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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JULY 2023

1 Sat	7.30 pm	Organ Recital by Simon Mercer
2 Sun 4th Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer (Parish Centre)
5 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)
9 Sun 5th Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer (Parish Centre)
10 Mon	10.45-12 noon	Coffee & Chat (Parish Centre)
12 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)
16 Sun 6th Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am 11.30 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Picnic Watch in Churchyard Evening Prayer (Parish Centre)
19 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)
22 Sat	12 noon	Wedding Christian Stoddart and Nicole Mellor
23 Sun 7th Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Choral Evensong
26 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)
29 Sat	7.30 pm	Organ Recital, Eleanor, Nathan and John Le Grove.
30 Sun 8th Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer (Parish Centre)

Coffee and Chat is on the 2nd Monday of 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

On May 14th the Congregation were treated to a sermon by Peter Jenner as he had come to Mellor to christen his two granddaughters later in the afternoon Ed. MMW



Twelve Years On

Revd Canon Dr Peter Jenner.

On a recent Sunday, I conducted services in Mellor Church for the first time in 12 years. I was relieved that I remembered how things are done here!

Some of you may remember that I went from being Vicar of Mellor to Chester where I had a split job. Most of my time was in the University of Chester where I was Chaplain; I was also on the staff of Chester Cathedral, which was a fascinating place to work, to say the least. Henry VIII had a soft spot for Chester, so it had a very easy time at the Reformation. One day in 1541 there was an Abbot and 34 monks at the medieval Benedictine Abbey in the city. The next day, the Abbey was Chester Cathedral, the Abbot was the first Dean of Chester and 9 of the monks were the first Canons of the Cathedral.

One of the striking things about

being based in and working from a place so steeped in history is that every time you walk into the Cathedral, the building says to you, “Who do you think *you* are?” We all need regular reminders to know our place in the great scheme of things, incentives to humility. Even the building could do with being put in its place occasionally. The University holds regular Applicant Days and I once overheard an undergraduate giving an enthusiastic presentation about the University to a group of prospective students. She concluded their tour by saying, “And at the end of your time here, you have a fantastic day at your graduation. It’s in Chester Cathedral ... that’s the big building opposite McDonalds!”

The University too has a distinguished history. It evolved from a teacher training college founded by the Church of England in 1839, at the end of a decade of enormous social change in Britain; at the time there was much discussion about how education might be rethought at the start of the Victorian age.

An important moment in the college's conception was a public meeting in Warrington, organised to gauge public support for a college which would train teachers to staff the Church of England's growing number of schools. That meeting was a bizarre occasion. The start was chaotically delayed because trains were late arriving at Warrington Station. When the trains did arrive, so many people had come to show their support for the church's ideas that the upstairs room booked for the meeting proved far too small. A trapdoor was then opened in the floor; speakers stood at the edge of the hole and were asked to shout so that people downstairs could hear their speeches. (Neither health and safety nor live-streaming in those days!) The meeting overwhelmingly backed the idea of a new college to train school-teachers. Things

seemed to happen quickly in those days; it was then a matter of only a few months before the first cohort of 10 students arrived in Chester. I imagine they would not recognise the current University with approaching 15000 full - and part-time students. Being Chaplain there was a varied and rewarding role and I thoroughly enjoyed working in such a stimulating and energetic environment. At the same time, Vicki was working in a primary school so between us we covered a fair spread of the educational world.

After 12 years in Chester, Vicki and I both retired last year and we moved to South Derbyshire. We are getting used to a new lifestyle and, who knows, we may now find ourselves returning to old Mellor haunts more regularly; we look forward to that.



Choral Evensong

We shall also have an **outside** Choral Evensong on **July 23rd** and our choir tour to Wells starts on **July 31st**.

Please put these dates in your diary.



The Installation Service
of Reverend Andrew Tawn
will be on Wednesday 12th July
at 7.00pm.

All are welcome to the Service and to refreshments
in the Parish Centre afterwards.

On behalf of the Congregation of St Thomas; the Friends of the Parish Centre and the whole Village we should like to offer our congratulations and thanks on the customary high standard achieved by the Well Dressing Team. So much effort goes into this activity from the planning; design to completion and we know that the weather always plays an important part in its construction and display. Those who have been such an integral part of the Well Dressing in the past and are no longer with us would be so proud of the standards you have maintained. Well done. We are all very proud of you.

We hope the Art Festival produced some successful results and the entrants enjoyed producing their works of art. *The Editors*





ORGAN RECITALS

The next organ recital at St Thomas' Mellor will be given by

Simon Mercer

on **Saturday 1st July at 7.30pm.**

Simon Mercer is a wonderful player and RCO - accredited organ teacher (he teaches our Nathan)

Admission is free with a collection for church funds. Drinks should be available.

Our three 'house' organists

Eleanor, Nathan and John LeGrove

will be doing a recital on

Saturday 29 July, again at 7.30pm.

Amazingly for such a prestigious line-up, this recital, too is free with a collection for church funds. Drinks should also be available.

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 to those with children who will only be turning 8 this year (so this is the first time they 'qualify' to attend).

The 2023 Edale Team

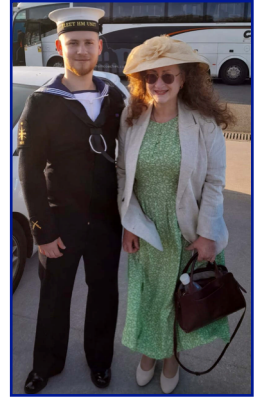
Kate Scott, Glyn Britton, Jane Britton, Jen Lowe, Edward Maxwell



Medal for Mellor lad *Ruth Holt*

For the few people in Mellor who do not yet know, I have been asked to tell you that my son Oscar Holt, who was raised in Mellor from the age of 3, has been awarded the **Royal**

Victorian Medal. Oscar was one of those lads and lasses of the Royal Navy who pulled Her late Majesty's coffin from the Lying in State in Westminster Hall, to her funeral at Westminster Abbey and then on to Wellington Arch last September, on her final journey to Windsor Castle. In the quadrangle of that same castle, King Charles personally attached the silver medal to a ribbon on Oscar's chest on a sunny morning at the end of May, while the Royal Marines Band played and the whole event was televised and reported in the press.



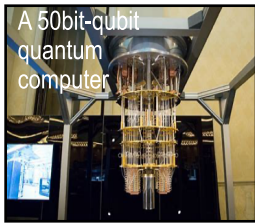
Oscar was educated at Mellor Primary School, took part in the Crib Service every year for most of that time, belonged to the tennis club and did the Mellor March. He started Karate in Mellor, eventually gaining his black belt. As a teenager he became a newspaper delivery boy on Longhurst Lane, when Barbara and Sean Hayward ran the Post Office Stores, and after sixth form college worked for a while at The Hare and Hounds, Mill Brow while he was waiting to get into the Navy. So I think many Outlook readers may well have come into contact with him.



R E V O L U T I O N

We are in the early stages of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) revolution. It is predicted that AI in all its forms will change the world more than any other revolution

Hundreds of thousands of people are working worldwide to provide the data bases on which new systems will depend, and checking and verifying that the data bases are correct. The next stage of the revolution will arrive with the general introduction of quantum computers which are said to work 158 million times faster than the fastest digital computers. It has been stated



that a task which would take a digital computer 10,000 years to complete will take a quantum computer 4 minutes. Sheer speed will not be the sole new attribute but also the ability to solve problems and provide solutions not otherwise obvious. There are several concerns about the advance of AI and one of them is the matter of security. A quantum computer will crack

any current password or security system in seconds so new procedures will have to be invented to maintain system security. With the enormous databases available and the ability of super computers to generate totally realistic avatars of people, criminal elements are bound to take advantage of the new systems. Fears have been expressed about the power of AI to take the world over, but these fears are misplaced. No computer is ambitious, has an agenda of its own, or will be able to think on its own; it will only do what it is programmed to do, and as long as programmes define the limits, and those limits are maintained, no danger will arise from computers 'running amok'. There are predictions of mass unemployment when AI takes over jobs currently done by human beings. If mass redundancies occur worldwide then governments will face financial ruin as they struggle to pay unemployment benefits to millions of people from a dwindling number of workers who are paying income tax. But new jobs will be created to employ redundant workers – this has happened before. If you

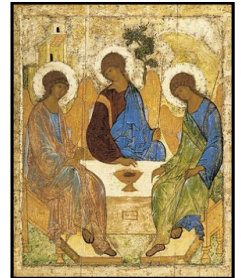
were to look at the *Jobs Vacant* pages from a newspaper printed 70 years ago you would find that half the jobs advertised no longer exist because of technological advances, but more people than ever before are in work. I predict that new jobs will be created and that employment will increase again. It will be interesting to see how The Church of England will make use of AI. At present most churches stream services regularly, but AI based systems should be able to offer a much

wider range of output. For instance one could switch on one's smart TV on a Sunday morning and choose the venue for a service, choose the organist and voluntaries, the choir and liturgy, the hymns psalm and intercessions, the sermon and preacher and then decide how much to donate to each part, then press "play" and attend your own worship curated from churches around the world. Will this happen?

The Walrus

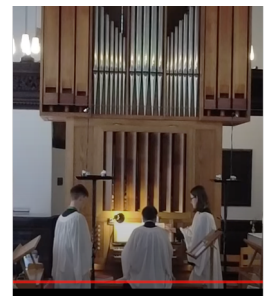
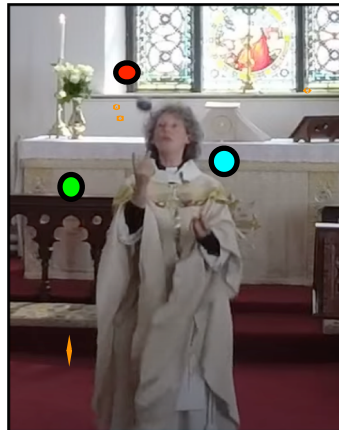
TRINITY SUNDAY

Revd. Angie announced on Evensong on Father's Day that this would be the last time she would be leading the Service during the Interregnum. She has brought a breath of fresh air and enthusiasm along with Sian to Mellor. Thank you Editors



Trinity by Andrey Rublyov

Don't worry about the doctrine - that doesn't matter. What matters is the relationship we have with the God who is the breath of life within us.



J. S. Bach Fugue in E major



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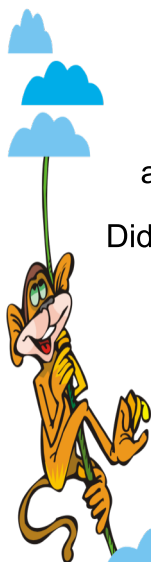
Laughs with Lynda

What has four letters,
occasionally has twelve letters,
always has six letters but never has five letters.

Did you hear they found a new mummy in Egypt? It was
very strange though because it was covered in
chocolate and nuts.

They are calling it Pharaoh Rocher.

I made a lamb curry yesterday.
But then I realised they only eat grass.



Ian Bishop is the new **BISHOP of THETFORD**

The Venerable Ian Bishop, Archdeacon
of Macclesfield,

has been appointed Bishop of Thetford in the Diocese of Norwich following King Charles III's approval. He will replace the Right Reverend Dr Alan Winton, who retired in April. The Bishop of Chester, Mark Tanner says he is "delighted" at Ian's appointment: "Ian has been an outstanding Archdeacon: wise, patient, prayerful, and endlessly encouraging. Ian says it is the people he will miss most of all: "There's lots of good stories I'll take away with me. But the thing that will be hardest to leave is actually the people, who are colleagues, but who have become friends." We wish Ian and Sue joy and blessing in their new Adventure.

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AS SEEN FROM COW CORNER

The middle of May brought no respite from the cold easterly winds blowing over the country and Mellor, so it was still more than one sweater for the cricketers, and this was the case when Poynton visited and asked Mellor to bat first.

One of the more ponderous batting exhibitions now took place, with unintentional boundaries being the highest scoring shots. Relief came to all when Mellor were dismissed a couple of overs short of their allotted 40, for a dismal 70 runs. This total was in no way challenging, as the Poynton batsmen set into the home bowling, but wickets did start to fall steadily and surprise; surprise, the last wicket fell in just over twenty overs for 55 runs. A very unexpected win.

Mellor had to rely on the services of a number of juniors to be able to fulfil the next fixture, away, at Lindow. As usual they did not disappoint, particularly in the field, sprinting like gazelles, in trying to beat the ball to the boundary. Mellor's attempt at batting did not bring the required response, as they were dismissed for 105 runs in 37 overs. In reply the home batsmen had lost nine wickets in reaching 70 runs, but the last man in belied his status as a number 11 as he scored 39 runs in achieving

victory for the home side.

Back at home on the following week, Mellor's opponents were Timperley. In view of recent results, the opposition captain inserted the home side, and achieved an early success. However after starting tentatively, the young opening left-hander's innings began to blossom as runs accumulated and then commenced to flow like a mountain stream. The half century came and went. Then 60, 70, 80 and into the nervous nineties, but there was no lingering there as a delicate leg glance to fine leg brought up the coveted three figures. This was naturally met with applause from team mates and spectators alike and was acknowledged with calm dignity from someone so young. After a few more balls the innings closed on 186 for the loss of three wickets. The determined Timperley batsmen set about the challenge against steady Mellor bowling, and soon reduced the target, which was reached in the thirty eighth over, with just one wicket left standing.

Mellor visited Cheadle Hulme Ladybridge on the following weekend and, on winning the toss the Mellor captain invited the home team to bat first. A not too demanding total of 158 all out was set, in thirty three overs, but, in reply the centurion of the previous week was out cheaply and the innings never recovered against a mainly spin attack, resulting in some comical dismissals. Mellor's innings closed pathetically, after

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Captain Ken

Ken Owen

In the days when it was customary to fly 'P', the blue peter flag, some 24 hours before the ship was expected to sail from a port I am reminded of one occasion when this became to me a most serious issue indeed.



It was in the late sixties, and I was the Chief Officer of the Blue Funnel cargo liner 'Laomedon'. We were engaged on a joint service with the Swedish East Asia Line, and the

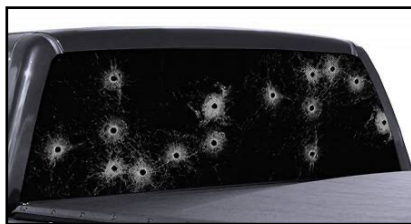
Philippine's De La Rama Line, and named, the Blue Sea Line.

The Service was fascinating, and as it was based in New York, and proceeded east bound, across the North Atlantic, through the Suez Canal to Japan and then across the Pacific Ocean, and through the Panama Canal and West Indies and back to New York via Houston New Orleans, Florida and US East coast ports. This tremendous Service allowed Japan, which at the time was undergoing a post war building frenzy, to enjoy a weekly import of freshly produced plywood directly from the virgin forests of Mindanao.

The southern ports of Davao and Zamboanga, famous as the out ports of the old Spanish Empire, were extremely popular with our crew, and I was told that an old Filipino sea shanty sang 'When you go to Zamboanga don't forget your girl back home'.



Davao was rather wild west, and when the local customs officer gave me a lift in his car, I congratulated him how realistic the bullet hole transfers were on his back window. Some readers may remember when these transfers



were given out at petrol stations. 'Oh no', he said, 'those holes are real, and are from a guy who tries to shoot me each day'.

At the small ports where we loaded the newly made plywood, roads were just cut along the coast and deep into the forest, I had been intrigued by the buildings on stilts on several of the jungle peaks, and was surprised to learn that it was there that the native dead bodies were placed.

When we were only a few hours from completion of cargo loading, the port manager asked if I'd like to drive with him in his jeep to where the trees were being felled (which I didn't appreciate). I was delighted with the opportunity, but horrified when a sudden thunder storm washed away part of the road behind us blocking us off from civilization. To add insult to injury from where we were stranded, we could see our ship in the distance, of all things, flying the 'blue peter' flag; 'I am about to sail'. Fortunately our captain preferred not to sail without a Chief Officer and did await our rescue.



Women's Evening Fellowship.

Lesley Fatcher

It's July so it must be time for the Fellowship **Annual Outing**. This year it is on **July 12th** leaving Marple Bridge at **12:15** from the Midland and returning around 4pm. We are going on a nostalgic visit to **Irlam Station** and the cost of **£28** includes afternoon tea and the coach.



As it is an afternoon trip we will be back in good time for our new vicar's installation! Please invite family and friends to join us - payment by bank transfer, cheque or cash.

No meeting in August - we look forward to seeing members and friends again on September 13th when Steve and Elaine Pratt will be talking about '**The History of Stockport Garrick Theatre**'.



Mellor Birds.

Maggie Williams

I went to the Marple Naturalist meeting about “Rewilding Stockport.” This is a two year project funded by the Lottery and being delivered by Cheshire Wildlife Trust. (It is the only area in Greater Manchester to be doing this.) It all seemed to come down to wanting to make Stockport into one big nature reserve by putting up Swift boxes, putting holes in your garden



fences for hedgehogs to get through and planting wild flowers.



I pointed out we had put up a swift box on our house which made swift noises morning and evening, before we went away in May. When we got back some house sparrows had moved in.

I have been advised to block up the hole when the sparrows have left the nest and continue to play the swift noise, as it will attract first year swifts to come back next year when they will breed.



On a Longhurst Lane WhatsApp group someone has taken a picture of a hedgehog they’ve named Spotty in a garden backing onto the school field. Apparently they can travel 2km in a day so we should help them get from one garden to another. Some people use little ramps to get up to a hole in the fence.

Alison A. in Marple was amazed to hear a cuckoo one morning on 23rd of May. It could have been on its way to the Goyt Valley.



Mary saw a red kite over the Royal Oak on Sat June 3rd. They have a forked tail which is easy to see.

I heard a nice story from Richard J. in Moor End. He had a pot with a dead plant in it by his door. When he put it on its side one robin’s egg rolled out and hatched. The father robin fed it and the brood successfully.



thirty overs on 82 runs.

Another away game saw Mellor visit Trafford Metrovics, who put the visitors in to bat. As is often the case this year, Mellor's innings lacked momentum, with singles being declined in favour of occupation of the crease. In consequence, Mellor could reach just 138 in the forty allotted overs, and which was easily achieved by the home side in just twenty two overs.

In the U13's league match against Oxton at Mellor, there was plenty of young talent on show on both sides, with slow bowlers being prominent. In an exciting finish, Oxton required four off the last ball. The fielders were all sent to the boundary. The bowler delivered a good length ball and the batsmen could only scramble a single, leaving Mellor winners by three runs.

Silly Point

Voice for Life Silver (Bishops) Awards

Four of our choristers have been working very hard and sat their RSCM external ribbon exams recently : Nathan Monk, Eleanor Rosser, Rebecca Knight and Hannah Scott.

The marks are in and Tom is delighted to announce that they have all been successful in passing (easily).

Congratulations to you all. Tom will be ordering four impressive-looking Silver Award ribbons (purple).

Hallé News *Helen Ruffell*

I recently attended a performance of the Hallé Orchestra at the amazing Bridgewater Hall.

It included the popular Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No. 2 - backing music for the film Brief Encounter as well as Dvorak Symphony No. 8. It was a memorable experience listening to the 60 plus musicians playing together in such a fantastic venue.

There are 9 concerts of the Hallé Opus during the year from October until May. For the Thursday evening performance a coach leaves Mellor at 6pm, picking up in Marple Bridge, Marple and Rose Hill on route to Manchester and returns after the concert at 9.30.

It felt good to help keep up the contacts with the Hallé following the 30 years of Peter Cunningham concerts at St. Thomas's Church. Peter, who lived in Mellor was a leading violinist with the Hallé until his untimely death. Hence the concerts to help young musicians in his memory.

It was also a pleasure to see our very own Harriet playing the viola in a freelance capacity with the orchestra on the night.

Enquiries about joining the Marple Opus Group can be made by e-mailing Alan Noble-noblealan690@gmail.com.



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Mellor Birds Maggie on Holiday

I was amused to find myself on holiday sharing a minibus with someone else who writes about birds for their Parish Magazine. John comes from St Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook, 'Cathedral of the Weald' next to Sissinghurst in Kent, also in an interregnum. My favourite bird of the trip was a **red necked phalarope** but John *Mulrenan* had a different favourite:-



“July Nature Notes: Courting Couple

Now that Covid is (almost) over, Nature Notes has taken itself on holiday again, in late May, to the Outer Hebrides. We crossed from the Scottish mainland over the Skye bridge. We were a party of seven, with an expert guide who was also our minibus driver.



On the far side of Skye, we took the ferry across to Benbecula.

This is a small island, but linked by causeways to two larger ones, North and South Uist. Straight off the ferry – late afternoon by this time – our guide drove us a few miles onto North Uist. The weather was grey and misty, with drizzle never far away. But our guide knew exactly where to find special birds.

North Uist is best described as a long thin island, where hundreds of lakes and small ponds are held together by thin strips of land – imagine it like a string bag, more water than land. The guide drove us down narrow lanes, passing many such ponds, and eventually stopped by an unprepossessing lake, not much bigger than the two ponds on the Sissinghurst estate if they were joined end to end. Like most others, it was surrounded by reeds. But our guide knew exactly what he had come for: one of the UK's scarcest breeding birds and, to many observers including myself, its most beautiful. Out of the mist, perhaps fifty yards away but swimming ever closer, were two sleek shapes, with snake-like



heads – **black-throated divers!**

They are large – about the size of a cormorant, but much sleeker. Usually they are very shy of people, but at this time, the last week of May, they had eyes only for each other. They would have spent the winter far out at sea, feeding on fish. Now they were here to renew their marriage vows, and to breed. Their plumage is spectacular. No Italian fashion-designer could come up with such stunning patterns, using only grey, black

and white. And the pair were dancing together on the water, slow and stately. In the early stages of their courtship they will fly – they are powerful in the air on their narrow wings -chasing each other and calling. But now they were in their final stages, gliding slowly across the water, side by side, delicately mirroring each other's movements, bowing and nodding looking straight into each other's red eyes. They took no notice at all of eight birdwatchers staring at them from the roadside, and they came within a cricket-pitch length. We watched, entranced, until eventually we moved on, leaving them to their wedding-dance. Can you see black-throated divers in Kent? The answer is yes, sometimes – but they do not breed anywhere this far south.”

John Mulrenan.

Eco Church June 2023.

Clare Jackson

What fantastic weather we've had for the last few weeks! Well, great for picnics that is, but how are our natural surroundings coping? June's **PicnicWatch** was indeed beautiful with a full range of wildflowers flourishing in the areas that we are allowing to remain fallow. The grassed areas still need some management over the year (and consideration must be made for invasive species), but its great to record well over 30 species



of wildflower, including my favourite *Mouse Eared Hawkweed*. There are some beautiful *vetches* taking advantage of the slightly longer grass, the older blooms becoming darker in heliotrope shades. (Classification needed at the next session, I think there are a couple of varieties, possibly *Bush* and *Tufted*.) It was interesting that there was a good deal of flying invertebrates spotted in the wild meadow sections, despite the northerly breezes over the previous weeks seeming to dampen the

bug life generally. Lovely to see an Ashy Mining Bee *Andrena cineraria*, with its distinctively pale waistcoat appropriately ghostly in the churchyard.

July PicnicWatch will be on the 16th, with a focus on Grass identification. Any experts out there?

Join us at about 11.30am with After Church Coffee, or bring sarnies.

American Scones

Jill Baker

Diana Henry a respected food writer rates these as the very best scones. They are light, and rich (I do not think they need the butter or cream just some jam)

Turn the oven to 200C. Line a baking sheet with parchment.

130g butter cold and cut into cubes

500g sifted plain flour

65g caster sugar

2 tablespoons baking powder

420 ml double cream

1 egg

Rub the butter into flour and baking powder, and add the sugar. Beat the egg into the cream. Add the cream and mix using a table knife to bring the mixture together.

Turn onto a floured surface and pat into a 9inch 23cm circle (I did this on the baking parchment saving the transfer to the tin). Cut into 8 wedges (just how my childhood friend's mother did) and put on a baking tray. Brush the tops with cream and bake for 25 to 30 minutes.



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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).



As well as beautiful gardens, other aspects of Marple will be highlighted such as Rose Hill Station Garden and the Community Orchard, with a hive of activity in both the Scout and Guide Huts. The Mayor of Stockport will be visiting on the Saturday afternoon. And Werneth Concert Band will be performing in the Memorial Park on the Sunday afternoon. So this promises to be a fascinating community event with the aim of supporting Cancer Research UK at its heart. Do come!

Mary Holt

Friday Strollers

For our July and August 'Summer Specials' walks we will meet in the church car park at 10 a.m. and decide on the day where to go for a stroll, this could involve a short car journey but will always involve coffee and cake.

Friday 14 July

Friday 28 July

Friday 11 August

For more information email Judy Cooper

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Judy Cooper



Youthful Days in Mellor 1910 to 1926.

Tom Oldham.

Part 5

The top class room, the large one in the centre of the building, was presided over by Mrs Bartlett, the headmistress. I think I had only two years there as I left when 11 to go to New Mills Secondary School, but most of the children stayed on here until they left when they were 14. Here we learnt history, memorising dates, etc., and our arithmetic involved long division, multiplication, simple and compound interest sums, working out square roots, decimals and fractions, but what most of us disliked was what was called “mental arithmetic”, in which one had to give the answer to sums without being able to work them out on paper. I became most interested in geography, and we had large, brown stiff backed books, plentifully illustrated with scenes from all over the world; tales of strange people and far away places. There was a map of the world on the wall with about half of it coloured red to denote the extent of the British Empire, and it was a superior feeling to realise how important and lucky a people we were to own so much of the world. Alas for later disillusionment! We made a relief map or model of India, and I did most of the



work on the Himalayan Mountains which I



thought looked very interesting. There was a young man, a pupil teacher, who helped Mrs Bartlett, and at a school concert he organised a Black Minstrel troop to give a turn in which I had to take a part, much against my will.

A number of the boys, especially the boys from the farms, wore stiff, Eton collars, and thick, blue woollen jerseys (called “guernseys”), jackets and short trousers of strong, thick cloth were the usual items of clothing. Some of the boys wore stockings that came up right over their knees, and at that time long trousers were not worn before a boy was about 14. I can’t give any details of how the girls looked.

During my years at school I was never aware of any case of wanton damage by children. The word “vandal” was never heard in conversation, and most people would not know its meaning. One got into deep enough trouble by breaking a window accidentally, to ever consider doing so deliberately. Modern belief is that good behaviour and a disciplined conduct by children is not very important, and by attempting to achieve this the children are repressed, deprived and emotionally upset, but a community is a happier one for a good standard of conduct, and I never had the feeling that we were harshly done to.



To be

An Anniversary - 16th July



It has been a the tradition for Alpine Villages to have a cross situated on its local highest peak to safeguard the people including perhaps against the danger of avalanches.

The idea of erecting a 30 feet high cross on the highest point in the district, Cobden Edge, horrified some Marple Councillors and in March 1969, they refused permission for the Cross.

Marple Council of Churches temporarily abandoned the plan for a cross on the Edge, but wanted to erect one on the next highest point in the area, which is the Ridge.



The idea of a cross had occurred to John Brown. While walking in Marple Memorial Park John, recently widowed, thought how wonderful it would be if a sign, a symbol of hope, could be seen as the eye rested on the horizon - a cross.

Under the stewardship of Father John Brown the council commissioned a 26 ft pine cross for Easter 1970.

Eventually the Council changed their mind and the Cross was erected on Cobden Edge in 1970

Despite the biting cold, about 250 people, ranging from the young to the old, came on Good Friday to see the newly erected cross.

It stood for 45 years but in December 2015 on a very wet and stormy day or two it changed the profile of Cobden Cross, to an 18ft 'T' seen for miles around. The top was blown off, the wood having rotted over time and failed to resist the weather's onslaught. The structure was also now showing signs of decay, it was thought to be unwise to try any form of repair. Following professional advice, it was decided to replace the storm damaged cross with a stronger structure made of galvanized steel clad with wood, in the original position. An appeal was a great success, so much so, that the new cross was erected on the 16th of July 2018



The new cross was erected on the **16th of July 2018** thanks to Peter Lowe and friends The cross is said to have a life of 500 years.!

This huge wooden cross marks the site where John Wesley preached



The Councillors' original reasons for the Cross to be built:-

- 1) It is to be visible testimony of the values for which the sign of the cross stands ~ the supremacy of love, selfless concern for others, sentiments to which other than Christians subscribe.
- 2) It is to proclaim that Marple is a community where those values actively exist.
- 3) It is to be a consolation, an inspiration to all in need to find of comfort and courage.
- 4) It seems to be singularly appropriate that the cross should be sited, as was the original, on a hill on the skyline outside the town.

It is a good anniversary to remember on July 16th to remind us of the reasons why The Cross was originally built and repaired so beautifully .

Do you know who these men are ?

As a Divine, He was deeply read in theology, clear and scriptural in his view, pious and consistent in his life. As a preacher he was plain, faithful, zealous, scriptural, discriminating and devout, anxious mainly to impress on his hearers those Scriptural truths which he so deeply felt and which were his consolation in life and death. He now rests in Christ in whom he trusted for Salvation.

He was a man of learning, without ostentatious display, humble and unassuming, a lover of truth and punctuality, in manners simple kind, sincere in all his dealings, guided by justice and integrity; in fraternal affection most eminent. He departed this life, in joyful hope of a blissful immortality, deeply regretted by those who knew him best. **Mark the perfect man,** and, behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace.

“He being dead yet speaketh”

From the Registers



Weddings

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to:-

Samuel Camp & Sophie Monkman 10th June

Chad Dodgson & Georgia Hudson 17th June

Funeral

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

Eric Livesley – Monday 12th June.



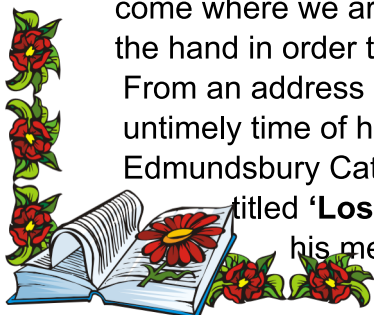
Julia, Rebecca and family would like to thank everyone for the love and care we have had over these last difficult

weeks and months and particularly for Chris' funeral service. We will always be grateful for the support and kindness that we have received at such a difficult time

Julia and Rebecca Mann

'God affirms each one of us in all the mystery of our being. And what God affirms nothing can contradict or deny. That is the hope with which Christians faced the last two millennia. That is the hope that gives meaning to what feels like an uncertain future in a meaningless world. And that is the hope that motivates us to help work for the reign of God in our own community. And that is why in the end all we can do with our lives is done with a deep, instinctive knowledge that our true homeland is heaven; for what more could God have done than to come where we are, and in the person of his son take us by the hand in order to lead us home?'

From an address by the Rev'd Neil Collings who at the untimely time of his death in June 2010 was Dean of St Edmundsbury Cathedral. Published in a small, pamphlet titled '**Lost in Wonder, Love and Praise**' as a tribute his memory and in appreciation of his 60 years of ministry.



Prayer of the month

Lover of the poor,

Defender of the needy,

Sanctuary of the rejected:

For those who suffer injustice today,

For men and women who cannot provide food for their families,

And for whole communities who fear today and have no hope for tomorrow,

We offer the longings of our hearts in prayer.

We seek for them, O God, the gifts that are dear to us:

Food for the table,

Drink for the soul,

Shelter in the night,

And open arms to welcome us.

(From Celtic Treasure by J. P. Newell)



Church Rotas

Stewards Rota

Date	8.30am	10.00am	6.30pm
2 July	P Cooke	P Long & A Muller	J Shiel
8 July	J Butterworth	M Lowe & M Williams	R Holt
15 July	P Cunningham	P Forbes & L Forbes	A Shah
22 July	J Butterworth	R Elliott & J Elliott	J Shiel
29 July	P Cunningham	D Jelleyman & A Sanders	R Holt
6 Aug	P Cooke	C Starling & C Langford	J Shiel

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Flower Rota

2 July	Angela Muller	6 August	Wedding Flowers
9 July	Janet Johnson	13 August	Diana Cole
16 July	Alison Allcard	20 August	Wedding flowers
22 July	Wedding Flowers	27 August	Wedding Flowers
29 July	Alison Dowdeswell		

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

2 July	M & R Leng
8 July	J & R Elliott
16 July	P Cunningham & I Morris
23 July	M Williams & S McAllister
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