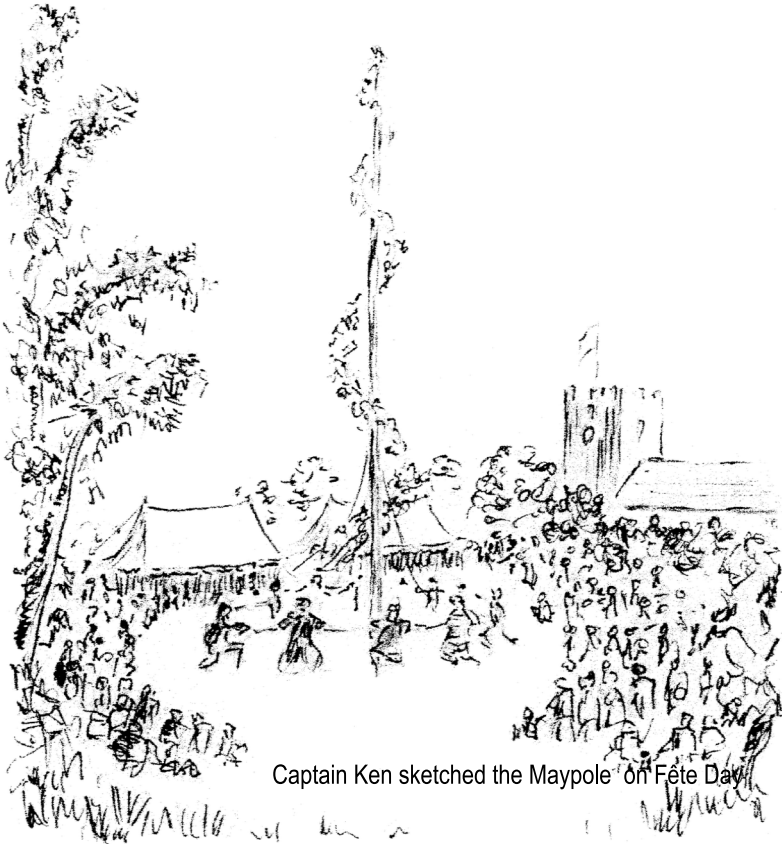


OUTLOOK



Captain Ken sketched the Maypole on Fête Day

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The deadline for the July issue is June 15th please

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JUNE 2023

4 Sun Trinity Sunday	8.30 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer (Parish Centre)
7 Wed 10 Sat	10.00 am Wedding	Holy Communion (Parish Centre) Samuel Camp & Sophie Monkman
11 Sun 1st Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer (Parish Centre)
12 Mon	10.45-12 noon	Coffee & Chat (Parish Centre)
14 Wed 17 Sat	10.00 am Wedding	Holy Communion (Parish Centre) Chad Dodgson & Georgia Hudson
18 Sun 2nd Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Choral Evensong
21 Wed 24 Sat	10.00 am 1.00 pm	Holy Communion (Parish Centre) Church Fête
25 Sun 3rd Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer (Parish Centre)
28 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)

Please note the Coffee and Chat is back to the 2nd Monday in the month

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 *Rev Angie Stanton*



Rev. Angie Stanton

As I write, the whole Christian Church is just about to celebrate Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday – a rush of festivals that brings Eastertide to an end – and then we will be ready to settle into what the Church calls “Ordinary Time,” a season that lasts until Advent ushers in a new Church Year.

Ordinary Time seems a mundane sort of name for that long period of the year when the church is invited, through readings and music and prayer, to grow and deepen its understanding of the mystery of God-with-us, Christ amongst us, the Spirit within us - nothing ordinary about that.

And it is the time when the Mellor community is alive with activity – walkers enjoy the fabulous countryside paths, gardeners create beauty in their own small plots, schools and families engage in fund raising and community action, pubs and shops are busy, and visitors discover the allure of living here – nothing ordinary about that.

The idea of the ordinary might bring a sigh of relief from those of you who have carried most responsibility through this year-long period of ‘interregnum.’ I’d like to go on record as saying how often it has struck me that you/we have done extraordinarily well during that time. The deep love many people have for Mellor Church has been revealed in the dedication, generosity and good-humour, commitment, determination and laughter I’ve witnessed every week that I’ve been blessed to worship with you or minister amongst you. It’s a place of hope and life and joy and love – and you have no idea how unusual that is in a time of interregnum - nothing ordinary here.

The willingness to serve others, and ultimately God, remains inspiring – from choir and musicians, to people filling the rotas, organizing the unseen necessities; so many of you simply carrying on using your time and skills, planning events, fund-raising for

charities, looking forward, taking care, supporting one another – nothing ordinary here.

This last couple of weeks everyone has been talking about Chris Mann, and rightly so. I've heard about his incalculable contribution to church life, his vision, his joyous boundary-pushing and rule-breaking, his fun, his generosity, his determination, his love of teaching young people to find their place in the church and excel, his striving for the highest and greatest for Mellor. I know Chris worked on the hill, walked to church every day, and loved every inch of the place; as if he was shouting to the world, "Nothing ordinary here!"

I love that short saying attributed to Jimmy Johnson – **"The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra."**

You are extraordinary, in an ordinary sort of a way. We thank God for our little extra, our diversity, our determination, our love, and the gift of one another. We look forward to our ordinary being enriched by Andrew and his family when they come and take their place amongst us and to the many new ways in which we will be able to say "nothing ordinary here."

God bless you all
Rev Angie

Mellor War Memorial Garden

The tulips around the War Memorial have been especially splendid this year. We are hoping the roses will be equally good, as lots of manure has been put on the rose bed thanks to Peter Lowe for the use of his trailer.



Volunteers meet on the second Saturday of the month from 10 to 12. The next date is June 10th. Also volunteers often come weekly on Thursdays around 2pm. There is always plenty of weeding and pruning to do.

Good News!



I am delighted to be able to share that, subject to all legal formalities being fulfilled, St Thomas Mellor has a new Parish Priest - Andrew Tawn.

Andrew is currently in charge of Clergy

Development for Leeds Diocese and wants to return to his roots as a Parish Priest. Leeds Diocese is very sorry to be losing him. Andrew will be moving to Mellor in June with his wife, Helen, and daughter, Lucy. He is a very keen walker, an excellent bass and a campanologist (as well as a fantastic vicar!).

Chris Mann, Bishop Sam, Leslie Curry (Rural Dean) and I interviewed the candidates back in February and were captivated by Andrew's responses to our questions. Andrew is very keen to get started and is already getting to know people on his visits to Mellor.

Andrew's Installation Service will take place on **Wednesday 12th July at 7.30pm**. Everyone is very welcome. Looking forward to exciting times ahead.

Rachel

MARPLE OPEN GARDENS

Fans of Mellor Open Gardens will be pleased to know that the next best thing will be happening soon - **Open Gardens in Marple!** Twenty lovely private gardens and the productive Seven Stiles Allotments will be open to the public on **Saturday and Sunday the 8th and 9th July** from 11am until 5pm. Tickets are priced at £7.50 for one day or £10 for the whole weekend and will be widely available at various outlets in Marple from the end of June e.g. at the Cancer Research UK shop, and also at Dutsons in Marple Bridge. All proceeds will go to **Cancer Research UK** but if you would like to support the charity further, any offers of help at the event would be gratefully received by Christine (email cdutson@btinternet.com) or Mary (phone 0161 427 7255).

Chris Mann



It is with great sadness that I share the news of Chris' death on Thursday 27th April. Chris died in St Ann's Hospice following an

incredibly brave and stubborn fight against Motor Neurone Disease.

While there will be many tears and much sadness over the coming weeks and months, and we will miss him forever, it is difficult to reflect on Chris' time with us without smiling and laughing. He loved St Thomas, and the St Thomas family and was literally bursting with energy and passion to make everything as utterly fantastic as it possibly could be. He had a remarkable impact on the lives of so many in our community, including the young people in our church, and was keen to pass on his enthusiasm and skills. So many of us are privileged to be able to say that Chris was part of our journey, and we will miss him terribly.

We send lots and lots of love to Julia and Rebecca whom we are holding in our thoughts and prayers.

Rachel

God's Garden

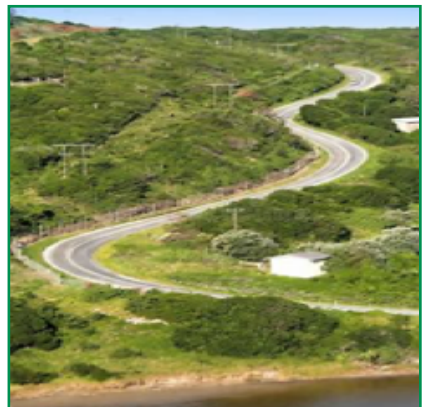
God looked around his garden
and found an empty place
He then looked down upon the
Earth
and saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you
and lifted you to rest.
Gods' garden must be beautiful.
He always takes the best

He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain
He knew that you would never
get well on Earth again

He saw the road was getting rough
and the hills with hard to climb
so he closed your weary eyelids
and whispered, "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.





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Mellor Rose Queen 2023-2024



Hello, my name is **Molly Scott**, and I'm looking forward to being the 2023/24 Mellor Rose Queen. I am 11 years old and I'm going to move up from primary school to Marple Hall in September. I have been part of the St Thomas' Mellor Church community all my life. I have been a Rose Queen attendant three times, and now get the chance to be the actual Rose Queen.

I have been a member of the church choir since I was six, and I also play the piano, violin, guitar and flute. I love swimming in the sea and paddle boarding when we're at our caravan in Wales. When I'm at home I spend my time playing with our two fluffy ragdoll cats Bungle and Bailey. I am a member of 5th Marple Guides and have been in Marple Guiding since I was 4.

The attendants in my retinue are Lucy, Oscar, Hannah, Aoife, Elara, Barney, Libby, Emilia and Jimmy. We are all very excited and cannot wait for the day of the fete. We look forward to sharing lots of fun times together over the next year, helping important causes at the same time.

I have chosen **Tiny Tickers** as our Rose Queen charity this year <https://tinytickers.org>. This charity improves the early detection and care of babies with serious heart conditions and is currently supporting my baby cousin Nell. As in other years, 70% of the money we raise during the year will go to our chosen charity and 30% will go to our Church.

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Thank you Chris for Outlook: I had managed to avoid the responsibility of helping to create The Outlook Magazine on several occasions. However, when dear Anthea died so suddenly Chris twisted my arm saying, "Apple Software must have its own version of the famous 'Publisher.'" Neither he, nor I knew how to use it but we spent hours together 'working it out' and calling for help several times a month from the makers - Swift Publishers. It began to take shape. This was throughout his awful illness but he would not give up. His inspiration and my stubborn approach to solving computer problems led Maggie and I to create today's Outlook which he occasionally thought was, "Okay!" *Ed. MML*

Doubt and Certainty

“Exploring Doubt” Book Review
I have always had a problem with people who are totally certain of their beliefs and don't seem troubled by any doubts, so I was pleased to come across, as one of my Lent reading books, **‘Exploring Doubt: landscapes of loss and longing’** by Alex Wright. The basis of the book is the collapse of Wright's marriage, and the subsequent need to move away from the Norfolk coastal area – away from a relationship and place which meant a great deal to him. This makes it a very personal book and one which readers do not necessarily identify with, but we have all had times when we have difficulties and losses to deal with. The situation of the Norfolk coastal area – the sea encroaching in some places and retreating behind marshy areas in others – is seen as a pattern of our lives. Things change. Wright considers that there is an increasing expression of certainty in the media, possibly because of our modern short attention span

and the wish to be definite and avoid ambiguity. But certainty can become very dangerous when taken to limits – massacres of those who are not of the company of the people in power spring to mind. But many really influential religious writers both ancient and modern express lack of certainty, the hiddenness of God and the impossibility of completely grasping the divine. This seems reasonable – how can humans possibly know everything about God? Some of the mediaeval mystics express this very well – the whole focus of the anonymous work ‘The Cloud of Unknowing’ is that all is not clear and open – the point is to keep pressing on in our Christian lives with faith and effort. It's not a new experience – the author of Psalm 13 is also expressing the same thing. So doubt is not something to be ashamed of – it is a way to be honest with ourselves and others.

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Question: “How do you make God laugh?”

Answer: “Tell Him your future plans.....”



You may recall that in last month's diary I told you of my plan for a three month pause in my Anna Chaplaincy training, for reflection, reading and research. Well, I still hope to do some of that but God has lined up a new plan: by co-incidence this will take three months! Next week I start a 12 week course of specialist therapy to deal with an eating disorder. Some of you may be aware that I have various health issues but I suspect not many of you know about my eating disorder. I sincerely hope that you have no personal experience of the torture of an addiction but many will have struggled to help friends or relatives. Any addict will tell you there are no easy solutions. Many will also admit to shame, guilt and secrecy about their addiction. That is just as true for me. However, I am convinced that God's timing is perfect. He is giving me another opportunity to find help. For He is and always will be a God of compassion who treats us with generous Love whatever our circumstances. I believe that this opportunity for therapy has come at the right time. For when this addiction is under control, my health should improve. Hopefully, I'll then be better equipped for my role as an Anna chaplain here in this community. As I step out in faith, your continued support in prayer is appreciated.

Alison Dowdeswell.

Laughs with Lynda.

What happens when you get promoted as a senior Director at Old MacDonald's Farm?

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Why did the lad lose his job at the dairy farm?

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THE UNIVERSE

The late Sir Fred Hoyle (1915-2001) was one of the leading astronomers of the 20th century. He believed in the 'steady state' model of the universe which he said has always existed and which continues to create new galaxies. He pooh-poohed the emerging 'Big Bang' theory which stated that the universe began 13.8 billion years ago, but that theory was accepted as a better explanation for the evolution of the universe because it took into account various factors which a 'steady-state' theory could not explain satisfactorily.

The James Webb telescope which was launched into space 2 years ago is peering back in time to examine the universe in its early stages of development after big bang and is beginning to discover galaxies which should not exist if the big bang theory is correct because they are far bigger than they should be at that stage of the universe's development. Some astronomers are considering whether 'our' universe was created in a much older steady-state universe which might account for the existence of these 'oversized' galaxies.

Bigger and more advanced telescopes than the James Webb system will be launched in the future so we can expect new theories on the origins of the universe to emerge with controversial explanations being aired. In the meantime there are some questions which we can ask about the Big Bang.

Since nothing comes from nothing Big Bang must have come from something – from what and why? The universe expanded after Big Bang in accordance with pre-existing laws of chemistry and physics – where did they come from? If the universe had expanded slightly more slowly, or a fraction faster, than it did, no galaxies would have formed let alone habitable planets. Was the speed of expansion pure chance or under control?

Some of these questions have been asked before, notably by Thomas Aquinas in the 13th century when he stated that we live in a universe governed by cause and effect with the first cause being the creation of the universe by God, who was in control - which answers the question "What?" but not Why?

If we are living in an infinite and eternal universe then it is certain that there have been, or are, or will be, life-supporting planets out there. Furthermore, one of those planets will be very like ours, inhabited by people very like you and me, but we shall never meet them. Or will we? Perhaps some people's experience of déjà vu is a glimpse of a previous life in another reality.

Morris Bishop's poem

'We have been here before'

puts it humorously. Here's an extract:

I think I remember this moorland,
This tower on the tip of the tor;
I feel in the distance another existence;
I think I have been here before.
And I think you were sitting beside me
In a fold on the face of the fell;
For Time at its work'll go round in a circle,
And what is befalling, befell.

The Walrus

SAVE THE DATE! EDALE 2023

Friday 13th– Sunday 15th OCTOBER

Every year a group of volunteers from St Thomas Church organises a weekend away for the children (aged 8+) of the whole church community and their friends.

It's an amazing weekend of back-to-basics fun, based at the Peak Centre in beautiful Edale, with crafts, games, climbing wall, music, cooking, and of course a hike!

If you've attended one of the Edale weekends in the last few years we will contact you with booking details later this summer. If you've not been yet, please contact kate.a.scott@googlemail.com if you'd like us to add you to our list – new attendees are warmly encouraged to attend.

Please pass this message on to those you think may be interested, particularly those with children who will only be turning 8 this year (so this is the first time they 'qualify' to attend).

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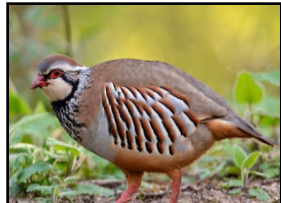
Mellor Birds.



I am glad to report of two birds, that, as far as I know are new to Mellor.

Most exciting was a sighting by Pat and Ann sitting on the wall in Mill Brow by the Hare and Hounds where they spotted a **Firecrest** in the tree across the road. It had been forty years since they last saw a firecrest in the New Forest.

A firecrest is very like a goldcrest except that it is rare. They are both tiny at 9cm long, weighing just 5 to 7 grams. The difference is, the Firecrest has a fiery orange central crown stripe whereas the Goldcrest has a gold stripe. Also the firecrest has a black stripe through the eye and the goldcrest doesn't. They first came into the country in the early 1960's. Goldcrests only like conifers but the firecrest also like deciduous trees.



The second bird sighting was of a red legged partridge sitting on the wall between the Church and the house behind. Alison D said she was walking up the Church path when a gentleman started talking to her to tell her what he had seen and showed her a photograph to prove it.

I think red partridge are very handsome birds, 33cm long and 500grams. They have red beaks and legs and their flanks have what looks to me like thick red and white stripes. I first saw a flock of 20 or so wandering over a ploughed field in Majorca.

I also have good news about Basil the budgie who you may remember made a dash for freedom during Covid. Leoni tells me Basil is now in Stamford Park at Ashton where her mother can now go and visit him and he has lots of new budgie friends to fly around with.

Maggie Williams

Glad you are safe Basil





FETE

ROLL UP! ROLL UP! Mellor Fête is here!

Join us on **Saturday 24th June** for this great community event.

Schedule for the the week leading up to the fête.

THURSDAY 22nd June 7pm Many hands make light work! We need a big team to help put up the huge Women's Fellowship tent , so PLEASE SAY "YES!" when we ask you to come and help at 7pm.

FRIDAY evening 23rd June 7pm. Hope to have the Beer tent operating. to make the setting up of gazebos, stalls and Parish Centre much more enjoyable. Come help, come socialise, come and have fun! (John Wilson will be making music too).

SATURDAY - THE FÊTE !

From 9am Setting up. Lots of man and woman power needed.
12 noon Lunches and refreshments available in Parish Centre.
13.00 Rose Queen Molly crowned on field and opens Fete.
13.15 Rose Queen Molly launches first parachuting teddy.

FIELD EVENTS START.

FREE ENTRY

14.00 DOG SHOW bring your dog.
Punch and Judy, Parachuting Teddies.
Stalls on the field include:

Beer tent, Burgers, Home Produce, Plants, Bouncy Castle, Tombola, Bric a Brac, Books

Games - golf, football, Side Shows including 'The Human Fruit Machine!'

15.30 RACES and TUG OF WAR

16.00 Raffle prize draw.



Fête Continued SATURDAY EVENING.

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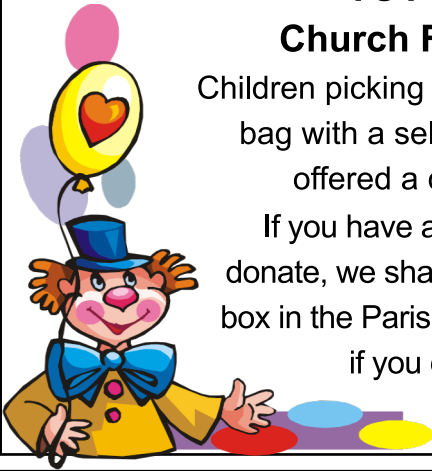


TOY TOMBOLA

Church Fete June 24th.

Children picking a winning number get a small paper bag with a selection of toys inside. Every child is offered a consolation prize.

If you have any small toys etc. which you could donate, we shall be very grateful. There is a collection box in the Parish Centre near the door to the office, or if you contact Catherine Starling on 427 1320,



BOTTLE and New Gifts TOMBOLA.

For Church Fete 24th JUNE

Please, please leave any **bottles** or **new gifts** for the **Tombola** in porch of 31 Townscliffe Lane or at the Parish Centre. Lynda is very grateful for all donations.



Teddies

The Church Fete on June 24th is in need of **Teddies** for the **tombola**. If you have any to spare please leave at Parish Centre, (or in porch of 122 Longhurst Lane). It would be much appreciated.



Friday Strollers

Our June strolls will be around New Mills - avoiding uphill where possible.

We will meet in the CO-OP car park (free) at 10.30am.

Friday 2nd June

Friday 9th June

Friday 30th June



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Although the Beatles started their music in Liverpool, it was in the dockland area of Hamburg they became well known. John Lennon's father himself was in the Merchant Navy.

However, it was in the late sixties, when Liverpool shipping was at its peak, when the Blue Funnel and Ocean group were still based there. We were the main carriers to and from the Far East, and so extremely important for the British economy.

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I had in fact been enticed into one of these rallies myself when Chief Officer of the *Autolykus*. When I asked the Agent accompanying me what the accused was guilty of, he replied, 'He is a Capitalist,' to which I replied, 'Well so am I. I think we'd better leave,' and we did.



The management of our Company were very understanding and appreciative of our tolerance. One of our ships, the 'Glengarry' of London, commanded by Canadian Bob Paterson, had endured a particularly rough time of which our

Management was well aware. When the ship returned to London everyone, being relieved, was of course anxious to go home on leave but were quite astonished to be told, “You are not returning



home you are booked into the Dorchester Hotel where your wives or girlfriends are already awaiting you.’ Also joining them were the Chairman, Sir John Nicholson (also at the time Chairman of the Institute of Bankers, and

Chairman of the Institute of Chartered Accountants) and also Mr George Holt head of Alfred Holt and Company.

Affectionately known in Liverpool as ‘Alfie Holt’. But the big thank you and surprise was yet to come. The top of the bill at the evening cabaret was Cilla Black, and she announced that she was dedicating her top song to the boys of the ‘Glengarry’, adding, “Only they will know what I’m talking about.” It was ‘What’s it all about, Alfie?’



The PCC Meeting in April

*** hot off the press from Julie Elliott*

We were still waiting for the Diocese of Chester to confirm a date for the installation of our new Vicar, which was expected to be in July.

However, we also heard that the new tent for use at the fete had arrived today, which was good news. There was some planning for the church's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), which was due to take place on 21st May, and there was a discussion about how we can continue to improve the space we use in the vestry, for work with children during the services.

We heard that the Diocese of Chester has a policy of trying to reach a Net Zero carbon footprint by 2030, so each church is expected to report on it's energy use, etc., during the year. This must then be reported at the APCM, so that hopefully year on year progress can be noted. This year this will not have been helped by the fact that the Parish Centre had a recent, very unfortunate leak of oil from the oil tank, which involved a large spillage and a very expensive repair to pipework, the cost of which had to be approved retrospectively due to its being an emergency. A Thanksgiving appeal is being planned, to raise awareness of the church locally and its need for regular giving to keep it going, plus the need for the community to also support its Parish Centre.

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Women's Institute

In March we saw the welcome return of Mark Llewelin - actor, writer, producer and expert on 'Coronation Street.' His talk entitled 'You're Having A Laugh' was a hotch-potch of comedic nonsense, as he regaled us with tales, poems and quotes by comedy stars, both past and present.



April's meeting was delightful as the star of the evening was a very young lamb. It was accompanied by two local shepherdesses and her highly intelligent sheep dog. Our WI ladies were given an insight into the problems and rewards of rearing sheep on both high and low ground in the Peak District. A very informative evening and much appreciated by all of us.

We celebrated the Coronation at our Social and Resolutions evening in May. One of our members had made a beautiful cake which we shared. Of course the majority of us could remember the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth in 1953.

Our speaker in June will be David Seddon with light hearted tales of troublesome adolescents in education. Our monthly coffee mornings and luncheon outings continue to be well attended. Please contact a committee member for details.

P K Hutchins



Womens' Evening Fellowship



I'd like to begin by thanking everyone who supported our fundraising Fete Shower so generously in May. It was a very wet and chilly evening but the atmosphere inside was warm and friendly and it proved a most enjoyable occasion.

This month our regular meeting is on June 14th at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre when we look forward to welcoming Helen Greatorex as our Speaker. She will be talking about "Television Around The World".

Also at this meeting we will be taking payment of £28pp for our outing on July 12th to Irlam Station. This price includes the coach and afternoon tea so if anyone fancies a trip down Memory Lane to remind them of how stations and trains used to be, please let us know. There is usually room for friends as well as members.

And last, but definitely not least, please come and visit the Fellowship Tent at the Church Fete on June 24th where you will find a wide range of stalls including all manner of home-produced cakes, biscuits, preserves and sweets

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AS SEEN FROM COW CORNER

The temperature had not risen since the so called warm up game, when the season's first match was due to be played, away at Brooklands.

In order to counter the coolness of the day, some of the players resorted to applying dollops of barrier cream and goose fat to exposed arms and legs, causing a strange smell in the changing rooms and an even stranger look from the umpires.

The Mellor captain won the toss, hopefully not the only thing to be won this season, and asked the home side to take first knock, due to his not being very confident of the capabilities of his own side. At the beginning of the season selection was a lottery, and reliance was piled on lacrosse players, whose season had been completed, and on some very capable juniors from the previous year.

As a result the Mellor bowling attack was rather mediocre, and the home batsmen enjoyed themselves rattling up a formidable total of 202 runs in their allotted overs, and just losing three wickets.

The Mellor players were now glad to return to the comparative comfort and warmth of the pavilion before embarking on their reply, which was far from good, and it was not until number six and seven batsmen were at the crease that any batsman reached double figures. The game was lost when Mellor were all out for just 115.

The first home game of the season saw Northwich visit, and again, the Mellor captain, on winning the toss, inserted the opposition. The Mellor bowlers were then subjected to an extraordinary exhibition of aggressive batting as Northwich reached 229 in their allotted overs of 40. However, nine wickets did fall in this achievement. Mellor's batting was again poor, and showed no confidence in reaching 16 for the loss of three wickets. The saviour, for the home side, came in the form of black clouds over Romiley, and the resultant deluge, which sent the players indoors, never to reappear.

Northwich were, naturally, disappointed, but the benefactors were three young boys who were using the

waterlogged outfield as a water shoot and getting thoroughly soaked into the bargain. They are obviously candidates for wet weather cricket!

The following week was drier as Mellor visited Woodford, and with the knowledge of Mellor's previous batting performances, put the visitors in to bat. Woodford appeared as though they would be proved correct in their assumption, as, apart from two batsmen and extras reaching double figures, Mellor were bowled out in just 30 overs for three short of a century. In reply Woodford proceeded steadily, but lost half their wickets for 46 runs. There followed what appeared would be a match winning stand of 34, when the sixth wicket fell on 80. A dramatic fall of wickets followed as the last four wickets fell for just two runs, presenting Mellor with their first victory of the season by 15 runs.

A game of changing fortunes and not one for the purists.

Meanwhile, the Mellor junior teams have continued their winning ways from the previous year, with further matches being played nearly every evening at Longhurst Lane.

Silly Point



Choir Dates.

July 31st – August 6th
Wells Cathedral



November 17th-19th
Fort Belan



July 29th – August 4th
2024
Truro Cathedral



Bacon and Egg Pie

Jill Baker

An old fashioned recipe, excellent for a picnic. Only slightly adapted from Nigella.

For the pastry

300g plain flour

Pinch of salt

75g fridge cold butter and 75g fridge cold lard or vegetable shortening.

You need a 23cm/9 inch pie dish at the top.

Rub the fat into the flour or use a processor and use 5-6 tbsp icy water to bind together. Form into 2 discs one smaller than the other for the lid. Place in the fridge to chill.

For the filling

2 tsp vegetable oil

500g rindless bacon roughly chopped

1 medium onion finely chopped

2-3 spring onions finely sliced

3 large eggs



Heat the oven to 200C with a baking sheet on the middle rack
Heat the oil and fry bacon until fat is starting to crisp at edges.
Put the bacon in a bowl and fry the onion until it has begun to soften.

Beat the eggs with the pepper and add the spring onions.

Roll the pastry and line the tin.

Mix the egg with cooled bacon and onion and pour into pie.

Roll pastry for lid and use water to seal edge.

Crimp the pastry edge and then cut a small hole in the top for the steam to escape.

Bake for 30 mins, checking after 25. Edges of pie should be a deep biscuity gold. Cool the pie and eat warm or cold for a picnic. It will keep in the fridge for up to 3 days.

Ed: I presented this as a Coronation quiche and it went down very well. M.W.

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Choir Report



This April, in celebration of Easter, the choir have sung many services and many beautiful pieces of music. The list includes: Palm Sunday - a service in which the choir process up to

church carrying palms to represent Jesus' coming into Jerusalem. Maundy Thursday - a more solemn service in which members of the congregation's feet are washed by the Vicar to mark the night of the last supper, and (of course) Easter Sunday - a joyful celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead!

Also recently, the choir held a concert for the Coronation of King Charles III. It was a lovely evening of music including a performance by our very own organist, John LeGrove, and many songs from the choir. Amongst these were pieces such as: I was Glad (Hubert Parry), O Taste and See (Ralph Vaughan Williams), Pie Jesu (Andrew Lloyd Webber) and The Mountains Shall Bring Peace (Joanna Forbes L'Estrange) - a new piece which has been commissioned specially for the coronation of King Charles III and which choirs up and down the country are performing. The Coronation Concert, and any other services, are available to watch on the St. Thomas' Church YouTube if you were unable to make it.

Head Chorister Emily.

Well Dressing.

If you would like to help with this year's Well Dressing the Parish Centre is booked from June 1st to secure the petals.

The Unveiling is on June 9th

Art Exhibition in Church - June 13th, 14th, 15th

If you would like to book a pew to display your

Art at the exhibition please contact Tim Lowe 07852 445131



Written on May 6th

There is a book, published posthumously in 2021, which is a collection of some of Jonathan Sacks' powerful writing. It is called '**The Power of Ideas.**' The power of ideas? But what of the power of words?

As with many millions of people, I spent the morning, watching the majestic panoply of pomp and ceremony that was Charles III fulfilling his destiny, the 40th and oldest monarch in 1000 years of history to be crowned King in Westminster Abbey.

The setting, the glorious robes, the symbolism and the music were all just magnificent but where would the solemnity and deep significance of this ancient timeless service be without the power of WORDS? Fragments of phrases still swirl in my mind:-

"I come not to be served but to serve. Service is love in action. Enable us by the strength of the spirit to live our lives for the sake of others. Give us grace to find freedom in service. Let us build communities of love. Keep his commandments and work in His way. With a sword do not fight but do justice."

Then came that wonderful hymn,
*"Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost sevenfold gifts impart."*



Later it was said that this is not going to be a caretaker reign and that the king had already accomplished much. There are ways of modernising the monarchy and he will find them. The Monarchy represents continuity and it exists far above the shifting sands of politics. The coronation of our new king goes to the heart of the nation. It is obvious that Charles III sees his roll, not as a burden, but as an opportunity and a responsibility. Nevertheless I am reminded of a command once so eagerly given :- "If you have a cross to carry CARRY IT, don't drag it around for other people to fall over."

Charles will surely hold it aloft. God save the King

Prayer for The Month
Exposure .. by David Adam

Reveal, O Lord, to my eyes your glory.
Expose, O Lord, to my heart your love.
Disperse, O Lord, from my mind the darkness.
Fill, O Lord, my life with your light
Protect, O Lord, from thoughts without action.
Guard, O Lord, from words without feelings.
Defend, O Lord, from ideas without results.
And surround me with your presence.

Open my eyes
My heart
My mind
My will
My soul

To the blowing of your Spirit

David Adam *Times and Seasons: modern prayers in the Celtic tradition. SPCK, 1989*

From the Registers

Weddings

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to:
Aaron Walsh & Eleanor Brooke on Saturday 20th May.

Funerals

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

Tuesday 2 May

Janice Turner

Tuesday 23 May

Christopher Mann

Baptisms

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11 June	P Cunningham	D Jelleyman & A Sanders	J Shiel
18 June	J Butterworth	S Mc Allister & C Starling	A Shah
25 June	P Cunningham	S Knight & C Langford	R. Holt
2 July	P Cooke	P Long & A Muller	J Shiel

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Flower Rota

4 June Anne Preston	2 July Angela Muller
11 June Wedding flowers	9 July Janet Johnson
18 June Wedding flowers	16 July Alison Allcard
25 June Fete flowers	22 July Wedding Flowers
	29 July Alison Dowdeswell

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18 June	A Allcard & J Jones
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