2 years of Covid restrictions. 29 members,



husbands and friends travelled by coach to the Portland Basin Museum in Ashton under Lyne. It is situated at the junction of the Peak Forest, Ashton and Huddersfield Canals.

The afternoon began with a delicious luxury afternoon tea in the café then members explored the museum which told the story of the local industries, mining, canals, clog-making and even a donkey stone factory. History was portrayed in a series of shops of yesteryear, (some of the contents worryingly familiar!), a grocer's, a butcher's where a guy was skinning a rabbit and a pawnbrokers to name a few. There was also a pub, a chapel, a doctor's surgery, a school room and the downstairs rooms of a 'back to back'. There was such a lot to see, many of us felt we needed to come back when we had more time.



*Alison Allcard*

We would like to thank everyone at the Fete who bought our homemade produce and crafts. We made £998.31 on the day. Our most surprising customers were the six year old boys who bought chain necklaces from the jewellery stall.

The next Women's Evening Fellowship meeting is on:-

**Wednesday 14th September**

**Cheryl Sharrocks**

will talk about the

**History of Stockport Gin.**

Visitors are always welcome.

## Tea and Friendship.

Having made the decision in February with great sadness to discontinue our monthly meetings, it has been agreed unanimously to donate the rest of our funds to the Defibrillator Appeal.

The sum of £679.48p has been donated to the Parish Centre for this project.

I would like to say a big thank you to all our helpers who have baked, driven, and made our monthly get togethers so enjoyable. It is great to see new friendships have also been made over the years and are still flourishing among our membership.



*Sheila Norbury.*

*Thank you for all your care and compassion; your hard work and now your generosity which may go to save many lives in the future. You are appreciated by us all - past and present at Saint Thomas' as well as by many others in Marple Bridge and Mellor.*

*Thank you*

*The Editors*

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## Mellor Birds.

My most extraordinary bird sighting this month has to be the four ducks that came to the Church Fete to help with The Hook a Duck. They did a fantastic job raising £59.91p despite not having a pond as large as they would

like. Has anyone a spare larger pool (preferably without a hole in it) that does not require blowing up regularly?

As I was standing by the Teddy Tombola Christine D. passed and told me that the previous Thursday night (23rd June) she had her bedroom window (at the higher end of Clement Road)

open at 1am when she heard a nightjar. The churring sound is loud and vibrant and unmistakable. They are very secretive, well camouflaged birds and the only way I have managed to see one locally is to go up to the top of the Goyt valley where they have been logging, after dusk - 10pm-ish on a clear, calm, warm midsummer evening and get bitten to death by midges. My brother-in-law in The New Forest is surrounded by nightjars. They sit on top of the bracken catching moths and churring.

I had a very close-up encounter with a barn owl at Mellor Church whilst stewarding at Fiona Hilton and James Davenport's wedding. The owl took the ring and flew from the back of the church up the aisle to the best man wearing a white gauntlet.

Sue W. tells me this year she has had more curlews in the field behind her home at Moor End.

Helen T. has seen lots of swifts between Pistol Farm and Robin Hood picking stones.

There were a dozen swallows on the telephone lines at Knowle Farm yesterday - also a common blue butterfly outside the Royal Oak; and I saw ringlet butterfly on Old Hall Lane.



*Maggie Williams*

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## Captain Ken

The recent magnificent Organ Recital given by

John Le Grove, with Nathan and Eleanor, at Mellor Church, reminded me of an occasion, some years ago, when my ship 'Strathconnon' was calling at Marseille. I had decided to make use of a free

afternoon by visiting the old Byzantine Cathedral which stands majestically above the ancient port.

The Cathedral also intrigued me, as it looked down several miles out to sea, on the Chateau D'If prison island of the Count of Monte Cristo.



After several minutes of truly delightful organ music, a Church security official suddenly entered and began to remonstrate with the very capable organist, who immediately pointed out, that it was me that had given permission for him to play.

There followed a most fascinating argument, as we seemed to have no common language, and the French 'job's worth' Official, was clearly unimpressed with the organist's obvious talent.

As a keen, though not particularly good, boogie and jazz pianist, I have several memories of some interesting pianos in a variety of countries.

The current troubles in Sri Lanka, formerly Ceylon are very unfortunate.

The capital, Colombo, was once a very popular place to visit.

On one visit, several of us decided to go for a lunch at the Hotel, some several miles south of Colombo. It was the perfect tropical spa on the Indian Ocean beach.

As we settled down in front of the hotel, I noticed a magnificent grand piano, on a stage facing out to sea.

With full permission from the management, I sat on the piano



It was a hot sunny afternoon, and nobody seemed to be about so I entered through a small door and was admiring the interior when I noticed another visitor who drew my attention to the magnificent organ. We obviously didn't share a language, but I nodded my agreement with his enthusiasm, and to my delight, he sat down at the organ and began to play.

stool and prepared to play. I opened the keyboard lid, and to my complete surprise, found someone had stolen the keyboard. The piano was empty. I think I was more disappointed than the audience.



I did enjoy playing on the old jazz piano at the famous Peace Hotel in Shanghai and then at the old Portuguese observatory on the Bund promenade. That felt very romantic.

Although I did play boogie in New Orleans, it was only at the Seaman's Mission, not a proper jazz club. But it was at Gulfport Mississippi at the Best Western Hotel where I really enjoyed my best session ever.

My most memorable appearance was in the late seventies, in Hong Kong.

I was chief Officer of the OCL Container ship 'Liverpool Bay' The Captain was Canadian, Bob Peterson, who had been a drummer before coming to Britain in a Blue Funnel ship in order to join the R.A.F. as a fighter pilot. However he changed his mind and decided to

become a ship's officer. and indeed became the best captain ever, and was on his final voyage. Of all things, the Chief Steward on that voyage, was Dave McCartney, an actual older cousin of Beatle, Paul McCartney.

The ship was not due to sail until the following morning, so we decided to call at the Speakeasy night club. The Club asked us to play and introduced us as 'The Liverpool Bay City Rollers' playing for the first time in Hong Kong.

I added that it was in fact the first time, playing anywhere.

So there we were, Ship's Captain on drums, Chief Mate on piano, Second mate on guitar, and Dave McCartney serving drinks.

It was quite hilarious as every time Bob hit the cymbal, the audience gave loud applause.

And Bob observed he had never ever enjoyed making such a fool of himself.



Liverpool Bay

*Ken Owen*

We would like to thank **Margaret Lowe and Christine Roche** for letting us print their father's fascinating childhood memories

## Youthful Days in Mellor - 1910 - 1926 T.F.Oldham.



I was born on April 26th, 1910 in an old stone cottage in Mellor which was situated about 100 yards up the road from the Devonshire Arms on the right hand or southerly side. My mother often referred to a large pear tree being in full bloom outside the window at the time of the event. The cottage was the centre of a group of three which faced at right angles to the road, and looked down across a meadow to the houses in Gibb Lane and the Devonshire Arms. The one against the



road was called Sycamore Cottage, and it was a fairly i m p o s i n g ,

double fronted house, larger than most in the neighbourhood. The address of our house was Springbank, and I could never understand why it carried the same name as the group higher up, just below Larkhill. It was double fronted, with three bedrooms and a bathroom, and downstairs a sitting / dining room, a kitchen which had an old iron cooking range, a table where we often had meals, a rocking chair, sofa and dresser. We

lived in both these rooms to an equal degree, and there was also what we called the "back kitchen", a dark, gloomy room, but quite big, with a "slop stone" and a clothes boiler. All these rooms except the sitting room had stone flagged floors with various sorts of coverings, linoleum, coconut matting, carpets and rugs. We had piped hot and cold water in the bath room and back kitchen, installed in the late 1800's with all the piping and plumbing exposed, and the bath was fairly old and rusty. There were no services in the area other than piped water. Electricity had not come within miles, and the gas main from the Marple Bridge gas works came no further up Longhurst Lane than the Manor House. Gas pipes and fittings there were in some of the near by cottages dating from the time when Wallers generated gas at the Dove Bank Mill in Moor End, and supplied Newhouse Hill Chapel and these cottages. Paraffin lamps and candles were the illuminants, and we seemed to manage well enough with them.

The end cottage in our little group was a small farm which with the shippon and barn formed a small wing at right angles to the other two houses. I think our house and the farm were built before Sycamore Cottage, and there must have been some structural alterations at one time; our house might have been two, or part of it might have been joined on to the farm. A "ginnel" ran between our house and Sycamore Cottage, and

a right of way ran up alongside the backs to a path which led up the fields to Birchenough, down which we would often hear the tramp of passing feet.

The kitchen and back kitchen of our house and the kitchen of the farm were about 6 feet below ground level at the back, and flights of stone steps led down to the adjoining back doors separated by a stone wall which had a flat flagged top. Across the stony yard was a low building comprising of three coal places and three privies. The three front gardens were very pleasant and well kept, but they were not separated by hedge, wall or fence. The boundaries were always very definitely observed, however, and as a young boy I dare not step over on to the adjoining plots to retrieve a ball without knocking on the neighbours' doors and asking permission. My father kept our garden in beautiful condition, with smooth lawn and well tended rose beds, and there was a large red hawthorn tree at the bottom which was a mass of blossom every may-time. In addition to a front garden, Sycamore Cottage had a large plot at the back, across the narrow lane of the right of way. Part



of this was an orchard and kitchen garden, but most of it was a wilderness. The approach was through an old cottage : building, long uninhabited, which housed all sorts of junk. (An old

pump} stood in a small yard at the back of Sycamore Cottage. It had long ago ceased to work, but it gave an indication of how the people obtained their water not so very long ago. There were many of these pumps to be seen in the district, chiefly at the farms, and in some of them it was mounted at the kitchen sink. Many of the wells remained where people would go with buckets for all their domestic water. The first piped water supplies were provided by individual landlords, and these were generally short runs of piping from wells on the higher slopes. Our supply was one of these, and after a few weeks of dry summer weather the water at our taps would diminish to a trickle, and finally dry up. When this happened we would set off with buckets to the nearest reliable spring which was about quarter of a mile up the fields at the top side of Little Wood. Here a trickle of water would be running from a pipe into a cast iron tank; it had been provided for the cattle, but the water had a good reputation for purity, and had never been know to dry up, although it sometimes took about five minutes for a bucket to fill. I often made the journey to this spring with my mother. There were many rests on the way back, and we were both weary on arriving home. The living rooms of our house were comfortably furnished in an old fashioned way, and my father liked to make good fires so they were always warm in the coldest of weather. Not so

the bedrooms and back kitchen, however, as there was no source of heating in them, and temperatures in them seemed to drop to arctic limits.

My father's family lived in Heaton Norris, and my mother's in Heaton Chapel. He was 37 when I was born and she was a few days short of 30. They would probably marry in 1908 or 9, but when or where the ceremony took place I was never told, nor do I ever remember asking. My father managed, along with one of his elder brothers, the small engineering firm which my grandfather had established as a boiler making works in 1863. It was very run down, with antiquated machinery, and my father worked under severe handicaps such as shortage of money for new equipment, and having to buy out some of his brothers and sisters who had claims on the business through my Grand grandfather's will. He was not helped by his brother who was 12 years older than him and losing interest, and in addition he had to keep his mother and two of his sisters. It was a credit to him that he did get through, and I do not recollect any feeling of being seriously deprived of anything due to shortage of money, but, of course, our way of life was very modest. What did carry him along was his dedication to a job or an objective, coupled with his carefulness and a certain shrewdness with money. He had no great interest in engineering and little technical knowledge outside the limited field of his business, and I think he was more suited to be a solicitor, a bank manager or a

stockbroker. Along with his brothers he had been educated at Stockport Grammar School, and he

was always very gentlemanly in manners, behaviour and dress. However, my

grandfather set him to work in the business when he left school, and this would mean working on the shop floor doing riveting and other hard manual jobs totally unacceptable in present times. He was a fanatical sportsman, doing well in everything he took up due to devoted application, and he also had quite a social life in Heaton Moor. He told me that he could not have afforded these sporting and social activities after he married, so he decided to get away from the district he was brought up in, and cut himself off from his old, and perhaps extravagant friends. This was the reason they settled in Mellor.

My mother was a quiet, retiring person; very shy, she always tried to see the best in people. She was dominated by my father who was somewhat Victorian in his outlook, and very dogmatic. I remember her deriving great enjoyment and pleasure within the close circle of family, relatives and a few neighbours and friends, but she found it difficult to mix with people in general due to her shyness. Looking back to those early years at Springbank, she must have been a



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slave to the household duties and to her family. My father would leave home at 7.30 on six days of the week to walk to the station for the 8.05 train to Stockport, and he would expect, and would never fail to get, a breakfast of porridge, bacon and egg, tea and marmalade, which

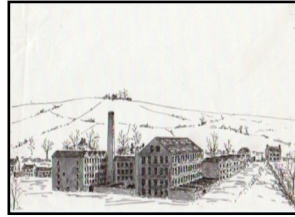


would be eaten in a leisurely manner. To provide this my mother would have to be up in time to light the kitchen

range, wait for it to get sufficiently hot, and then cook this breakfast. She was always very kind to me, and I scarcely remember a cross word, and in later life I often found myself taking her side in disagreements with my father.

When they came to Mellor they took lodgings with an elderly lady called Miss Chadwick at the cottage which I have described. During the whole of the time we lived there, up to the time I was 16, we were lodgers in her house which she rented from the Wild family of Lark Hill. My father must have come to some amicable arrangement with her very early whereby they bought all the food and household requirements, and my mother did the bulk of the cooking and housework. This set-up worked with reasonable amity, although I recall several incidents of disagreement. I have since wondered why my parents waited so long before taking a house of their own, but my father was very cautious and would never take a risk, and until he felt that he could safely afford it he delayed

making the move. The district in those times prior to 1920 was much different from now. It was more isolated, lacked public transport, and the people were more



neighbourly; everyone knowing everyone else, mixing more at church and chapel events, at local sporting clubs and in the hayfields at harvest time. 34 years before I was born a fire destroyed most of the buildings of Wallers' cotton spinning mill in Moor End, and brought cotton spinning in top Mellor to an end. As this was the main source of employment in the village, the lack of jobs brought great misery, and many people had to move to other areas to find work. Some are believed to have emigrated to America. Commuting to work by rail from Marple station had started by then, and Mellor gradually became a dormitory suburb of Stockport and Manchester. I remember many people walking from Moor End and upper Mellor to Marple station for



trains to work nothing was thought of it, but when the first bus began operating about 1919 people

would willingly pay 6d (a fair sum then) for a lift up the hill to the Devonshire in the evening. .... **to be continued**



## AS SEEN FROM COW CORNER

Unbelievably, in this cricket season, no match has been affected by any rain and which must have, one assumes, contributed to the success on the field. The club still strive to field just one senior team per week, but this is made difficult by the last minute cry-offs for a variety of strange reasons, notably by the number of deaths of players' grandmas.

Fortunately, the juniors are starting to be available, as they mature, and it is no surprise that they provide two or three players per week, when they certainly do not disgrace themselves, and particularly when fielding, in covering for the immobility of the more ancient players.

It has been an aim for the club to field two senior sides on Saturdays, as has happened in previous years, so that the Longhurst Lane ground can be in use every weekend. New players are always being sought, and certainly anyone of proven ability.

During the last few weeks the senior eleven have had very mixed fortunes, as they encountered a very strong Urmston side, who rattled up 166 for the loss of nine wickets in their allotted 40 overs. This included a stand of over a 100 runs for the third wicket. The below strength Mellor side were not in the same company and succumbed all out for just over 100 runs.

A degree of parity was restored the following week, when the visitors to Mellor were Poynton, who won the toss, and asked Mellor to bat first. Although wickets fell steadily, Mellor, with the last pair at the crease, were able to make a respectable 170 in their allotted overs. With some very professional styled batting, Poynton reached the target for the loss of just five wickets.

Styal was the next destination, where Mellor, after winning the toss, invited Styal to have first use of the wicket. Good use was not made, and ponderously batted their 40 overs for 116 for six. Half of the wickets to fall were credited to the junior members of the team.

Mellor won the toss, away at Disley on the following week, and elected to field first. Disley were all out for 158, thanks to a younger member of the side claiming five victims. The target was obviously going to be an easy total for the over confident statuesque batsmen, who declined running regulation singles in preference to the glory of hitting boundaries. This tactic was never going to work, and Mellor ended their innings in the 40 overs, ten runs short, and lost eight wickets in so doing.

The junior teams, at the various age groups, have had mainly successful results. The under 14's were involved in the semi-final of their cup, against a very strong Alderley Edge team containing a number of county layers, at Alderley Edge. The home side batted first and after the allotment of 20 overs, reached 170 for the loss of three wickets. In reply, Mellor batted manfully but were no match for the obvious superior talents of the opposition, but produced a very creditable 127 for the loss of four wickets.

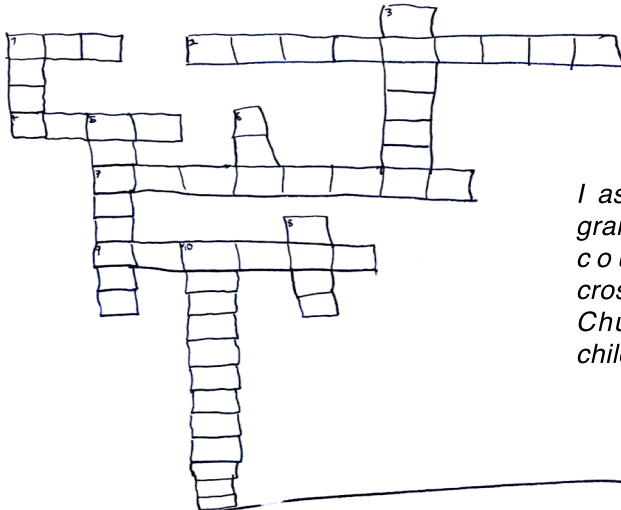
It has become apparent during this season, that some of the junior members have abandoned all reference to the coaching manuals, preferring to adopt their own brand of shot selection, which includes the swipe and hoick. O, can we be allowed to relate back and witness the delicate late cuts and imperious cover drives of the batting heroes of times past?

***Silly Point***



17<sup>th</sup> July 2022

AIR CAGES WORDS



I asked my 6 year old grandson Jacob if he could produce a crossword to do with Church or Bible for children.

MPW

CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 what noah sailed in (3)
- 2 something you rest in on the beach (4)
- 4 triton is one of these (4)
- 7 a blue jewel (8)
- 9 moths come out of these (6)

DOWN

- 1 The first man (4)
- 3 An autumn month (7)
- 5 something you climb over (8)
- 6 the sound of something bursting (3)
- 8 something to make you laugh (4)
- 10 a religion (2)

BY JACOB WILLIAMS LONDON, I SLIGHTLY

Clearer Clues seen here:

**Across:** 1. What Noah sailed in. 2. Something you rest in on the beach. 4. Triton is one of these. 7. A blue jewel. 9. Moths come out of these.

**Down:** 1. First man. 3. An Autumn month. 5. Something you climb over. 6. The sound of something bursting. 8. Something to make you laugh. 10. A religion.

Answers will be somewhere in this Outlook!

Thank you Jacob. Your crossword was great. Hope it encourages other children to do the same

## Laughs with Lynda

Three weeks ago, I sent my hearing aid in for repair.  
I have heard nothing since.

What was the greatest wish of the shy pebble?  
That it could become a little bolder.

Why did the scarecrow win an award?  
Because he was outstanding in his field



Tim Lowe kindly sent this photo of Lynda at the fete with M.P. William Wragg

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The 2022 Edale Team

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Jen Lowe, Edward Maxwell



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### Answers to Jacob's Crossword.

**Across.** 1. Ark. 2. Deckchair. 4. Moon. 7. Sapphire. 9 Cocoon.

**Down:** 1. Adam, 3. October. 5. Obstacle. 6. Pop. 8. Joke. 10. Christianity.





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## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

As we embark on a time between vicars, we are already as a congregation pulling together, using our rich variety of talents to keep the church alive and vibrant – reminiscent of the small groups of Christians of the early church.

Who knows who our new vicar will be, but it's worth reminding ourselves of the wonderful role a vicar fulfills. The word 'vicar' – like 'vicarious' - literally means 'a person or agent of a superior being'. So our new vicar will have been chosen as Jesus' representative in our church – what a marvelous thought!

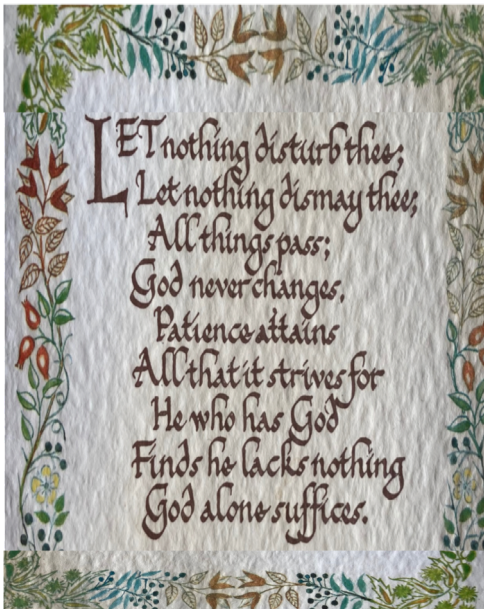
In the meantime, as we look to the coming challenges of autumn and winter, I feel sure we will be able to carry on living out our faith and serving the needs of our parish and the wider community.



The very first writings we have of the nascent church is Paul's letter to the Thessalonians encouraging them not to lose courage with the words:

*"May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Jesus"*

*Chris Mann*



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During May the members enjoyed an outing to Shibden Hall - of Gentleman Jack fame. Now a museum, Shibden was a family estate for 500 years from 1420-1926.

The hall is set within a public park and gardens and Shibden Park became known as "The Happy Valley of Halifax." It included a cafe, miniature railway and a boating lake, which are all still present today.

After a pleasant lunch we visited the nearby Piece Hall, dating from 1779. It was built as a cloth hall for handloom weavers to sell the woollen cloth pieces they produced. A "piece" was a length of fabric measuring 30 yards.

Our ladies marked the Queen's Platinum Jubilee early with a social evening and buffet. Everyone was "dressed to impress" for the occasion, along with hats and fascinators. We did Her Majesty proud!

In June Mark Llewellyn entertained us with his talk "They Did It Twice Nightly". Mark is a former actor, and ex-director of Oldham Colliseum and manager of the late Roy Barraclough. He gave an amusing history of the theatre from the days of the Music Hall to Coronation Street. Many memories were stirred with stories about past celebrities - including Betty Driver and her sister Freda, who lived in Mellor.

Future events - At our July meeting we look forward to Cornelius Musonda who will explain the benefits of sports massage.

August will be another social gathering with food and quizzes.

Our monthly coffee mornings and monthly luncheon meetings continue to be popular. The local Devonshire Arms is a particular favourite place to dine!

Please contact any committee members for more informative about our WI. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month in Mellor Parish Centre at 7.30 pm.

Why don't you come and join us?

**Pauline Hutchins** (01663 745105)

# Church Rotas

## Stewards Rota

Date	8.30am	10.30am	6.30pm
7 Aug	P Cooke	I Hamilton & C Hamilton	J Shiel
14 Aug	A Mason	D Jelleyman & A Sanders	R Holt
21 Aug	J Butterworth.	S McAllister & C Starling	J Shiel
28 Aug	P Cunningham	P Long & A Muller	R Holt
5 Sep	P Cooke	M Lowe & M Williams	Shiel

## Flower Rota

7th Aug	Janet Jones
14th Aug	Jenny Butterworth
21st Aug	Angela Muller
28th Aug	Jill Baker
4th Sep	Diana Cole
11th Sep	Joyce Moss
18th Sep	Joan Combey
25th Sep	Alwyn Owen

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

## Holy Dusters

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