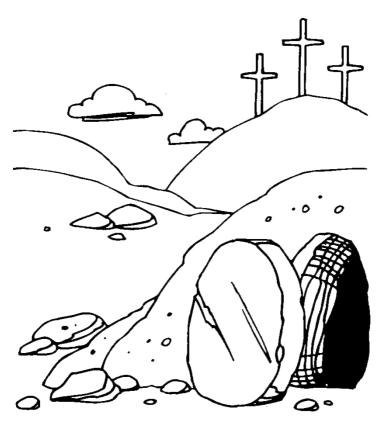


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL 2023

2 Sun Palm Sunday	8.30 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer (Parish Centre)
4 Tues 5 Wed 6 Maundy Thursday 7 Good Friday	7.00 pm 10.00 am 8.00 pm 10.00 am 5.00 pm	Seder Meal (Parish Centre) Holy Communion (Parish Centre) Choral Eucharist and washing of feet. Proclamation of the Cross Churches Together walk to the Cross from Linnet Clough Scout Camp.
9 Sun Easter Day	6.30 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Dawn Communion in the Churchyard followed by breakfast in Parish Centre. Easter Parish Communion Evening Prayer (Parish Centre)
12 Wed 15 Sat	10.00 am 9.30 am-1.00 pm	Holy Communion (Parish Centre) Plant Sale. (Parish Centre)
16 Sun 2nd Sunday of Easter	8.30 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer (Parish Centre)
Dates to be rearranged	10.45-12 noon	Coffee & Chat (Parish Centre)
19 Wed 21 Fri	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Holy Communion (Parish Centre) Wellspring Piano recital. (Parish Centre)
22 Sat	7.00 pm	Vintage Fashion Show.
23 Sun 3rd Sunday of Easter	8.30 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Choral Evensong
26 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)
30 Sun 4th Sunday of Easter	8.30 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer (Parish Centre)

Coffee and Chat dates to be changed due to Easter Monday & Coronation Bank Holiday
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



As I sit and compose this piece it is from a different Hill, Werneth Low, I can actually see the Hill that St Thomas' nestles into. We have just travelled back through the magnificent Welsh Hills and snow capped mountains from Portmeirion where we have had some very much needed R&R. Our outward journey took us via Chester Zoo, a place I have visited every year since I was born. So much so that I don't actually need a map to navigate my way round this wonderful zoo.

I can remember many animals that are no longer there such as the Polar bears, the sea lions and the Gorilla. Chester Zoo attempts to do what it says in the creation stories, it acts as a steward and care taker of God's creatures. It's vision is to help with preservation of the animal kingdom, so much so that it will not take an animal from the wild and put it in captivity, only those animals that are bred in captivity. They stopped having the polar bears because they suffered from depression, cooped up, in such a small enclosure. God did not give the earth to human kind and then walk away but expects us to be responsible stewards over the glory of his creation, in which He remains present and active. We didn't quite see two of everything, as in Noah's ark but we got the opportunity to marvel at the wonderful creatures God has created and admire the incredible diversity of the animal kingdom. We saw two lionesses and a very proud lion. We ventured into the bat cave. It was difficult to know how many bats there were but we were definitely dive bombed by a couple. There were new twin tiger cubs but we could only see them via CCTV. They will be coming out to play in April.

In Genesis, we learn that everything God created he was pleased with and that it was good. Adam was created alongside Eve in Genesis. The Hebrew word for seed is zera and it is used 6 times in Genesis. The presence of zera means that each plant, each creature will reproduce its own kind. Jesus' genealogy in Luke includes Adam (Luke 38; 1 Chronicles 1:1 and Romans 5:12). God was pleased with them, and they were good! They were good until they displeased God.

Genesis provides us with many challenges when we read it through different lenses. Adam and Eve were equally culpable of committing the first sin and yet more commonly the finger has been pointed at Eve. However Paul refers to Adam numerous times in 1 Corinthians 15: 12 – 49. He speaks of the old Adam and the New Adam (Christ). Paul is not pointing the finger directly at Adam alone. He is however pointing to the sin brought into the world which we ourselves commit

For as in Adam all die, so all in Christ shall be made alive (1 Corinthians 15:22). The first man Adam became a living being; the last Adam became a life giving Spirit (1 Corinithains 15:45). The first man Adam was from earth, a man of dust; the second man Jesus is from heaven (1 Corintians 15:47). Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we also bear the image of the man of heaven.

Throughout the Old Testament God reaches out to humankind, his beloved creation in an attempt to reconcile humankind to Himself but we failed miserably to respond to the guidance he gave. He sent all sorts of people such as Abraham, Moses and prophets to make his bidding but we always fell at the first hurdle.

Paul states that sin came into the world through Adam. Sin ruptured our relationship with God, with one another and ourselves. In Romans 5:12 Paul makes several comparisons between Adam and Jesus, both are literally heads of humanity who bring certain consequences for humankind.

The man Adam brings death and disharmony, guilt and condemnation to all who are in him. However, as we look towards Easter and the crucifixion we see God's own solution to redeeming us. As we look towards that dark hour, we come to understand that God in Christ brings everlasting life, righteousness, justification and forgiveness. Jesus Christ is the second Adam and both

Adams are inextricably linked.

The new Covenant that God has made with us is that he allows us to remorsefully go to the foot of the cross and to place all those things that burden us. Christ takes those burdens from us, forgives us and says that we can have another chance of getting it right.

Whatever burdens you may be carrying it is important that you let them go because if God in Christ can forgive you then you must forgive yourself too. Draw a line in the sand and move on. In fact, it is essential that you accept this gift from Christ Jesus because if you do not then you negate the value of Him opening his arms wide upon the cross and sacrificing Himself for you. It's also a buy one get one free; not only are you forgiven but by believing in Christ and following Him you receive Eternal life.



Holy Week services are as follows :-

Sunday 2nd April Palm Sunday

Tuesday 4th April 7.00pm a Seder Meal in the Parish Centre (please sign up to attend)

Thursday 6th April 8.00pm Maundy Thursday

Eucharist, including washing of feet followed by a 1-hour Vigil in the Lady Chapel.

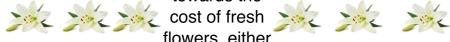
Friday 7th April 10.00am Good Friday service of word and music.

Friday 7th April 5.00pm Walk to the Cross from Linnet Clough Scout Camp.

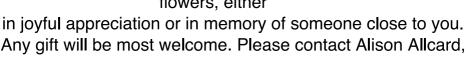
Easter Sunday 9th April 6.30am Dawn Holy Communion in Churchyard followed by breakfast in Parish Centre. Easter Sunday 9th April 10.00am Holy Communion.

Easter Church Flowers

The glorious festival of Easter is upon us. The flower team are looking forward to decorating the church on Easter Saturday once again in celebration. They will welcome any donation towards the



flowers, either



Any gift will be most welcome. Please contact Alison Allcard, Cathie Lowe, Jill Baker, or Angela Muller.

Thank you

Coats for Styal.

Andy Sokill

BIG thank-you to all those who donated coats for the women in HMP Styal.

The response was brilliant and greatly appreciated by everyone.

Again, many thanks.

Mellor Birds

Maggie Williams

Highlight of the month has to be Iolo Williams coming to 'Mellor's Got Talent', to help with the 5 minute 'Big Mellor Birdwatch.' With his help we saw Mallard, Tufted duck,

Green Woodpecker, Collared Dove, Swan with Cygnets, Snowy Owl, Blackbird, Sparrow, Seagull with chips, Hoopoe and Osprey. All of which flew out of a tree that looked a bit like Catherine S. Afterwards Judge Greg said he was speechless,

Judge Jim said something about Twits and animal cruelty as the birds surfed through the audience. Judge Jane said nice things. The same day Chris saw in her garden on Longhurst Lane (sort of opposite Damsteads), Blue tits,



Goldfinches, Siskins, 6 Redpolls, 2 Greenfinches, Great Tits, Coal Tit, Blackbirds and Mr and Mrs Bullfinch. They are fed on Sunflower hearts. What a day! If you would like to knit some birds I have some patterns I would be happy to share.

Dancing Seagulls Jenny Mason.

I recently spent time on the Isle of Anglesey. One of the highlights was seeing different birds coming to explore for food around the patio table (something I do not see at home due to having two cats).

Each morning a robin came, along with blue tits, a little wren, starlings, blackbirds and also seagulls. But the gulls were on the grass and seemed to be standing in small hollows, paddling! Then we realised there were many more of them on the grassy areas doing the same thing - strange, - and to us, unusual.

Google to the rescue! Answer - they were 'dancing seagulls!' Apparently this is normal behaviour and is a ritual carried out in order to fool worms. By 'dancing' on the grass, the gulls imitate rain falling and worms, thinking that it is raining, come up to the surface for the clever gulls to then feed upon!

If you go onto YouTube, and put in 'dancing seagulls' you can see this being done, to the accompaniment of 'Riverdance' music or Michael Jackson's 'Manic'.

Highly amusing!

Perhaps you might see some 'dancing' next time you spot gulls feeding on a grassy area.



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The Mellor March 2023



The Mellor March this year will celebrate the crowning of King Charles III and be a special Coronation March on Sunday 30th April.

The March has raised over £200,000 for cancer charities and hopefully this will be a bumper year. Ahead of the March, £2,000 has recently been donated to Stage4DeservesMore, the Chapel en le Frith based charity.

As there are choices of four routes, walkers can register at The Devonshire Arms, the Royal Oak, The Hare and Hounds or Oddfellows. This allows the option of the original Mellor boundary



route of just 10 miles or shorter distances. The brewery at Thornsett also wants to be involved this year so there is the possibility of an extra spur as well as activities at the Little Mill. While walkers set off from 9.30am onwards, most years some people have started after the Morning Service from the church.

Information can be found using the code above with the option to make donations even if you are unable to walk.



Ring for the king



The bell ringers of Mellor Church have been promoting the idea that Coronation events also support cancer charities.

This idea was endorsed by Andy Burnham Mayor of Greater Manchester on Radio Manchester and is praised by Bishop Sam. On Saturday, the 6th of May Coronation Chimes will again allow people to enjoy the belfry experience.

Details of timing yet to be released.

On St. Agatha's Day, February 5th £300 was raised in the Belfry for the Charity Stage4DeservesMore.

Please help support the bellringers.

MEMORIES OF THE CORONATION ON JUNE 2ND 1953?

Gifts were presented to all school children







The tiniest of screens watched by scores of family and friends

Large map on the wall to

follow the route of the

coronation coach



Scores of Street Parties



The central part of the Coronation



The Reception class was given a New Testament



My brother and his class were given the coach and horses by the Queen



My husband was given the above at his school. 20 years later, on return from our honeymoon, I dropped them all and only the saucer survived!

Do you have any similar memories to these? Would you like to send us pictures and records of how you and your familiy and friends spent the day that cheered up the nation as rationing came to an end and we were learning to put the country back together again.

Editor MML.



What a brilliant Night! Thank you for all the preparations and the clearing up but especially for all of the rehearsal time you have given to reach such high standard of performances. Ed.

















Rose Queen Daisy News. Mellor's Got Talent.



WOW WOW, what a great Saturday night at Mellor's Got Talent. Hope all that attended this event loved it as much I did. Such amazing talented acts performed on the stage and everyone was great. It was so hard to choose my Golden Buzzer act but 'Sister Ignatia' touched my heart, as I loved her song. The winners were 'Sign and Sing' who were amazing but all the acts were winners. Thank you to everyone who came and supported Mellor's Got Talent and helped raise money for two amazing charities the RNLI and the Seashell Trust. Also big thanks goes to Tom Howling, Ian Collyer, Peter Williams and all the crew for all their help and not only make the night happen but making this night an entertaining fabulous night.

Thanks again and see you all very soon, love Rose Queen Daisy xxxx

AS SEEN FROM COW CORNER

Wives and mothers have given their blessings for the menfolk of the village cricket club to embark on an ambitious cricket tour abroad. So it was on a damp mid March morning that the intrepid tourists met at Manchester airport for a flight to Frankfurt, where a change would be made for an onward flight to Corfu, where a pre-arranged three day game had been arranged.

At Manchester, and with a certain amount of embarrassment, the airport's public address system was brought into action to summon a couple of the team who had gone missing and were urgently required to report to the reception. Shame faced they appeared, to be met with ribald comments from the others in the group.

Cricket gear can be very bulky, but not so awkward as snowboarding equipment, so there were difficulties in getting the baggage through without incurring too much excess baggage charges.

There were no more problems when Frankfurt was reached and the party could transfer to the Corfu flight, but once again the public address system was called into use, albeit in German, to locate the same two recalcitrants.

Corfu was reached without any further mishaps, although the weather was the same as in Manchester, and it would be "Rain stopped play."

After a bonding session in the hotel bar and a first night's sleep, the team were conveyed to the ground. As customary with touring teams, the hosts invited the visitors to have first use of the batting strip. Nobody had thought to draw up a batting order, so lots were drawn, with strange results. The opening pair looked very odd as they were from either end of the age range, but not to worry, as it could be altered for the second innings.

The rain had, mercifully, stopped, and the game could commence on a pitch baked hard from many month's sunshine. Although the temperature could have been higher, it was over 20 degrees, there were ample drinks' breaks to satisfy all the thirsty players, particularly the fielders, who had to chase the ball towards the boundary on many occasions.

As the sun moved round to the west, and the shadows grew longer, it was time to pull stumps and repair to the bar in order to discuss the ifs and buts of the day's play.

Another day, another breakfast, was met with crumpled faces, as the team viewed the vast buffet laid before them. There was barley bread, to dip into wine, and figs and olives together with pancakes, honey and curdled milk. This was not the fare the team were used to, but as it had started to rain, there would be no play for some time and they might as well have a relaxing breakfast.

Play resumed on an intermittent basis as the scores of both sides increased during the day's play. It did leave plenty of time for the usual discussions to take place between the teams over a protracted evening meal, which, once again brought some crumpled faces on the production of dishes of souvlaki, moussaka and gyros.

All too soon it was time to thank the hosts and bid them farewell, to return to the wet awaiting in Mellor and contemplate the playing season ahead. Silly Point



St Thomas's has been collecting info about its buildings, the churchyard and activities, in order to assess the way we steward our resources; can we become more environmentally sustainable? We are very nearly at the point where we can apply to gain Bronze Eco Church status.

We would be really interested to hear about any projects or activities that you'd like us to advertise or take part in too. Please email the Parish Office with suggestions.

In the mean time, how about committing to one of these ideas for shaping our lives into a more low-impact, energy-reduced way:

- 1) Reducing the amount of meat you eat, even by one meal a week.
- Eating veg more seasonally, and early greens like Rocket and spring greens should be available without huge greenhouse heating energy.
- Don't forget to adjust your own house heating for warmer seasons, now you have acclimatised to saving on bills this winter!
 And for a bit of community fitness and outdoor activity.

why not save the date for the Mellor March. *30th April* Want more details? go to: https://mellor-march.org.uk

Laughs with Lynda

How late do the cows stay up to?

Pasture bedtime.

While I was out shopping, I saw an advert in the electrical store window.

It said, Flat Screen 54in T.V. for £1, volume stuck on full.

I thought there is no way I can turn that down.

A lorry load of Marmite has crashed on the M4. It's on the yeast bound carriageway.

'Moor End WI.

The WI started the new year with a visit from members of the Kinder Mountain Rescue based in Hayfield. There had long been a need for such services in our area. By 1964 there were 7 local teams based at Edale, Glossop, Greenfield, Woodhead, Kinder, Buxton and Derby, who supported each other when necessary. The Kinder team consists of approximately fifty well trained members and cover all the Plateau and areas out to the Macclesfield and Congleton borders. They volunteer for national emergencies too, such as the Toddbrook Dam incident. Over the years resources have improved greatly e.g., each member is now equipped with a radio, where previously a team would have 4 to share. It costs £2,000 to fully kit out each member and approximately £85,000 to replace a rescue vehicle, so any donations from the public are much appreciated.

Our guest speaker in February was local 'celebrity' Captain Ken Owen, who shared memories from his childhood and how he worked his way 'through the ranks'. His interest in sailing began at an early age, just before WW2, when his family managed to catch the last ferry from Calais. He went on to help with the pleasure boats at Marple Lakes and remembers US troops marching there prior to D Day. Keen to go to sea, he went as an apprentice with the Blue Funnel Line and achieved his 2nd mates ticket via Liverpool Technical College. Capt Ken regaled us with stories of Princess Chichibu, the Emperor of Japan sister in law and how he and wife Allwyn were guests at the palace in Tokyo. Allwyn had bought a gift of a Blue John pendant for the princess which was admired by everyone.

The evening was a great success but several church members were disappointed at missing Ken's talk. Anyone interested in our future WI meetings is welcome to come as a visitor for a very small fee.

On March 16th, Mark Llewellin, one of our favourite speakers and showbiz agent to many Northern artistes, visited us again. His highly amusing talk, given to a full house, was entitled You're Having a Laugh which indeed we all did have!

The last Luncheon group meeting in March, was at the Oddfellows, in Mellor and we hope to arrange more in the Spring months. The future events: Thursday April 20th, Kate Hill from Rowarth will talk about her life as a Shepherdess. Thursday May18th is a Social evening when members will also have their chance to vote for future WI campaigns. All are welcome to attend our main meetings in the Parish Centre which begin at 7.30 pm and are on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Or give our monthly luncheons or coffee mornings a try. It would be good to see some new faces

Pauline Hutchins 01663
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Here's a quick review of the Vision Cafe we held last month. Casting The Net Wide



Over the last 6 months Chester Diocese has been gathering lots of different discussion points and ideas from all parts of the region in order to best gauge how to direct our energies and resources. Several 'Vision Cafes' have been held, giving you a chance to chat through things that weigh on your heart, or to share things that excite hope and provide potential for welcoming new people to our communities and congregations. Our After-Service Coffee time was the perfect chance to gather our own anecdotes, and share a good conversation round various themes of church activity and



themselves, but there were lots of helpful comments submitted which I have collated and sent in as a group. They were received enthusiastically by the Diocesan team, and we await the review of the survey. There will be a special event held at Chester Cathedral on Saturday May 20th 11.00am to celebrate

Christian witness. Some people went away to fill in surveys



both congregation members and friends have suggested should be our priorities for welcome and connecting our wider communities. From our point of view, it was lovely to see so many engaging with both local issues and big themes,

sharing what has encouraged us, pointing out difficulties to be addressed, and posing some interesting challenges for the future.

this process of discerning the way ahead, and to review what



Many thanks for all your contributions. Clare J/PCC



A ship's Captain has a big variety of responsibilities, most people are aware. We are expected to conduct funerals, where necessary, but contrary to common

belief not actual weddings.

A great friend of mine, while master of a large passenger ship, was rudely awoken in the early hours following a very late passengers' party. 'Please Captain' said the young man responsible for waking him, covered in lipstick and bow tie at an angle, and his girl on his arm 'Will you marry us?'

'I'm afraid I'm not actually licenced to do that', replied my friend, 'but if you let me go back to bed I'll give you a cover note until the end of the voyage'.

On another occasion, while I was chief Officer on a ship, one of the passengers was a Church of England Rural Dean. He was returning home from Hong Kong where he had been helping the Mission to Seafarers. He had asked us if he could hold a Sunday morning Service for both passengers and crew to attend. Our Captain asked me to tactfully suggest to the Dean that, immediately following the Service, he might like to join us for a drink. 'As a matter of fact' said the Dean, 'I will be delighted to join you, as I do tend to Thirst after Righteousness'.

In the nineteen seventies. I was chief officer of the Blue Funnel cargo liner 'Laomedon'. We were employed on a joint service with the Swedish East Asia Company and De La Rama Line of the Philippines, and known as the Blue Sea Line. Our service was from New York and eastwards round the world.



Blue Funnel cargo linerLaomedon

returning to New York. We connected some of the world's biggest cities with some of the Philippines tiniest villages.

One of these tiny villages was on Mindanao island, near to Davao and Zamboanga. There were no roads or railways connecting with anywhere, all connections were by sea.

We were calling there on a Sunday, and the Minister at the local American Baptist Church kindly invited the Captain, Chief Engineer and myself to attend his Morning Service. It was a Service I shall never forget, I was surprised to find we were each expected to give a twenty minute sermon, as did all others in the Congregation, and the Service just went on and on way into the afternoon. I was quite concerned, as from my pew, I could actually see our ship, the only one in the port, and noticed the crates of plywood, coming straight out of the sawmill, were being loaded more and more slowly.

I was quite relieved to get back on board and in control again.



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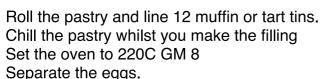
Little Lemon Tarts

A really easy lemon tart for Easter.

400g Short crust pastry either bought or homemade or the sweet pastry I have put in the magazine a few times.

Lemon filling:

400g condensed milk 80 millilitres of lemon juice Grated rind of 1 lemon 2 large eggs 100g caster sugar



Whisk the egg yolks, condensed milk and lemon juice and rind together.

Whisk the egg whites and then beat in the sugar. fold into the lemon mixture.

Fill the tartlets and bake for 6-8 minutes.

Next Rose Queen Event



WEDNESDAY 24th MAY 6.30pm for browsing.

7.30pm Fashion Show starts. Tickets £5 including glass of Prosecco.

Please see any rose queen attendant mums f or tickets or my mum Sam Henderson.

Samhenderson1983@googlemail.com or 07595044952



REPORT FROM A TRAINEE ANNA CHAPLAIN

Have you noticed the Anna Chaplaincy logo? The gardeners among you will realise it shows an umbellifer seed head. As Debbie Thrower, the founder of our service, said: "The seed heads for

plants......called umbellifers because of their umbrella shaped heads, survive long into autumn and winter; and as the seeds ripen and fall they provide rich nutrition for garden and farmland birds......Their slender stems are fragile yet resilient......and they survive long after other plants have withered away." For Debbie this image of a seed head providing food for others seemed a "good visual metaphor for old age!"

I was reminded of this notion earlier today. An elderly woman, queuing at a supermarket till, was being helped by her young grandson. She gave him encouragement and praise as he placed her shopping on the conveyor belt. When he had finished, she thanked him and showed her love by hugging him. What a simple act of kindness I had witnessed! I thought again of how sometimes people feel that they are useless and unable to serve our Lord.But how wrong that view is - by sharing our loving kindness with others we are always in the place God wants us to be. Indeed we don't need to DO anything- we simply have to BE. When others sense peace in us then we are conveying the Love of God. I remember these words from St Francis to his followers:Wherever you go preach the Gospel; when necessary, use words."May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, be with you all, for evermore.

Alison Dowdeswell

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Mellor Church Women's Evening Fellowship

Our AGM and lunch took place on March 8th at a new venue for us, Peruga at the Mellor and Townscliffe Golf Club and was a most

enjoyable occasion. The gentle snow that fell was only an attractive addition to the landscape and posed no hazards on the roads, for which we were very grateful. By the time of our next meeting we hope that Spring will have well and truly arrived. This is on Wednesday 12th April at 7.30pm when Judith Wilshaw will be talking about The Bradshaws and The Isherwoods. This is a topic which may well appeal to a wider from browning audience that just our members, visitors are as ever welcome to join us. Leslev Futcher







GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 7TH 2023

5.00 pm WALK TOGETHER TO THE CROSS ON CODBEN EDGE

4.45 pm Assemble in Linnet Clough Scout car park. Children and dogs especially welcome.

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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,

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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/event

Stoat Story

Helen Kennedy

While taking one of the vicar candidates and family round the vicarage, we went upstairs and through the bedroom window I saw what I at first thought was a statue in the garden, But it moved-it was a stoat!

Everyone looked out and then a whole family of them were running jumping and playing! Absolutely delightful, like watching Springwatch.While I was in hospital, Tracy came to see me twice - which was lovely. She'd never seen stoats there but realised that having a dog would preclude any such wild life!



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From the Registers

Funerals



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Monday 6th March – Kenneth Brown.

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Ann recently received a letter from the charity:-

"Dear Ann and Friends, Thank you so much for all the wonderful stamps and



stamp related items that I received from you all last week. Such an amazing bundle. These will raise a fabulous amount for research into primary bone cancer."

Ed. Well done. A fabulous achievement

Friday Strollers

Our next walks will be around Chadkirk. We will meet in the car park at Dobbies Garden Centre at 10 am.

Coffee or lunch in the garden centre after our walk.

Friday 14 April Friday 5 May

Friday 19 May

Prayer of the Month

This is the day that the Lord has made: Alleluia Let us rejoice and be glad in it! This is the day of the Lord; Our Saviour, Christ, is risen! He has conquered sin and death, The power of love has overcome, And God has given us the victory! Alleluia!

From the Book of a Thousand Prayers compiled by Angela Ashwin.



Thought for The Month

There is a Hindu legend that tells us that there was once a time when all men were gods, but they abused their divinity. Brahma,

the god of creation, concluded that people had lost their right to their divinity and decided to take it away from them. Wanting to hide it somewhere where they would not be able to find it, he called a council of all the gods to advise him. Some suggested that they bury it deep in the earth, others that they sink it in the

ocean, others still suggested it be placed on top of the highest Brahma, 1820 British mountain, but Brahma said that mankind was ingenious and would



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dig down far into the earth, trawl the deepest oceans and climb every mountain in an effort to find it again. The gods were on the point of giving up when Brahma said "I know where we will hide man's divinity, we will hide it inside him. He will search the whole world but never look inside and find what is already within."

Jenny Johnson



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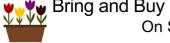


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Dear Padddy, You and the family will receive many rounds of applause, cheers, praise etc, in the next few weeks but Outlook has always been one of your biggest fans. We appreciate all the effort you have made to prepare the concert rooms, to acquire the refreshments and to place your valuable Hallé friends onto the stages in Mellor. There have been so many beautiful, inspiring performances on a range of different instruments which you have brought to us each month. They have been accompanied by a sense of fun and mastery of both musicology and interpretation. [Every time I see a snowman it reminds me of the 3 that poddled down the aisle in the Christmas Concert.1

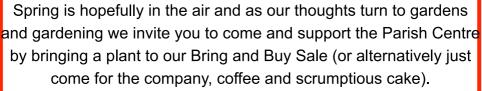
So enjoy your retirement! Go to lots of interesting destinations and visit your many friends in far away places.

To end, we can only say that Peter would have been very proud of you and all your family that have done so much for the Hallé and for Mellor and St Thomas'. Thank you from all of us at Mellor, Marple Bridge and the wider catchment area for everything. **Editors**



Bring and Buy Plant Sale and Coffee Morning On Saturday April 15th at

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Date	8.30am	10.00am	6.30pm
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9 April	A Mason	R Elliott & J Elliott	R Holt
16 April	J Butterworth.	I Hamilton & C Hamilton	A Shah
23 April.	P Cunningham	D Jelleyman & A Sanders	J Shiel
30 April	A Mason	S McAllister & C Starling	R Holt
7 May.	P Cooke	P Long & A Muller	J Shiel

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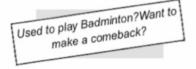
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