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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

<b>4 Sun</b>	8.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>12th Sunday</b>	10.00 am	Parish Communion
<b>after Trinity</b>	6.30 pm	Compline (Parish Centre)
7 Wed	10.00 am	Morning Prayer (Lady Chapel in Church)
10 Sat	9.45	Wellspring Walk (Holy Spirit)
<b>11 Sun</b>	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
<b>13th Sunday</b>	10.00 am	Parish Communion
<b>after Trinity</b>	6.30 pm	Contemplative Evening Prayer (Parish Centre)
12 Mon	10.45-12 noon	Coffee & Chat (Parish Centre)
14 Wed	10.00 am	Morning Prayer(Parish Centre)
<b>18 Sun</b>	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
<b>14th Sunday</b>	10.00 am	Morning Prayer
<b>after Trinity</b>	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong
21 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)
24 Sat	7.30 pm	Concert of French Song (Parish Centre)
<b>25 Sun</b>	8.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>15th Sunday</b>	10.00 am	Parish Communion
<b>after Trinity</b>	6.30 pm	Compline (Parish Centre)
28 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)

Coffee and Chat second Monday of the month 10.45 am to 12 noon (Parish Centre)  
 Prayer Group meets every Monday 10.30 to 11.00 am (Parish Centre)  
 Women's Evening Fellowship meets on the second Wednesday at 7.30 pm (Parish Centre)  
 Toddlers Group meets on Thursday each week 10.00 am to 11.30 am (Parish Centre)  
 Knit and Natter meets on Thursday each week 10.30 am to 12 noon (Parish Centre)  
 The Choir practises each week on Friday at 6.30 pm



**Not - The View  
From the Hill, but  
The Hill Viewed  
From Afar.**

*Clare Jackson.*

How was August for you? Was it as fallow as the fields, no longer springing and verdant, but slow and languishing? Or did you manage a break away from the domestic and routine? Or maybe it was action packed - enough to make up for the last two years of delayed plans?

I wonder if we had got a bit blasé pre-covid, about our entitlement to a holiday away; no doubt welcoming the chance to recalibrate, but also assuming a brief dislocation would be enough to gain some perspective on our work/life balance, or even face the challenge of a completely new direction.

Then Lockdown, and no longer an easy escape. How precious the 'get-away' seemed then. Some reported that enforced stasis had taught them to appreciate what was around them locally. During 2020, I even took up going on a garden safari, watching my tiny back yard through binoculars. The detail of petals on flowers and insects replacing the intrigue of a new landscape or foreign vista. If it saved my sanity back then, what

benefit can I experience now I have the freedom to travel?

For the short time we were in France this summer, it was the simplicity of a fresh croissant from the campsite bar; a dark sky without LED pollution; a slow road across country. Low key, but refreshing. And as ever, the moment when you wonder, what of this simplicity can we keep hold of when we return?

Others have warned sagely about the risks of forming plans and resolutions in the heady idealism of the annual holiday with promises to look after health and wellbeing, but I often feel like September has a sort of new-years-resolution-lite feel to it, a brighter, more breezy fresh start where perhaps the January Resolutions were a bit brutal and uncompromising. My September ones can be a little more optimistic and forgiving.

But perhaps the best thing after any holiday away from routine is reuniting with friends and family, and the sharing of memories. I'm looking forward to hearing about your summers whether they were Cider with Rosie nostalgic, or worthy of a Bear Grylls documentary.

*[Outlook is always happy to receive accounts of your own travels-Ed.]*



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## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Sept 2022

Chris Mann

*As the first whiff of an autumn morning catches your nose, it brings with it a mix of emotions – a wistful goodbye to memories of summer, coupled with a buckling-down in anticipation of everybody preparing for new beginnings.*

*Perhaps it's an opportunity to consider new beginnings in our spiritual life – possibly to make, for example, the giving of love in more concrete action. It can be small things – recently somebody emailed me a hug! It worked – I felt it!*

*One September, my ex-boss, the broadcaster Peter Firth in a Pause for Thought for the Terry Wogan show summed it up so beautifully:*

*“I know I pay much lip-service to love. It's something I keep promising for tomorrow – but love is something you do, not just feel. And I tell myself that I've got enough to do already, looking after myself. Yet in my heart I know that this is not what You are saying to me.*

*Lord of this September morning, You are saying now is the time to love, now is the time to call on someone who's ill, or old, now is the time to write a letter, to visit a neighbour with a gift, to forgive someone, to ask forgiveness; now is the time, today, for love is concrete action. Love is something to be done.”*

## HOME COMMUNION TEAM

Did you know that Mellor Church has a special team of trained people who can visit you if you would like to receive Holy Communion? This service is for people who are housebound for whatever reason. The members of the team are Judith Shiel, Gwenn Perks and myself. When one of us comes to see you, we hold a short service that lasts about half an hour. If you would like us to, then we are happy to stay for a chat. We are here to serve you, especially during this time without a vicar. So if you would like to arrange a visit, please contact Alison on 077901 40832 and everything can be arranged to suit you.



*Alison Dowdeswell*

## The Power of Ideas

An extract from the last  
“**Credo**” Column written  
for the Times newspaper  
on August 31st in 2013  
by the late



**Jonathan Sacks**

and included in its entirety in "The Power of Ideas" published posthumously in 2021, a year after his death, in November 2020. His Words, of 2013, seem even more powerful in 2022.

**Credo** means 'I believe' in Latin. In Hebrew we say *ani ma'amin*. Since this is the last Credo I will write as Chief Rabbi, I thought I would use it simply to say what I believe.

I believe faith is part of what makes us human. It is a basic attitude of trust that always goes beyond the available evidence, but without which we would do nothing great. Without faith in one another we could not risk the vulnerability of love. Without faith in the future, we would not choose to have a child. Without faith in the intelligibility of the Universe we would not do science. Without faith in our fellow citizens, we would not have a free society. Undergirding them all, in the West, is faith in God who created the Universe in love, who made every human being regardless of colour, creed or class, in His image, who lifts us when we fall, forgives us when we fail and asks us to place love at the centre of our moral world: love of neighbour, love of stranger,

love of God.

One who asks for proof before he or she is willing to have faith does not understand that faith always involves risk. It is always possible to live without it, but such a life is, in Macbeth's words, "cabined, cribbed, confined, bound ... [by] doubts and fears". Without faith in people, I become a cynic. Without faith in financial institutions, we stop investing and economies founder. Without faith in our fellow citizens, democratic freedoms die.

Without faith in God, the Universe slowly becomes meaning-less. Life ceases to have an objective purpose. Human life is no longer sacred, nor are our promises, duties and responsibilities. Cultures that lose their religious faith eventually become individualistic and relativist. People become self-seeking and self-sustaining. At first this is experienced as a great liberation, but ultimately it leads to a breakdown of trust, and without trust, societies suffer entropy: a loss of energy and order, leading to decline and decay.

If faith in God means anything, it means humility toward oneself and love of neighbour and the stranger. Sadly, faith has not always led to these things. It can sometimes lead to self-righteousness and hatred of the stranger. The history of religion has often enough been written in the blood shed in the name of God, and this is not a consecration but a desecration.

Today in many parts of the world I see religion confused with the pursuit of power, as if that whole tragic history has

been forgotten. The Hebrew Bible tells us that power belongs to God, who uses it to liberate the powerless. Religion has nothing to do with power and everything to do with the holy and the good and the pursuit of justice and compassion. When religion and politics become confused the result is disastrous for both.

Today's angry atheists, far from being profound, are like humourless individuals wondering why people laugh at a joke. Their attitudes have nothing to do with science and everything to do with a failure of imagination. We need science to tell us how the world is and religion to tell us how the world ought to be. Both are necessary. Each properly understood can enhance our respect for the other.

Faith is understood in the living and proved, in the doing. We encounter the Divine presence in prayer and ritual, story and song. These lift us beyond ourselves toward the infinite Thou at the heart of being, who teaches us to see His trace in the face of the human other, leading us to acts of loving kindness that make gentle the life of this world. Faith is the bond of loyalty and listening that binds us to God and through Him to humanity. Faith is life lived in the light of love.

***This article has been sent in by  
Jenny Johnson.***



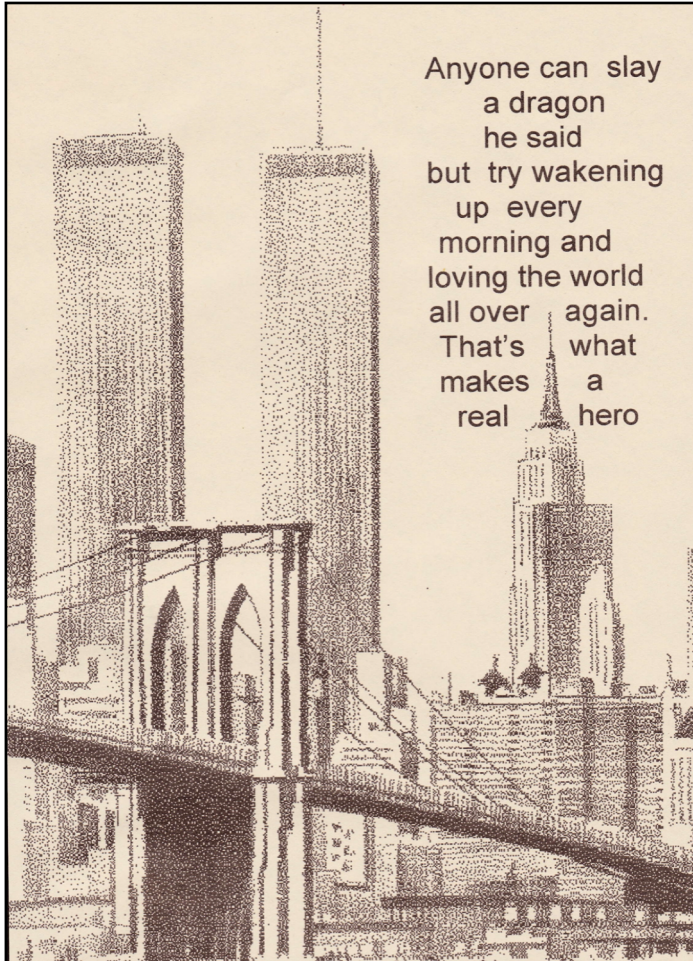
**Lisa Marie Hallworth**

**31.10.1968 – 22.7.2022 (aged 53)**

It is with a heavy heart that we are sharing the sad news of the passing of Lisa. Lisa was diagnosed with incurable cancer many years ago. It was her amazing strong will, determination and faith that enabled her to stay with us as long as she did. On Friday 22 July Lisa passed away with her husband (Rob) and sons George and Matthew by her side. We know Lisa was a member of your church community for several years, her boys were in the choir, were confirmed at St Thomas's and attended many services and events. As a family we are devastated, but would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has sent kind messages of sympathy, support flowers and gifts at this very difficult time, they have been a great comfort (the tub of Heroes was very much appreciated) and shared kind words and memories of Lisa at her funeral. Lisa's death has left a hole that will never be filled, but we were blessed to have her as daughter, sister, wife and her favourite role - mum. Please keep Rob, George and Matthew in your thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time. When you think of Lisa we hope you can remember her wonderful kind and caring spirit and her beautiful smile.



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would never be the same again?



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## **AS SEEN FROM COW CORNER**

A splash of water wouldn't go amiss on the parched cricket ground as any dampness from the early morning dew is soon burnt off. The drains, which were sunk some ten years ago show up very prominently, so therefore no-one can make accusations of there not being adequate drainage.

It is usual for the hard and true wickets to produce plenty of runs, and it was therefore surprising that the bottom of the league, Glazebury, elected to bat first on their visit to Mellor, whereupon they were promptly bowled out for just over 30 runs. Obviously Mellor were going to overhaul that total in a short space of time and the opening bat certainly thought so, as in trying to finish the match with an almighty six, danced down the wicket, and was stumped! There were no more alarms as Mellor reached the target in quick time.

The visitors to Mellor on the following week were Bowden Vale, who batted first, but should have done better than the 126 total reached, but did not lose all their wickets. In reply Mellor coasted to victory for the loss of two wickets, thanks to an entertaining second wicket stand of over a hundred.

It was Mellor's turn to travel the next week. The opponents being Warrington, who batted first and made a laborious 115, but again Mellor could not take all

the wickets, ending up getting just six in the 40 overs. This target should not have been a problem on the good batting track, but Mellor made a right meal of it, getting home for the loss of eight wickets. This was hardly satisfactory for a team on top of the table. Perhaps there would have to be a rethink of selection or the batting order.

Due to a mix-up with the fixtures, Mellor entertained Bowden Vale, as happened two weeks before. It was an opportunity for a reversal of fortunes. Bowden Vale batted first and reached 151 for the loss of four wickets in their 40 overs. Mellor had decided on a radical new policy of father and son combinations, in an effort to get the scoreboard ticking. This was a failed gamble, as the two combinations could barely muster 20 runs between them. It has to be admitted that the visitors bowled intelligently, varying their pace regularly to keep the Mellor batsmen on their toes. Helped by some very slick fielding and questionable umpiring decisions, wickets fell just when Mellor thought they may reach the target. It came to the last over, when a quietness descended over the proceedings. There were nine runs to get and the last pair were at the wicket.

A four was stuck off the second ball of the over, singles were scampered off the next two balls. The penultimate ball was hit towards the boundary, and as the batsmen turned for the second run, the ball was thrown, fairly accurately, to the bowler's end. The bails were whipped off and the umpire reluctantly gave the decision in favour of the visitors. Mellor lost by two runs on the penultimate ball and as a result relinquished top spot in the league table.

The junior under 12 team also provided an exciting finish to their final of the cup, played at Mellor. After beating Macclesfield in the semi-final by scoring a boundary off the last ball to win, Mellor's opponents in the final were Bowden, who, on form, were a much stronger side. The home side won the toss and decided to bat first. A very modest score of 103 runs for the loss of eight wickets was posted in the 20 overs, with just two batsmen contributing over half the runs. In reply, the opening Bowden batsmen made a stand of 48, albeit at a slow rate of scoring. This put pressure on the batsmen to follow, which resulted in wickets falling regularly. It came to the last over with six runs to get. Just two were scored leaving a beaming Mellor captain to collect the trophy, and for it to be kept polished and displayed on someone's mantelpiece over the winter months.

### Silly Point





## Mellor Birds.

*Maggie Williams*

Noula reported hearing a Chiffchaff at the bottom of her garden opposite Damsteads. It took some days before she was able to actually see it. They look very similar to willow warblers. Chiff chaffs are described as “Dirtier than a willow warbler with darker legs. They prefer trees and thickets”. No wonder Noula could not find it.



Andrew S told me after Church on Sunday he had seen five kingfishers on Saturday Aug 13th on the River Dee while paddling a Canadian canoe 13 miles between Farndon and Bangor-on-Dee. I know this is not in Mellor but I thought it was rather special.



In this Outlook, in the article by Tom Oldham about his youthful days in Mellor, he writes about “Meadows full of flowers and sweet scents, and around mid summer the rasping call of the corncrake which disappeared from here 40 years ago”. Tom wrote the words in 1976

so the corncrakes would have left Mellor in 1936. I find it very sad, but then, have you heard a corncrake? It is an awful racket. You don't want to live next to one! I first saw one on the Island of Mingulay in the Hebrides. We had to wait until dusk for it to start calling and then it took ages to find it - like the Chiffchaff. It poked his head up out of the long grass and flew onto a stone wall.

I have lived in Mellor for 42 years now and my most memorable Outlook article is one written by Tom Oldham long ago about taking his wife to the Isle of Rhum. They climbed 2000 feet up a mountain in the dark, very early hours of the morning to see Manx Shearwaters flying into their burrows. I thought it was very romantic.



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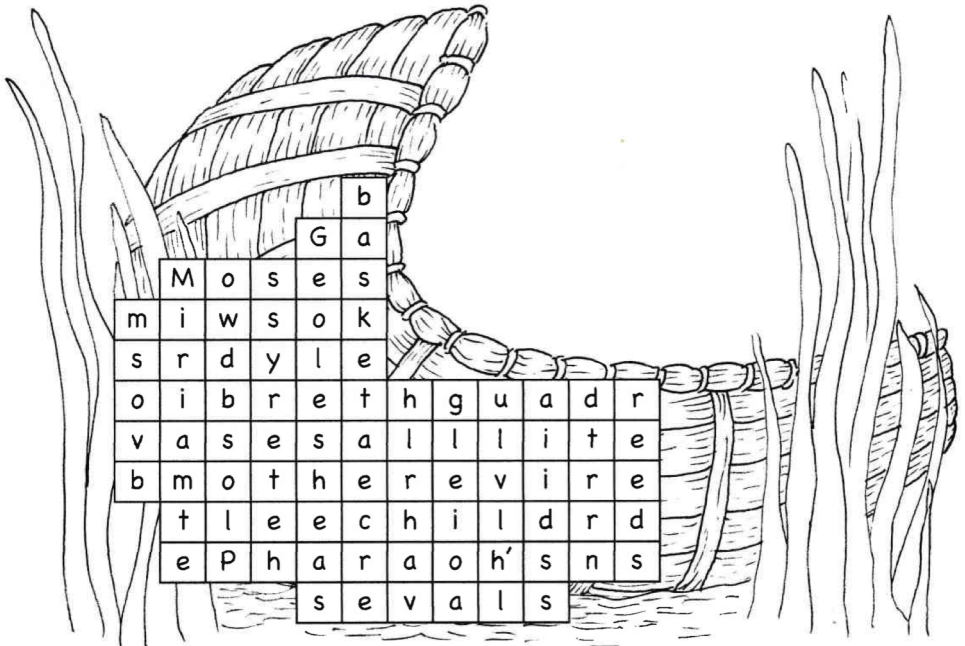
*Ed.*

# CHILDREN'S PAGE

Find the words in the word search. When you have found them all, put the left over letters into the boxes to make a phrase to remember this week.

baby	basket	Miriam	Moses	mother	reeds
river	sister	slaves	swim	Pharaoh's	daughter

The words in the word search run horizontally, vertically and diagonally. The left over letters should read 'God loves all little children'.



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*The Editors*



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# Apple Cake

A different style apple cake with a very appley filling courtesy of Orlando Murrin.

140g butter softened  
85g golden caster sugar or regular  
1 egg  
200g SR flour  
1 tbsp demerara sugar  
For the filling  
450g Bramley apples peeled cored  
and in 1 cm slices  
3 tbsp light brown sugar  
3 tbsp apricot jam



Generously butter a 20cm loose bottomed spring form cake tin (if you do not have one line a normal tin – it will not have quite the same crust but...)

Mix the first four ingredients well using elbow grease or an electric stand or hand mixer.

Spoon 2/3rd mix into prepared tin and spread so it entirely covers the base.

Toss the apples and sugar together and put in a thick layer on top of the mix, dot with jam and spread as best you can.

Spoon over the remaining mix and spread as best you can but do not worry if not completely covered.

Sprinkle with 1 tbsp demerara sugar.

You do not need to preheat the oven but put in at 170C / Gas M 3 for 1 hour to 1 hr10 check with a small knife that the apple layer is tender before removing.

Cool for 10 mins before removing from the tin.

Serve warm or cold, dust with icing sugar or not.

Serve with cream or not.

You can add spice to the apples if liked, flaked almonds for the topping if liked.

Enjoy.

***Jill Baker***

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Liszt, Weill, Satie, Piaf*

## This Sporting Life

I have been following the sport again, and hasn't it been a wonderful summer for sporting events? I loved the football of course. I have been saying to all my male acquaintances who were devotees of the 'beautiful game' "these girls can play", and so they proved. Without any histrionics, or silly haircuts etc., they still won the Cup. Let us hope their male counterparts can do likewise in November.



Commonwealth Flags

More recently, though it has been the Commonwealth Games, that I have followed. This was of especial interest to me as it was being held in the city where I grew up from the age of 8 upwards. I love the athletics, particularly the track events where I can get quite excited. On this occasion, I was running with Eilish McColgan, although she is a Scottish lass I still wanted her to win, and I was quite breathless when she crossed the finish line for gold.

Much of my attention fell on the triathlon, mainly because the venue, Sutton Park, was barely a stone's throw from my parents' house. I made regular sorties into 'The Park' as a young girl looking for golf balls, then taking my finds round to the clubhouse to sell back to them for the princely sum of one shilling (5p) each. Ever the entrepreneur, even at that age! My extra interest was in watching the triathlon. I did think that I might recognise some places along the route. I didn't of course, trees grow, hedges are removed and landscapes evolve with the passage of time. Even so, it was fascinating to follow with our competitors doing so well. The part I found most heart warming was the way the crowds turned out in great numbers to line the route. Then as the commentators were giving us the background story to our young girl and her guide after they won gold in the Paralympic triathlon, you could hear the crowd cheering each competitor as they crossed the line. The commentator broke off to say this sportsmanship was something we Brits are very good at. The Commonwealth Games is known as 'The Friendly Games' and so this sportsmanship was evident throughout all the events.

Surely there are lessons here for all humanity. Rejoice in each others' achievements, encourage when someone is struggling, and hold out the helping hand when they are down (the good Samaritan). Perhaps then our world would be a more peaceful and happier place. **Kareen Dayes**

## **Wednesday Midweek Service**

The Wednesday service on September 7th will be held in the church, in the Lady Chapel, as the Parish Centre rooms will all be in use on that day. The service will be Morning Prayer, as it has not been possible to get a priest for that day, but we hope everyone will be able to attend.



## **HARVEST FESTIVAL 2022**

### **THIS YEAR WILL BE ON OCTOBER 2ND**

As usual please bring to all services your contributions of in date tinned and packaged goods for distribution to the Wellspring and Wood St Mission. We also need house plants for the sick and elderly in the Parish. Following the 10am service there will be a bring and share lunch to which everyone is invited. We are delighted Rev. Alex and Nick will be taking the service.



## **Prayer for The Month**

We bring all in weakness for Your strengthening

We bring all in sickness for Your healing

We bring all in trouble for Your calming

We bring all who are lost for Your guidance

We bring all who are lonely for Your love

We bring all who are dying for Your resurrection.

A Celtic prayer by David Adam



## Captain Ken

Recently, the world's oldest daily newspaper, **Lloyd's List**, was sold by Informa, the world's largest publishing and exhibition company.

Until it went online in 2013, Lloyd's List was founded in 1734 and had appeared every working day for almost three hundred years, and was once known as the Shipping Bible.

I had always been fascinated by the Paper starting since my teenage years, and later had occasional 'letters to the Editor' published. I was totally surprised when arriving home on leave from what was to be my final ship, 'APL Denmark', to receive a telephone call from **Lloyd's List**, inviting my wife, Allwyn and me, to attend a Dinner at the 'Banqueting House' in



London.



Naturally I was only too pleased to accept, as the Banqueting House with its Rubens painted ceiling is all that remains of the old Whitehall Palace. The setting simply was magnificent, and we were guided to our seats by uniformed attendants with large burning flares.



We gradually realised it was an awards ceremony Dinner and as I was not even aware I had been nominated, you can imagine how privileged I felt when I was awarded the 2004, **Lloyd's List** International Shipmaster of the year, which was presented by BBC news man, George Alagiah. He presented a beautiful Armillary sphere which now stands on my piano.

It was certainly a strange feeling that the awards were presented in the same room that in 1649 King Charles was condemned to death by, of all people, our own Judge Bradshaw of Marple Hall; and went to the scaffold that had been constructed outside the window of the very same room. At least, it was also in the same room that the Monarchy was restored, only a few years later.



**Captain Ken Owen**

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## Mellor Textile Group

Are you interested in embroidery or patchwork & quilting? Do you enjoy feltmaking or weaving, or other related crafts? Why not join us at Mellor Parish Centre on the last Monday of every month for an afternoon of stitching? Mellor Textile Group is a friendly and diverse group and everyone is welcome. It is not a teaching group but members encourage each other and offer advice if requested.



We meet at Mellor Parish Centre from 1.00pm until 4.00pm. The cost is £5.00 a meeting, which covers the cost of the room. Once members have made a regular commitment they are asked to pay for the whole term, i.e. £20.00 until Christmas, which ensures we can cover the cost of the room hire. The next meeting is on Monday 26th September. If you would like to join us or need further information please contact me on 427 4370 or meg.barley6@gmail.com - or just come along! Bring something to do, hand or machine!

This hanging was made by Mellor Textile Group members for the group competition at the last Loch Lomond Quilt Show in 2014. It was celebrating the Commonwealth Games which were held in Glasgow that year.

*Meg Barley*

### THE PRAYER GROUP

Do you know the Bible verses where our Lord says that:  
“Where 2 or 3 are gathered together, there I will be also.”

Matthew 18 v 20.

You might have read them, but have you ever really experienced them? Please come to our Parish Centre on a Monday morning at 10.30am and join us for a special encounter. We share half an hour of quiet prayer together. Most of us stay on for a chat and a cuppa.

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*Alison Dowdeswell*

Any questions please contact me on 077901 40832.

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## Jaunts with Judy

### Railway Walk No.6 Chapel en le Frith and Combs Reservoir.

4 Miles allow 3 hours

This is a challenging walk. It has quite a few stiles and can be very muddy in places. There is one steep ascent but worth it for the views. Walking poles and an OS map will be useful. Stiles tricky for dogs.

Getting there

Hourly trains from Hazel Grove/Disley/  
New Mills Newtown station which are on  
the Manchester to Buxton Line.



Directions

1 Leave the Station car park and take the path on the left by a railway crossing gate. Follow the path and at the road go right and walk down to Down Lee Farm. Continue past the farm for 120yds and watch out for a wooden footpath sign on the left. Go through the kissing gate, then another stile in front of you, and follow the line of old hedge on the right to another stile.

2 On reaching a farm complex turn right and you will see a small gate to the left of a wooden gate. An impressive building is on the right. This is Grade 2 listed Marsh Hall Farm and has an interesting stone tower in the garden. At this point turn left down a lane.

3 After approx 50 metres turn left over a stile and then turn right over a stile. Follow the old hedge on the right which will bring you to Chapel-en-le-Frith golf course. Go over the stile that is painted yellow. Way marking posts indicate the route across the course (ignore the white post) – head to the right of the yellow posts which mark a watercourse. This should lead to a grassy area with a narrow path through the middle of it, which leads you through a field to the road.

4 You should now be on the B5470. Cross over the road on to the pavement and turn left (the road is very busy at the moment due to Long Hill in Whaley Bridge being closed). Continue past the Golf Club entrance. Look out for the road sign for Tunstead Milton on the left. At this point cross the road and walk along the road with the reservoir dam on your left.

5 Follow the path on the left that takes you round the western shore of Combs reservoir. Ignore the bridge on the right. Continue along this path, brambles and balsam are in abundance, a stream is on the right.

As the reservoir narrows the path traverses small fields. You will eventually come to a wooden bridge across the brook. Cross the bridge and head south across a field. This is a muddy section of the walk but it is possible to walk around it. Go slightly right up and across a field through a wooden gate and on the right you should come to a foot tunnel under the railway line. The path leads to a country lane. Turn left and you will be in Combs village.

6 At The Beehive Pub take the lane straight ahead to the right of phone box and then take the left fork. This climbs out of the village. Continue to Millway Cottage just past this building turn left passing a pile of rubble and you will see a footpath sign that indicates Chapel-en-le-Frith station. Go through the stile onto a partially slabbed path. Continue ahead through the steep grassy field. At the fence go through a metal farm gate on the left and continue your ascent. A short distance ahead go through another metal field gate into a field. Up the hill you will see the railway line and Combs reservoir below. Cross the field to a stile and keep the stone wall on your right.

7 The path comes down to a rutted track running alongside the railway line. This joins a narrow lane and passes The Lodge. Go down the lane passing under the railway bridge directly after which turn right along the path that will take you back to the station car park.

NB For those who like to do steep ascents at the beginning of a walk it maybe easier to start this walk in Combs Village.  
Ed: Super walk. Took us 2 hours plus time at **Beehive Pub** which has good menu..



*Judy Cooper*

### **Friday Strollers**

Our September/October walks will start and finish at New Mills Golf Club. We will meet at 10 a.m. in the car park.

Friday 9th September

Friday 23rd September

Friday 14th October

Coffee, bacon rolls, sandwiches etc. will be available to purchase in the club house after our walk.

For more information contact Judy Cooper,

email: [judecoopurr@hotmail.com](mailto:judecoopurr@hotmail.com). **Judy Cooper**

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

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 14th September at 7:30pm There will be a talk on the

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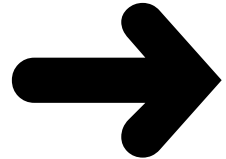
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## Laughs with Lynda

Went to see a psychic who was in a bad mood;  
then, I saw a clairvoyant who was really grumpy.....  
I'm just trying to find a happy medium.

Sadly, the man who invented the fruit smoothie has passed away.  
He's being berried on Friday.

Our organist has two cats,  
Their names are Ancient and Modern-  
Because they are both him.

## BRINGING THE OLD TESTAMENT TO LIFE !

Be honest: when did you last open your Bible to look at a book in the Old Testament? Have you, like me, ever wondered how the prophets are linked to the life of Jesus? Then you have a treat in store. Calling all disciples, young and old, from choristers to stewards, from intercessors to children's leaders, from flower arrangers to holy dusters - and what about YOU? Come to learn in an interactive, fun and engaging way!

**The Bible Study day on Saturday 8th October**, which is being run by the Bible.org group, is a Churches Together for Marple area event. Please come to join your Christian brothers and sisters on this special day. It is being held at **All Saints Church in Marple** which is disabled accessible. The day runs from **10am to 4.30 pm** but please arrive after 9.30am to be ready for the start. The cost is £10 for adults - children from ages 11-17 get in FREE as long as they are accompanied by an adult. Please bring a packed lunch but hot and cold drinks will be provided at the frequent break times. Get your ticket now by contacting Marian Thompson on: 0161 427 7254 or [marian37et@gmail.com](mailto:marian37et@gmail.com). You can also book online at: [www.bible.org.uk/wtb\\_events\\_tickets.php](http://www.bible.org.uk/wtb_events_tickets.php)

(We hope that tickets will be available at Mellor Church in September. Read your pew sheet for more news!) Don't miss this amazing opportunity to understand the Old Testament in a nutshell!

*Alison Dowdeswell*



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# Churches Together Marple Area

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The final Christian Aid week total donations on-line amounted to over £5,000.

## **The Children's Society**

**Jenny Johnson**

**This autumn's Annual Box Opening will be:- A DIY event; Any day in October ; At your place; At your time.....**

I have recently notified the Society that I am retiring from my role as Box Coordinator. I have enjoyed the fun and sociability of all those Open House Days but with Gordon no longer here to help and support me, I have decided that after 20 years it is time to find someone to succeed me. I have previously written of this decision in Outlook but sadly have failed to find anyone willing to follow me. Please call me if you are interested! 0161 427 1348. Meanwhile, please count the contents of your house box and send a cheque, payable to 'The Children's Society' and post this to : The Children's Society, Whitecross Studios, 50 Banner Street, London EC1Y 8ST quoting reference 791284/HBX Or if you prefer to pay online, send a payment to: The Church of England Childrens Society (no apostrophe) Sort Code 20-37-75 Account Number 70030732 quoting reference 791284/HBX



The Children's Society is committed to bringing HOPE to thousands of our children here in the UK. Our support makes a real difference to children and young people when they need it most. The cost-of-living crisis is putting families under even more pressure, often making life harder still for many young people. I am confident that our church and community in Mellor will continue to be very generous, annually in October, in support of the work still being done by The Children's Society. We have a very long tradition of support. Every penny, every pound DOES make a difference to a child's life. I thank you all for many years of generosity. Long may it continue. Joanne Nicholson, Community Relationship Manager, is coming to be with us on Sunday 11th September at the 10am service to talk about the work of the Society. I hope many people will be there to hear what she has to say.

## Youthful Days in Mellor 1910-1926 continued...

**T F Oldham**



In those early days much of the old rural life of the farming community remained, and most of the farms, if not prosperous,

were made to earn a reasonable living for those that worked them by the standards then prevailing. In the first settled weather of July the clatter of horse drawn mowing machines could be heard in the meadows, often starting at dawn light and continuing until nightfall. Then there was the “tedding” or tossing of the hay, raking up into long heaps and loading up with hay pikes on to



the carts. A sort of framework extension was fitted round the top of the carts to give a wider and longer base on which a large stack of hay could be piled, and it was then taken to the barn or stack yard, with a man riding on the top to keep the hay down. This getting in of the hay was often quite a social event, even though it was very hard work, with neighbours willingly lending a hand to the farmers. My father entered into this with enjoyment, generally helping in the meadow alongside our house which belonged to the farm next door. The farmer was John Hadfield, a somewhat morose man, with red hair and beard. His wife was a very plump, pleasant woman, quiet and shy, with a round, smiling face, and she wore a long, black dress and an old fashioned bonnet.

She was a kindly person and I liked her, possibly because she now and again gave me samples of cake she had been making, but I was rather afraid of her husband, old Johnny, although I can't recollect why. The helpers at the hay harvest gave their services free, of course, but the farmer was supposed to supply beer and some food when the hay was gathered in. The harvesters partook of this in a corner of the field or in the stack yard. It was great fun for the children to play in the hay, and I believe I have been in most of the barns in the district, supposedly packing and consolidating the hay as it was thrust up through the barn door, but in reality throwing it about and burying each other in it. The meadows were full of flowers and sweet scents, and around mid-summer there was the rasping call of the corncrake which disappeared from here 40 years ago. We bought our milk from the farm next door, and mother would put a bowl or jug on the flat wall separating the two flights of back steps, and these would be filled by Mrs Hadfield when the milk was ready. Occasionally she would make butter in



a hand churn which produced a monotonous thumping noise as the handle was turned. The butter had rather a salty

taste, but we preferred it to shop butter, and it was cheaper, of course. To be continued.....

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**Vinny Simpson** who has been a 'church strimmer' for 10 years has finally decided to retire and the Church Wardens and all the members of the church wish to thank him for his handiwork. Many come to sit at the graveside of their loved ones or simply walk through with or without a dog to enjoy the peace or the fantastic view of the Cheshire Plain so it is thanks to him and the others in the team that they can do this.



## From The Register

### Baptism

15th July

Alfie Oscar Mitchell

16th July

Shiloh Catterall  
Rowan Catterall

Jaxon James Stafford Kenyon

24th July

Josephine Ava West

### Funerals

We remember before God and commend to his love and mercy

:

Jean Mutter Scott on 8th July

Joanne Probert on 12th July

Ellen Greenhough on 18th July at the Crematorium

Lisa Hallworth 22nd July St Martin,

Jean Potts on 12th August.



# Church Rotas

## Stewards Rota

<b>Date</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>
4 Sept	P Cooke	M Lowe & M Williams	J Shiel
11 Sept	A Mason	P Forbes & L Forbes	R Holt
18 Sept	J Butterworth	A Allcard & H Ruffell	J Shiel
25 Sept	P Cunningham	R Elliott & J Elliott	R Holt
2 Oct	P Cooke	I Hamilton & C Hamilton	J Shiel

## Flower Rota

4 Sept Diana Cole  
11 Sept Joyce Moss  
18 Sept Joan Combey  
25 Sept Allwyn Owen

2 Oct Harvest  
9 Oct Harvest  
16 Oct Jill Baker  
23 Oct Alison Dowdeswell  
30 Oct Alison Allcard

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 only.

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