

OUTLOOK



Mad March Hare painted by Gill Barrett



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH 2023

5 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday of Lent	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer (Parish Centre)
8 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)
12 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of Lent	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer (Parish Centre)
13 Mon	10.45-12 noon	Coffee & Chat (Parish Centre)
15 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)
19 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
4th Sunday of Lent/Mothering Sunday	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong
20. Mon	7.30pm	Peter Cunningham Concert (Parish Centre)
22 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)
22 Wed	7.30pm	AGM Friends of Parish Centre
25 Sat	10am-3.00pm	Big Clean up for Easter at Church
25 Sat	2pm-5pm	Rose Queen Event Parish Centre
26 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
5th Sunday of Lent	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	4.00pm	Churches Together Bible Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer (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

View from the Hill

by Rev Liz Shercliff



Ten days is a long time in the Church of England, it seems. On 10 January Philip North, currently Bishop of Burnley and a member of the Society of St Wilfrid and St Hilda, who not only reject the ordination of women as priests and bishops but will not take communion from male bishops who have ordained women, was announced as the new Bishop of Blackburn. Ten days later the bishops announced they wanted to introduce prayers of blessing for same sex couples. In early February a vicar from our own diocese became a ‘flying bishop’ to minister to those churches who will not accept women’s ministry. So, what are we to say about a church that on the one hand seems inclusive and on the other decidedly is not?

The first thing to say, is that St Thomas’ Mellor has agreed to be inclusive. We welcome people of all genders, races and abilities. But we are part of the wider Church of England, which seems to be increasingly divided.

It seems to me that the point of disagreement is more fundamental than who is ‘in’ and who is not. It hinges on whether or not our Christian faith changes with time, and to what extent. An analogy that I find helpful is a hand. If we see our faith as something to be grasped, protected by a closed hand, there is a risk that the hand becomes a defensive fist, ready to resist all challenges. If we hold our faith with an open hand we leave it open to winds of change. Some of them may be secular, as critics of recent changes have claimed. But some of those winds might be the Spirit, guiding us forward. The open hand will always have to gauge the wind, test its direction and source. But the closed hand can never embrace change – and some change is very good.

The Revd Liz has announced that after almost 14 years in the post of Director of Studies for Readers in Chester Diocese, she will be stepping down at the end of March. Liz has overseen the training of hundreds of people. She will be moving on to new opportunities.

St. Thomas' Ministry Team ~ Thank you for all you have done for us.



Rev. Barbara Webb



Rev. Ann Hyde



Rev. Liz Shercliff



Rev. Angie Stanton



Rev. Giselle Rusted

We are delighted to say that we have a new Vicar for St Thomas' and will inform you of the details as soon as we are given permission.



ArchDeacon of Macclesfield - Ian Bishop



Dave Shercliff - Reader



Chris Mann Church Warden



Judith Shiel Church Warden



Rachel Howling Church Warden

We thank you all for your untiring diligence over the last 6 months. We are fully aware that the team is much larger than the one shown here ~ whether those providing their musical skills; their I.T. skills especially through Covid and since: those producing concerts or services; those bringing the Venturers Group 'back to life'; those producing the beautiful floral displays; those ministering to the sick and the bereaved; those keeping our beautiful church clean and/or repaired; those who have kept the churchyard as neat and tidy as the weather would allow and those who's skills have been used online or in the office and finally those simply offering advice from their experiences. If you feel someone's photograph should be included on this page before it is inserted into Outlook ~ to introduce the Village to our new or not so new faces please let the Editors know.

Mellor Birds



Four **ring necked parakeets** were seen flying past at eye level by Ian and Christine in High Lane, which would have been quite something to experience. They are large green birds with a long tail, red beak, and black and pink ring around their neck and squawk very loudly. So far I have not heard of one within Mellor Parish boundary.



Recently Peter came back from a walk on Low Lea Road and said there was a **little owl** on a chimney. I was very excited about this. When we asked David about it, he said they had it put there over ten years ago when the chimney was rebuilt. They had bought the owl to try and stop pigeons nesting in the barn but rather than frightening the pigeons away, they used to snuggle up to it! I was surprised I had not noticed it before.

Then I spied a stone **penguin** in a front garden not more than hundred yards from my own front door, which apparently has been there for years too. Moral of story is to keep looking, you never know what you will find and have been missing for years. I looked for birds in my garden for an hour at the end of January for the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch.



I saw two **blackbirds**, two **jackdaws**, two **dunnocks**, one **coal tit**, one **blue tit** and four **house sparrows**. I was frustrated that birds that usually come did not turn up. I was very tempted to include what I saw in next doors garden (one **goldfinch**, two **wood pigeons**, one **crow**, one **magpie**, two **starlings** and a **robin**), but I didn't.

I am hopeful of seeing more interesting birds at the

'Mellor's Got Talent'
on March 11th.



Maggie Williams





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A Hymn For Today

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.



Chorus

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word
alone has

power to
save us.

Make us

your living voice.



3. Longing for food, many are hungry.

**Longing for water,
many still thirst.**

Make us your bread
broken for others,
shared until
all are fed.



4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your
building, sheltering
others,
walls made of living stone.



**5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to
belong.**

Let us be servants to
one another,
making your kingdom
come.



Bernadette Farrell,

This hymn was chosen by a member of the Congregation after we had sung it a little while ago. If you have a favourite or inspiring hymn, a poem, or piece of prose etc. and could tell us about it or simply enter it into the magazine we would be delighted to receive it.

Turkish Earthquake



Churches Together in Marple.

Churches Together website has links to charities supporting the Earthquake disaster, where to take things to support Ukraine, a list of warm spaces and news of the Justice and Peace Group.

It also reported the death of David Matthews husband of Maureen who did so much work for the Justice and Peace group and MESS, now called Climate Action in Marple.

Churches Together Bible Service

The service this year will be on Sunday March 26th at 4.00 pm, and it will be held at Mellor. Do join in this annual service to celebrate the Bible and its place in our Christian lives.

Laughs with Lynda

My house mates are convinced our house is haunted.
I've lived here for 274 years and not noticed anything strange.

Five ants wanted to rent my house. Then another five joined them.
Now they're tenants together.

I've just seen a car being driven by a sheep in a swimsuit.
It was a lamb bikini.

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The Parish Centre

The Parish Centre has been open for just over twenty years. It is not only a major asset for the wider community but also a very valuable facility for the Church. It is busy with art, pilates, yoga and karate classes as well as business meetings, small conferences, wedding receptions and parties celebrating children's birthdays through to Golden Weddings. The Women's Institute and the local history group have regular meetings. The church uses the Centre for evening prayer and a mid-week Holy communion service, choir practices and Sunday morning coffee.

Although the building is owned by the Church its purpose from the start was to be a resource for the whole community.

Right from the outset arrangements were made to manage the financial viability of the Centre using two committees: the Parish Centre Management Committee, who look after the day to day running and maintenance of the Centre, and the Friends Committee who organise fund-raising events. Over the years both committees have comprised a wide range of local people, not all 'churchgoers' by any means. With a 'rolling' change of committee members this worked well for a long time.

The Friends Committee has been a huge success story in that it has consistently managed to raise enough money year on year to more than cover the shortfall between income from letting fees and expenditure. Running the building costs money – it is an old building needing on-going maintenance, and energy bills are high, particularly now.

The Centre's future depends on the continuation of the excellent work of these two committees, which brings us to the issue: most of the current committee members have served way beyond their normal three year spell, partly due to the Covid hiatus which put the Centre out of use for a long spell. **It is time for new blood; serving committee members are aware that, realistically, they are running out of energy. It would be great to have some input from a younger generation with new ideas, new skills and a desire to help our local area thrive.**

If you are 'community minded', if you have ideas about how we could generate more use of the Centre, or think you could organise fund-raising events, you could give the Centre a bright future by joining one of the committees. There is some work involved, but it is actually enjoyable!

We would, of course, give full support to any new faces, with advice and practical help. If you are interested, and feel you could make a difference, get in touch with **Peter Lowe** 427 6589, **Mike Barley** 427 4370 or any committee member via the Parish Centre office 484 5079.



Mellor Rose Queen presents...



MELLOR'S GOT TALENT

The RETURN

**Saturday
11th March 2023**

Mellor Parish Centre

Doors 7pm, Showtime 7.30pm, Licensed Bar

**Ticketing info to follow - watch out for posters
and social media!**

**If you have an act for the show (5 min) then please
email Tom Howling on t.howling@nhs.net**

by February 14th

Richmond Maids of Honour

Jill Baker

Having a flat not far from Richmond, I have wanted to make these tarts for a long time. Some recipes have cream cheese in them but this is from the great Jane Grigson. She researched a recipe based on one of Theodora Fitzgibbons in the Art of British Cooking and feels they are the closest to the real thing.

You can halve the recipe (use 1 large egg)

500g A pack of puff pastry

300ml / 1/2 pt milk

4 level tablespoons bread or cake crumbs

125g / 4oz butter cubes

Grated rind of 1 lemon

60 / 2oz ground almonds

2oz sugar

3 standard eggs

Legend has it that 'Maids of Honour' were brought to notoriety by Henry VIII who so loved their 'melt-in-the-mouth' sensation, he took the recipe and kept it under lock and key at Richmond



This recipe makes 24 - 30 tarts depending on the size of your tins.

Roll out the pastry thinly and line the tins, put these to chill whilst you make the fillings.

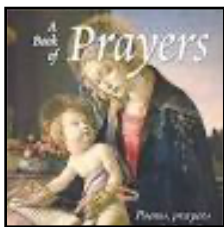
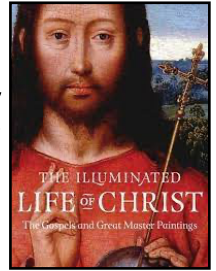
Preheat the oven to gas 6 / 200C. Put the milk and crumbs in a pan, bring to the boil then remove from the heat and leave for 5 mins. Beat in the butter, sugar, ground almonds and lemon rind. Beat in the eggs.

Half to 3/4 fill the pastry case and bake for about 15 minutes in the hot oven. The filling should be patched golden brown. You want to get the the pastry brown and contracting from the tins in a shortest time possible. Although there is no cheese in them they do have the consistency of curd cheese tart.

Ed: These are just like you get at Newens Cafe "The Original Maids of Honour Cafe" opposite Kew Gardens. One feels like it is an historic recipe.

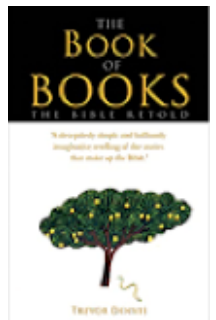
Giving Up and Taking Up

When this appears we will already be well into Lent and quite likely finding our 'giving up and doing without' resolutions difficult. Another way to approach Lent is to take something up – putting aside more time for prayer, getting outside to appreciate the countryside or reading more. The church library might come in useful for this. It is in the Bartlett Room in the Parish Centre (next to the kitchen) and contains several hundred books on diverse subjects. If you want to read one piece each day on a specific theme *The Illuminated Life of Christ: the Gospels and Great Master Paintings* might appeal (Library No. 14). It follows the life of Jesus from the Annunciation and Nativity through his life, ministry and Crucifixion to the Resurrection and Ascension. The Bible text for each topic is given and each is illustrated with a painting by a major artist, mostly from the mediaeval and early modern periods. Also well



illustrated is *A Book of Prayers: Poems, Prayers and Thoughts for Every Day* compiled and edited by C. P Taylor (Library No. 19). It is divided into sections – praise, guidance, forgiveness, peace, healing and children's prayers and each contains a series of readings from the Bible, Common Prayer, hymns and poems. The illustrations are drawn from a very wide

range of artists and styles. Either of these would be worth dipping into. For something to read right through, *The Book of Books: the Bible Retold* (Library No. 28) by Trevor Dennis might fit the bill. Dennis was, at the time of writing on the staff, of Chester Cathedral and had previously taught at a theological college. He has written several books, and this one is a series of Bible readings put into simplified language, with helpful explanatory comments. This might be a useful book to read with children, though as with so many children's books, there is something there for adults as well. A meatier read is David Norton *The*



King James Bible: a short history from Tyndale to today (Library No. 16) which is a detailed consideration of the translation of the Bible into English, focusing particularly on the AV (KJB or KJV). The 16th century saw the first complete Bible

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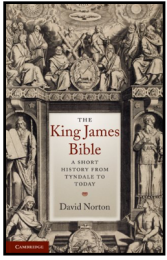
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conference with the aim of producing a Bible which would deal with religious dissension and provide a better translation. Groups of scholars worked on each Bible book and the work was later revised. The whole was first issued in 1611 and numerous editions with corrections were made in the following two centuries.

The next major attempt to establish an authoritative text was that of the Revised Version of the 1880s but this has never been regarded with as much affection as the KJB. Many other new translations have been made since, as language is constantly changing and the need for Scripture in intelligible modern language becomes evident. There are lots of other interesting books in the library, so do have a look. If you borrow one, please sign it out on the relevant sheet in the folders (each book has a number on the inside and there is a sheet for each number). And **PLEASE BRING THE BOOK BACK** and initial the sheet to say you have done so! *Judith Shiel.*

Appeal for Stylist coats

As a member of the Independent Monitoring Board at HMP Styal, I am granted direct access to this women's prison.

The women - and particularly those that work outside in the gardens - are desperately in need of serviceable coats.

If any Outlook readers have any surplus coats, jackets or anoraks - (they don't need to be specifically for women) - could they please drop them off in the Church office where Val and her helpers have very kindly offered to house them until I take them into the prison?

Many thanks,

Andy Sokill (One of the bell-ringers).

"Let the man who has two coats," Jesus answered,
"give one to the man who has none;"





Captain Ken

Ken Owen

Just as I was about to retire my good friend, the late Mark Singleton, Landlord of the 'Ring'O Bells' in Marple, purchased the 'Bell', a 72 foot passenger narrowboat. He asked if I would help to train and qualify his crew for the 49 passenger boat.

Interestingly, Mark's father Ron, who was once landlord of the 'Navigation' pub in Marple was the only member of the late Blue Funnel Association who had actually sailed as a crew member of the famous S.S. 'Nestor', Blue Funnel Line's tall funnelled passenger ship that had dictated the road height of the Sydney Harbour Bridge when it was built.



I contacted the Government's Maritime and Coast Guard Agency regarding my application to be captain of a canal barge. I was pleased to discover that the Examiner of Masters and Mates, to whom I was referred, had

once been my Second Mate on a large Container Ship (and a very good one too, I might add). He said, 'Ken, you are totally qualified to take command of the 'Q.E.2' or the largest ocean going ship, but if you want to take more than 12 passengers on the Macclesfield Canal, you will have to be examined for a 'Boat Master's certificate.

This I duly did, after attending Malcolm Allcard's very efficient canal boat school at Top Lock. Demonstrating an ability to turn the boat round in the very limited winding holes, and for the 'Search and Rescue' part, knowing the numbers of the nearest road bridges so ambulances could be summoned in the event of emergency.

I thought that while the examiner was in Marple Bridge he might be interested to see the remains of the water wheel driven corn mill, by the river, as it was once owned by Captain Flowerdew who was a master in the Elder Dempster shipping Company. He had died at sea, and was buried in Takorady, West Africa, and in his will he left a prize for the best cadet of the year. It was a sextant and called the Flowerdew Memorial Prize. 'Good Heavens',

said the Examiner, 'I actually won the Flowerdew prize sextant and never knew anything of it's history'.

Some amusement was caused in London, at the Honourable Company of Master mariners, of which I am a Livery Member, and particularly when my colleague, was appointed Master of the Queen's Barge, and although a Captain and a Senior Thames Pilot, also had to be examined for a Boat Master's Certificate.

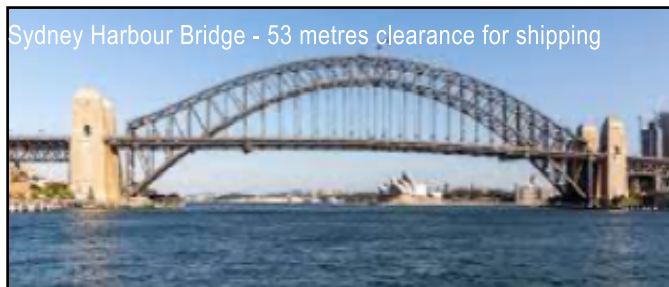
I must add that the 'Bell' cruises between Marple and Whaley Bridge were very pleasant and several thousand people enjoyed them. I recollect one particularly memorable cruise. A lovely evening, black tie gathering with beautiful music, and a female singer, and a gorgeous view towards the peak district hills. Then it started to rain and as all the hatch doors had to be closed, I was left alone

outside in the rain, steering the boat. I had been quite amused when the Maritime and Coastguard Examiner had said I could take the 'Q.E.2' tomorrow, because it reminded me of an incident several years before when



Liverpool Bay

I was Captain of the 'Liverpool Bay' then one of the largest Container ships in the world, and we were calling at Keelung, at a new container berth for Taipei in Taiwan. We could only just fit in. As we were leaving the berth I asked the Pilot to proceed out stern first and then swing the ship round, with the assistance of a tug. He said 'Yes that's OK but the only other Captain that's asked to do it that way, was on the 'Q.E.2' who had just made a maiden call on a world cruise'. Strangely we were the exact same dimensions as the 'Q.E.2', the maximum size allowed for the Panama Canal.



Sydney Harbour Bridge - 53 metres clearance for shipping

Mellor Church Women's Evening Fellowship

Last month our speaker, Kay Kelly, gave us some fascinating insights into the work of Walthew House in Stockport which is an independent local charity helping those experiencing sight or hearing loss. She left us some leaflets which we have placed in the Parish Centre so that if you or someone you know might benefit from this service you can find the details there. She also provided some more comprehensive information packs, please let me know if you would like one (07870 134545). They are very



Judi handing over a cheque for £645

positive and proactive in their approach, for example running free half day courses on "Making the Most of your Hearing" and "Making the Most of your Sight".

This month is our AGM and lunch at Peruga at Mellor and Townscliffe Golf Club on March 8th so we do not have a speaker but look forward to welcoming members and enjoying time - and food - together.

Lesley Fatcher

From the Registers



Funerals



We remember before God and commend to his love and mercy:

Monday 16th January – Dorothy Harrison

Thursday 2nd February – Brenda Heeds

Monday 13th February – Robert Bennett



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Church Times

A quote (from the chaplain of an Oxford College) in the Church Times in January (i.e. before the recent General Synod) – “The experience of praying for bishops to do right by LGBTQ+ people is a bit like putting my dog out in the garden to pee. It ought to be easy, but you wouldn’t believe how long it can actually take in real life. Once again, I’m at the back door in the cold, **waiting**.
Dear Lord”.

Sent in by a member of the congregation

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Magic Penny Song

A favourite Primary School song
by Malvina Reynolds

“Love is something if you give it away,
Give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away,
You end up having more.”

“Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children.....And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.”

Excerpts from Michel Quoist’s

Prayers of Life

Lord, why did you tell me to love all men, my brothers? I have tried, but I come back to you, frightened... Lord, I was so peaceful at home, I was so comfortably settled. It was well furnished, and I felt cozy. I was alone, I was at peace. Sheltered from the wind, the rain, the mud. I would have stayed unsullied in my ivory tower.

There are two loves only, Lord,
Love of myself and love of you and of others,
And each time that I love myself,
it's a little less love for you and for others,
It's a draining away of love,
It's a loss of love,
For love is made to leave self and
fly towards others.
Each time it's diverted to myself, it
withers, rots and dies.
What is more serious, Lord, is that love of
self is a stolen love.
It was destined for others; they needed
it to live, to thrive, and I have diverted it.
So the love of self creates human suffering,
Help me to love, Lord, not to waste my
powers of love, to love myself less and less
in order to love others more and more,
That around me, no one should suffer or
die because I have stolen the love they
need to live.

Open Gardens in Marple

Saturday and Sunday **8th & 9th July 2023**

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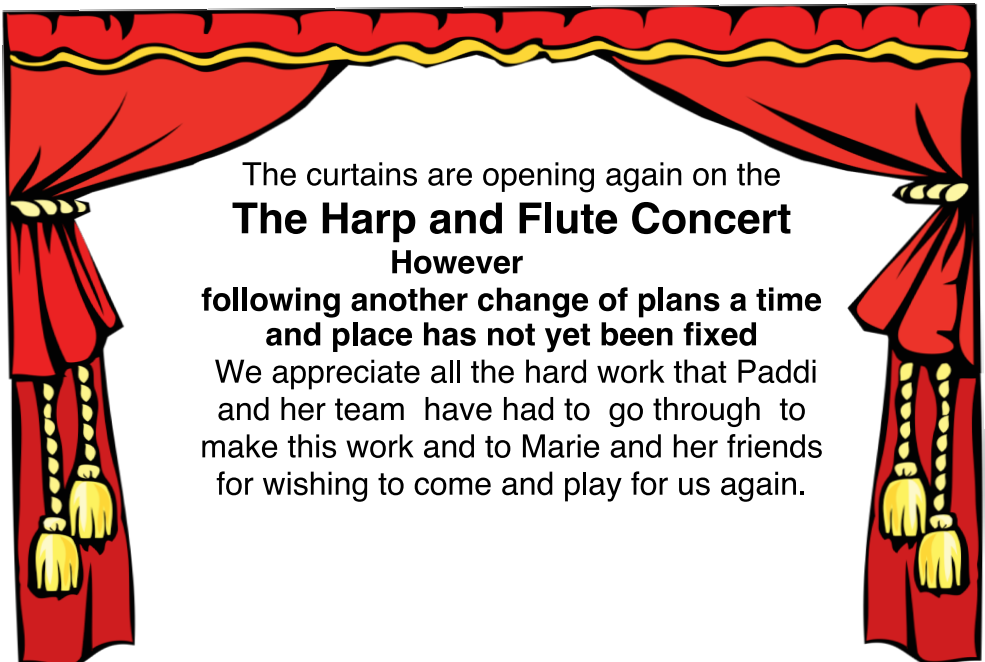
Save The Date



Mellor Church Fete
SATURDAY JUNE 24th



We are delighted to announce the new Rose Queen to be crowned at the fete will be Molly Scott.



The curtains are opening again on the
The Harp and Flute Concert

**However
following another change of plans a time
and place has not yet been fixed**

We appreciate all the hard work that Paddi and her team have had to go through to make this work and to Marie and her friends for wishing to come and play for us again.



DIARY OF A TRAINEE ANNA CHAPLAIN

Last week I started my online training to become an Anna chaplain: to learn about ministry for older people. My fellow trainees have varied backgrounds - some have worked in medicine, others were teachers or social workers, most have experience of befriending or caring for a special older person. It was a pleasant surprise to learn that we come from all different denominations. Our only common attribute was a vocation to serve in this dedicated role! It seems clear to me that the Holy Spirit is extremely active in this regard.....

Finally, the “Anna Chaplaincy” prayer- it’s a source of inspiration to me and I hope it speaks to you too:

Faithful God - You have promised in Christ to be with us to the end of time. Come close to those who have lived long and experienced much. Help them to continue to be faithful and, within the all-age kingdom of God, to find ways to go on giving and receiving your grace, day by day. For your Glory and your Kingdom. Amen

Alison Dowdeswell

FRIDAY STROLLERS

For our Spring walks we are heading a little further and will be meeting in Hayfield.

Meet at 10.15 at the Sett Valley Trail Car Park. Station Road. Hayfield. (Turn left before the bypass. Marmalade Coffee house on the corner. SAT NAV takes you onto the bypass!) Cash needed for parking.

Friday 10th March

Friday 17th March

Friday 24th March



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Please come

Date: Sunday 23rd April 2023

Time: Doors open at 12 noon with talks from 1.00pm

Venue: Bradshaw Hall, Marple Hall School, Hilltop Drive, Marple, Stockport, SK6 6LB

This is an opportunity to face the challenges that climate change will bring and plan together as a community. To help us plan for the event, please book your free place on Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-crisis-event-tickets-537545492037?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

For more information, go to <https://climateactionmarple.org.uk/>



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Thursdays

10am -1pm at THE SEED COMMUNITY CAFÉ Marple Methodist Church, Marple SK6 7AY
5.30 – 8 pm at CONNECT Queen Street, Marple SK6 6BQ
A Free supper Tea and Coffee

Fridays

2.30 - 5.30 pm at THE SEED COMMUNITY CAFÉ Methodist Church, Marple SK6 7AY
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Saturdays

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GIVING HEART FELT THANKS

We have now sent the donations to the charities we supported in last year's Church Charity scheme. (If you recall we chose

MISSION TO SEAFARERS:

EDUCAID- helping education projects in Sierra Leone

UNHCR- the United Nations refugee agency

HAEMATOLOGY & TRANSPLANT UNIT-Christies hospital)

Each charity has received a cheque for £462.25, meaning that last year we raised nearly £2000 together! Here's a reply from the UNHCR: *Thank you for standing with refugees, especially during this time. Your support will help to provide lifesaving aid and protection for families forced to flee, and your kindness will let them know that they are in your heart and in your thoughts."*

Thank you to all who support this scheme. By giving in this way we can try to "Love your neighbour as yourself."

Alison Dowdeswell

P.S. To join in giving, please see February OUTLOOK or contact Richard Elliott (our Church Treasurer).

The Big Clean Up for Easter Saturday 25th March 10am - 3pm

Please come and help with the **"The Big Clean Up for Easter"** when we clean, dust and polish the church ready for Easter. Everyone is welcome, all ages, male and female, to join the Holy Dusters for an hour or two. Refreshments will be available.

Ed: Ian from the choir told me a visitor to the Church said "It was the cleanest Church they had been to". Tall people who can reach up to the high cobwebs are especially welcome to the clean up. MW





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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

As we see the wondrous renewal of nature all around us, we can't help but respond to its reviving energy - you can feel it in our congregation! And added to this Spring's excitement, is the joy of our new vicar appointment.

As the bulbs deep in the ground begin their push upwards, let us use this time of Lent to become aware of God's love lying deep within us, and let us endeavor to also push His love upwards and be new shoots of God's love in the world around us.

Happy Springtime!

Chris Mann

The World Day of Prayer

This year the service is on Friday March 3rd at 2.00 pm at Holy Spirit church, which is on Leigh Avenue Marple. The event used to be called The Women's World Day of Prayer, but this was felt to imply that men were not welcome at the service. This isn't so – the point is that the service is entirely constructed by women.

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12 March	A Mason	S McAllister & C Starling	R Holt
19 March	J Butterworth	P Long & A Muller	A Shah
26 March	P Cunningham	P Forbes & L Forbes	J Shiel
2 April	P Cooke	M. Lowe & M Williams	R Holt

Please arrange your own substitute. If this is not possible email Rachel- redwards@nhs.net

Flower Rota

5 March	Lent	2 April	Lent
12 March	Lent	9 April	Easter Flowers
19 March	Mothering Sunday	16 April	Easter Flowers
26 March	Lent	23 April	Jill Baker
		30 April	Julie Elliott

If you wish to change a date, need a key or have any query, please contact Jill Baker (07881 902533 or jillbaker427@hotmail.com).

Holy Dusters

5 March	J Cooper & A Muller
12 March	A Allcard & J Jones
19 March	L & J Futchter
26 March	H Kennedy & M Lowe
2 April	J Burrows & E Wilson

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