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The deadline for the October issue is September 15th please

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

2 Sat	12noon	Wedding William Houghton & Charlotte Bateson
3 Sun 13th Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer (Parish Centre)
6 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)
10 Sun 14th Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer (Parish Centre)
11 Mon	10.45-12 noon	Coffee & Chat (Parish Centre)
13 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)
17 Sun 15th Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer (Parish Centre) Evensong Festival of choirs at St Georges new Mills
20 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)
24 Sun 16th Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer (Parish Centre)
27 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)
29 Fri	6.00 pm	Choir Pizza Rehearsal

Coffee and Chat with the Vicar 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



Vicar's Viewpoint

As I write this, I reflect that it is only just a month since my induction. Yet it feels much longer than that. That is partly because everything is so new and there is so much to take in. But more than that, it is because you have made us so welcome that we have quickly begun to feel we belong.

I mentioned in my letter last month that for the last ten years I have been in a training job, and have taken very few baptisms, weddings or funerals in that time. These services are called 'occasional offices' - not because they happen occasionally but because they mark important occasions in people's lives. During this first month, I have taken at least one of each - and I felt again that immense privilege of sharing in those special moments in the lives of people who are not regular churchgoers. The occasional offices give us a wonderful opportunity to welcome many people from the wider community into our church. The stewards have a vital role in representing the church at these services, but many more of you contribute to the impression that visitors receive: those who maintain the churchyard, who keep the church clean, who keep the noticeboards attractive and up to date, who arrange the flowers, the bellringers and the musicians. All of these tell a visitor something about the kind of church we are, and also about our love of God, as manifested in our care for this house of prayer.

It is also my experience that we encounter people through the occasional offices in moments of spiritual openness. There is a quality of mystery in birth, love and mortality; and when people come close to these things it often raises big questions: about the purpose of life, about the hereafter, and about God. Already this month, I have had several fascinating conversations.

Nationally the number of occasional offices conducted by the Church of England is going down year by year: fewer people are bringing their children for baptism, fewer weddings are taking place in church, and more people are turning to civil celebrants for funerals. I am delighted that St. Thomas seems to be bucking that trend. I have no doubt that the church's beautiful setting is a significant factor in this. Let's make the most of that opportunity, by doing all we can to make these occasional offices *special* occasions. And let us pray that through the welcome and the care and the quality of worship we offer, visitors may encounter something of the hospitality and love of God.

God bless you,
Andrew

Mellor Church Choir Wells Cathedral Tour. 30th July - 7th August 2023.

Over the summer, the choir visited Wells, the smallest city in the UK, to sing in its beautiful and ancient cathedral for a week. We sang the daily Evensong, as well as the Cathedral Eucharist on Sunday which, with the cathedral's impressive acoustics and towering heights, was an incredible experience.

Although we spent a lot of time rehearsing, the trip wasn't all just work. We also took part in many fun activities such as climbing Glastonbury Tor, a highly competitive table tennis tournament, outdoor swimming, eating in restaurants, and the customary cabaret.

It was lovely to see some members of the Mellor congregation there, who came to hear us sing. Next summer the choir tour will be to Truro, in Cornwall. We are already excited and it would be great to see some of you there!

Head Chorister Emily.



Royal School of Church Music long service medal.

During the choir's week in Wells, they said goodbye to Head Chorister Laura and presented her with an RSCM long service medal. Laura has been part of our choir since she was very

little and has blossomed into a wonderful human with an absolutely stunning voice. She sang Haydn's Benedictus to a packed Wells Cathedral on Sunday morning and moved many of us to tears. She is off to do an Arts Foundation Course in Manchester so we hope she will keep singing with us for a good while yet. Thank you for your amazing contribution to St Thomas, Laura.

The Editors also wish Laura well. The beauty of her singing on so many occasions will never be forgotten. Thank you MW & MML



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During the day we will learn simple sacred songs, chants and harmonies, mainly drawn from the Christian tradition. Singing from the heart helps us to connect, individually and collectively, with the flow of Universal Love. Through doing this, we can experience and reflect on singing as a spiritual practice. This can be meaningful for many people, whether their spirituality is linked to a particular faith tradition or to none. We will learn the chants by ear so you do not need to be able to read music or be an experienced singer to enjoy this!

Programme:

- 10.00 - 10.30 Arrive/Refreshments
- 10.30 - 12.30 Introduction to singing from the heart. Singing as a spiritual practice. Learning sacred chants and songs with harmonies together.
- 12.30 - 13.30 Lunch - please bring your own lunch. Coffee, teas and cake will be provided.
- 13.30 - 15.00 Learning and sharing sacred chants and songs.
- 15.00 - 16.00 Singing offering in St Thomas' Church, Mellor. The day will end at the conclusion of this (16.00).

Venue: Mellor Parish Centre, Church Road, Mellor, Stockport SK6 5LX. Free parking is available at the venue. Nearest rail station is Marple (25 minutes from Manchester Piccadilly) from where the 375 bus service takes you to Mellor.

Booking arrangements: Booking is essential. If you would like to come, or want some further information, please contact Andrew Clark, preferably by email: andrewjbclark@outlook.com or by mobile: 07729118876.

Cost: Donations welcome (suggested amount £20).



Andrew Clark worked for nearly 30 years as a psychiatrist and psychotherapist in the NHS, before retiring in 2017. His earliest experience of singing was in a church choir and over many years of singing in choirs as well as on retreats and pilgrimages, he deeply appreciates the therapeutic and spiritual impact of singing. He now feels increasingly called to use heart-centred singing and sounding as a way to develop our heart consciousness.

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Mellor Birds

Maggie Williams

After a Pilates class in the Parish Centre I heard a lovely story about a **Barn Owl**, (*Tyto alba*), from Jean C. Jean lives up Moor End



Road and had told me previously she had seen a barn owl in the field behind her house, but now apparently it is flying across the road in the direction of Larkhill. I asked what time of day she saw it and she replied "Oh at dusk when I am sitting watching television - it flies past the window." I have never heard of anyone managing to birdwatch while watching the TV before. Further up the hill on Shiloh Road where



the bus turns round, Pat O. tells me a **whitethroat**, (*Sylvia communis*), has been heard. They are usually hiding in a hedge but you can hear a scritch-scratchy noise. They are about the size of a robin with a grey head, white throat and beautiful pinkish wash across his breast.



The female is duller with a white eye ring. In winter they migrate south of the Sahara to the thorn scrub of the Sahel. Their old country name is "nettles creeper" which is its preferred



nesting site in a cup of dry grass. Also heard in the area of the bus turn round area has been a **little owl**, (*Athene Noctua*). They are up to 9 inches tall and look quite cuddly to me with big yellow eyes. They have a habit of using conspicuous daytime perches. I have seen them on stone walls and chimneys.

Their song is a repeated plaintive 'kiu' and the call is a loud ringing 'werro.'

Diana tells me the 385 bus service up to Shiloh Road is really good now. Goes roughly once an hour from 8.00am ish until 6.30ish; not on Sundays. You can do great walks from the top. See QR code for bus timetable.



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OPPENHEIMER and his CONSEQUENCES - Guy Nicholls

You may have had the time and interest to watch 'Oppenheimer' recently. One member of St Thomas' had the 'privelege' of watching the results of the scientist's work a little nearer - Guy Nicholls.

"I said farewell to the coal mines of South Wales where I had spent 12 months after



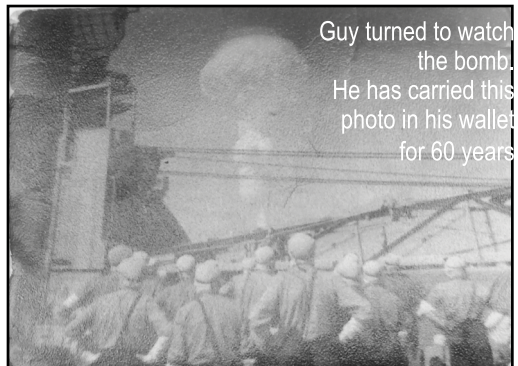
leaving school at 15. I also said farewell to my grandparents who had brought me up after my mother had left for London many years before. I moved to London but that did not work out too well so it was not long



before I signed up for the Navy. After 6 weeks of 'square bashing' I was asked to choose which section of the Navy to join and I began training as a Telegraphist attending Courses on Morse Code. I soon mastered it and could reach 25 words a minute easily. The ship I

joined, HMS Warrior, was an aircraft carrier. We set off quite soon on the journey to Christmas Island which proved very difficult as we passed through a hurricane. Even on an aircraft carrier we were having to bail out water from our living spaces. The ship turned out to be in very bad condition and was eventually sold to the Argentinians on the way home (?) We reached our position off Christmas Island in 1957?

I witnessed the 3 tests of the British Hydrogen Bomb along with many others. An A.B.C.D. officer (anti biological chemical defence) told us to put on heavy goggles; put our hands up to cover our eyes as well and turn our backs to the bomb while waiting for it to detonate.



A naval officer on HMS Warrior described the shipboard's atmosphere of "excitement, anxiety and awe when the first bomb was dropped." Another said, "When it went off, first of all there was the flash and I saw the bones in my hand like an X-ray." We had to count to 10 and then we were allowed to turn around and look at the explosion. **It was a terrifying but an amazing and remarkable sight, a cauldron of fire - like seeing a mini-sun being born.**" The mushroom was pulling a big trunk of water upwards and, when it fell down, it caused a small tsunami, which rocked the ship terribly. "Where we were positioned we saw birds and seagulls, which had been blinded by the flash, flying around aimlessly and falling into the water." The ship had been used as a marker to guide the planes to the Malden Island where the bombs were actually dropped. When the mission was completed the pilot reported "**Bomb gone, let's get the hell out of here.**" This sentence "Bomb gone, sir," went right up through the ranks to the Vice Admiral. We returned home wondering what the future might hold.....

Guy Nichols & MML

BIG THANK YOU TO PETER

Unfortunately, Peter Cooke has decided to stop delivering the Outlook magazine at the end of the year. Peter has been delivering the magazines for a long while and I thank him for all of his help.

Peter delivers 19 copies of the Outlook magazine in the Cote Green Road, Cote Green Lane and Hillside Grove area.

I am therefore looking for someone to take over delivering the magazine in this area. It would be possible to split the round into two.

Anyone who is able to help with this please contact me on 0161 449 9474

ThankYou

David Jelleyman

Maggie and I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who take part in Outlook reaching our doorsteps :- to those who send in the articles; to those who proofread the nearly finished copies; to the many who deliver the magazines and collect the production costs and especially to Peter Forbes who, on his own, prints off the 500 copies and to David who arranges the distribution of them.

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Gingery Plum Cake

Jill Baker

The September plums look and taste good in this cake - an upside down cake. This is from the Good Food Magazine.

550g plums

2tbsp demerara sugar and butter for greasing

175g butter

175g dark muscovado sugar

140g golden syrup

2 eggs beaten

200ml milk

300g SR flour

½ tsp bicarb

1 tbsp ground ginger

1 tsp mixed spice



Heat the oven to 180°C GM4. Grease and line a 23cm square tin.

Then generously butter the paper and sprinkle with the demerara sugar.

Halve the plums and arrange on the base of the tin cut side down.

Melt the butter, muscovado sugar and syrup in a large pan slowly, cool for 10 mins. Now beat in the eggs and milk, then sift in the dry ingredients and mix to a smooth batter.

Pour over the plums and bake for 45-55 minutes. Cool in the tin for 10 mins and then tip out. Eat warm as a pudding with some ice cream/crème fraiche. Cool and eat as a cake. Keeps well wrapped in the fridge for up to 5 days.

Ed- The Victoria plums just came ripe in the garden in time to make this yummy cake, MW

BIBLES

A list of bibles specially named because of the mistakes they contain

THE CAMELS BIBLE (published in 1823)

Genesis 24:61 "And Rebekah arose, and her camels" (instead of "damsels")

THE DENIAL BIBLE (1792)

Luke 22:34 states that Philip is the disciple who would deny Jesus, not Peter.

THE EARS TO EAR BIBLE (1810)

Matthew 13:43 "Who hath ears to ear, let him hear" (instead of "ears to hear")

THE FOOL BIBLE (published during the reign of Charles I)

Psalms 14:1 "The fool hath said in his heart that there is a God" (instead of "no God") The printers were fined £3000 and all copies were suppressed.

THE FORGOTTEN SINS BIBLE

Luke 7:47 "Her sins which are many, are forgotten" (instead of "forgiven")

THE JUDAS BIBLE (1611)

Matthew 26:36 has "Judas" instead of "Jesus"

THE LIONS BIBLE (1804)

Lots of mistakes in this one!

Numbers 25:18 "The murderer shall surely be put together" (instead of "to death")

1 Kings 8:19 "But thy son that shall come from the Seventh Commandment. It was forth from thy lions" ("loins")

Galatians 5:17 "For the flesh lusteth after the Spirit" ("against the Spirit")

THE MORE SEA BIBLE (1641)

Revelation 21:1 "and there was more sea" ("no more sea")

THE MURDERERS' BIBLE (1801)

Jude 16 "These are murderers" ("murmerers")

THE PLACEMAKERS' BIBLE (1562)

Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the placemakers" ("peacemakers")

THE PRINTERS' BIBLE (1702)

Psalms 119:161 David complains that "printers have persecuted me without cause" ("princes")

THE SIN ON BIBLE (1716)

John 5:14 "Sin on more" ("sin no more")

THE STANDING FISHES BIBLE (1806)

Ezekiel 47:10 "And it shall come to pass that the fishes shall stand upon it" ("fishers")

THE UNRIGHTEOUS BIBLE (1653)

1 Corinthians 6:9 "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall inherit the Kingdom of God?" ("shall not")

THE VINEGAR BIBLE (1717)

Luke 20 "The Parable of the Vinegar" (Vineyard)

THE WICKED BIBLE (1631)

Exodus 20:14 The word "not" is omitted printed by the King's printers, and the £300 fine ruined them.

AS SEEN FROM COW CORNER



The local village cricket team are ever hopeful of putting together a string of wins this season, in order to improve their position in the league table from next to bottom. As yet, however, victories have been scarce.

In a rain reduced game, to 32 overs each, Mellor visited Northwich and on winning the toss, invited the hosts to bat first. Runs were difficult to score on the damp outfield, and in order to increase the run rate the batsmen embarked on some suicidal running between the wickets with the consequence that four of their batsmen were run out. At the end of their innings, Northwich had reached 122 for eight wickets. This would normally have been an easy target, but because of the wet outfield, it was difficult to find the boundary, with the result that Mellor reached just 102 runs for the loss of three wickets in their allotted overs.

Of the next three games, two were completely washed out without a ball being bowled. On the intervening week, with a very depleted side, Mellor visited Disley, who won the toss and put Mellor in. Not for the first time this year, Mellor batted without any ambition and struggled to being all out for 105. This was never going to be a challenging target for Disley, and helped by an unbroken stand of 70, they came out winners by eight wickets.

On the following week Mellor travelled to Timperley with hopes of avenging the defeat, at home, earlier in the season. The home side won the toss and invited the visitors to make first use of the strip. Against some very tight bowling runs were difficult to get and the batsmen had to resort to taking liberties. It was therefore with some relief, that after twenty overs, and with the score on 58 for the loss of three wickets, the rain came and washed out any further prospect of play. The two teams shared the points, but it did not help Mellor's parlous position in the league table.

Silly Point

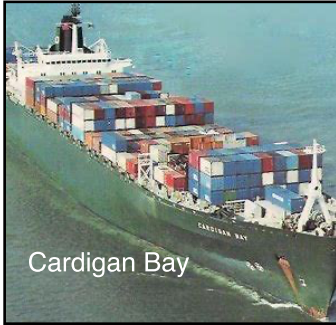


Captain Ken

Ken Owen

One of the most unusual ships I ever sailed on was the 'Bengal Enterprise'.

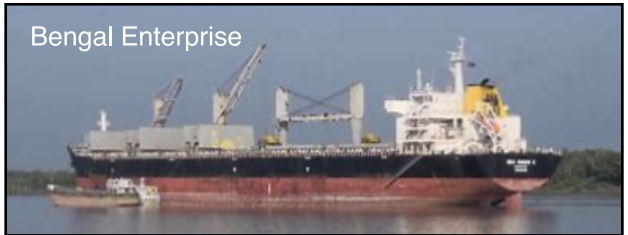
When our Company chartered her, it was because she was quite small, taking only a few hundred containers, but with her own huge gantry which allowed us to both load and discharge containers without any help.



We had just started the first container service to India. All the normal container ships, though they could serve Mumbai, were far too big to reach Calcutta in India, and Chittagong in Bangladesh, so the large fast ships carried the containers to and from Colombo in Sri Lanka, and we connected to the other two ports.

I was serving as Chief Officer on the large 'Cardigan Bay' at the time and was suddenly told to pack my bags and leave my ship in Singapore when we were on our way home from Japan, and take command of the 'Bengal Enterprise'.

I was quite intrigued with this, as being a bit of a romantic, I realised it was exactly what Joseph Conrad, my favourite author had done, a hundred years earlier. So I left my ship in Singapore and flew to Colombo, where I took command of the 'Bengal Enterprise'.



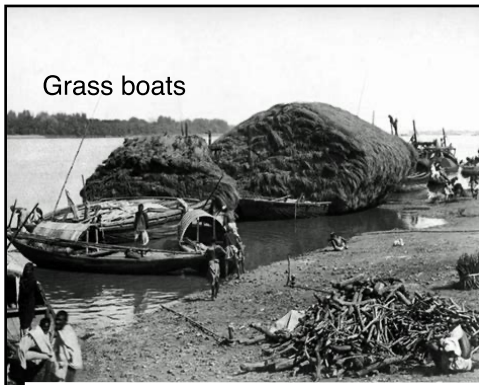
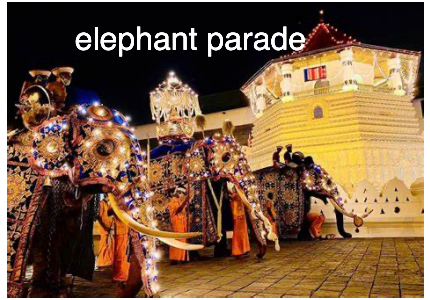
She had some thirty crew members made up of 14 different nationalities. I shall never forget an incident when we were on a very close collision course on a sharp bend in the Hooghly River. The ship was only very slowly swinging to starboard despite the wheel being hard over. And it was certainly the 'power of prayer' that made us swing clear. Of the four of us on the bridge, the Captain was Christian, the pilot was Hindu, the officer of the watch was Buddhist and the quartermaster on the wheel was Muslim, and I know we were all

praying very hard.

It was a most interesting voyage running between Colombo, Calcutta and Chittagong in Bangladesh, but it was before GPS was evolved so we still relied on the sextant and compass.

It was also very fortunate that I was able to fly my sixteen year old son

Richard out to join me on a round voyage, but little expected him to be on board when, while waiting to enter Chittagong, we were boarded by pirates brandishing swords, which they used simply to cut and steal several mooring ropes, which were very valuable there.



He also managed to see the annual Perahera in the hills of Kandy and the elephant parade of the Buddha's Tooth.

It really was amazing to see the huge floating hay stacks in the Hooghly river going to Calcutta.

With the most amazing seamanship, a few crewmen manoeuvre giant hay stacks on top of tiny boats out of sight beneath the hay.

I overheard a radio VHF conversation between the Pilot cutter and a large foreign ship coming in for a pilot. The cutter told the arriving ship to come alongside him to collect his pilot. The visiting ship's captain said 'It's normal for your pilot to come alongside me to deliver the pilot'. The cutter replied 'But this is the Hooghly pilot'.

The answer came 'I don't care if you're Pontius Pilate, you should still come alongside my ship'.

Pontius Pilate
Jesus V Barabbas



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*The moving finger writes, and having writ
Moves on, nor all thy piety nor wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,
Nor all thy tears wash out a word of it.*



And what of 'now' which is gone as soon as we say the word. 'Now' is the gate which closes the past and opens the future. 'Now' has no duration as one moves into the future, and one cannot hurry forward to a longed-for event or linger to extend an enjoyable occasion.

Time has puzzled philosophers from the earliest years. Aristotle said 'One part of time has been and is not, while the other is going to be and is not yet.' St Augustine said 'What then is time? If no one asks me, I know; if I wish to explain it to one who asks, I know not'. And Roger Scruton wrote 'everything that we cherish or fear, everything that matters in the least to us, has either vanished forever or not yet arrived. All that we have is the infinitesimal fragment of the now, which vanishes in turn just as soon as we try to lay our hands on it'.

Time is 'the enemy' and we learn to use it as well as we can when we become aware how precious it is. A life in a timeless universe is unimaginable: if there were no time there would be no beginnings and no ends, no before or after, no memories and no looking forward.

Christians believe that there is a life after death, and hope to go to heaven for a life of eternal bliss if they have behaved well during their earthly existence, as do other religions, but we do not know if eternity has a time base or whether heaven is timeless - an eternal 'now'.

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A 'TWO-TALK' EVENING

Wednesday, September 27th

7.30pm

David Seddon returns by popular demand after his well-received talk at our AGM. This time his title is '**Shakespeare and Being**

Human' – David is a great

speaker and stimulating fun is

guaranteed. After an interval,

Mike and Meg Barley will take us

on their recent jaunt '**Off the**

Beaten Track in Central Europe'

Admission £7.50 at the door.

There will be a bar.

David will also welcome

donations to the NSPCC

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ARTS & CRAFTS EVENT

Sunday October 22nd

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News from the Bell Tower.

The 'special relationship' was evident at the Church when the bell ringers gave a tour to six American lacrosse coaches who were visiting the area with junior teams from Maryland. They climbed the tower and were delighted to find the Star spangled banner flying, rang the bell, sampled bell ringers soup and were made aware that most of the treasures of the Church predated their country !!! Before departing they received MBE's - Mellor Belfry Experience medals, having parted with a few dollars for belfry good causes.



Tim Lowe.

Churches Together Marple Area.

Churches Together annual Wellspring **Walk** is on **Saturday Sept 30th**, details to follow. Walkers and sponsors will be very welcome!

FRIDAY STROLLERS

Tuesday (yes Tuesday) 12th September.

New Mills Places of Worship walk - 3 miles.

I will be joining this walk and am happy to meet up with anyone who wants to join me.

Meet me in the Co-op Car park New Mills at **9.30a.m.** The walk starts at the Rock Mill Centre at 10a.m. which is where the Heritage Centre used to be. Just let me know if you intend to come.

Friday 13th October (yes October) New Mills Walk.

Mousley Bottom and back. Easy level walk along the River Goyt.

Meet at **10.30a.m** at the Co-op Car Park.

Contact Judy Cooper if you need more information.

judcoopurr@hotmail.com. Mob. 07855290958



Laughs with Lynda 9 Fun Facts

1. You cannot see your ears without a mirror.
2. You cannot count your hair.
3. You cannot breathe through your nose with your tongue out.
4. You just tried number three.
6. When you did number 3 you realised it is possible, only you look like a dog.
7. You are smiling now because you were fooled.
8. Skip number 5.
9. You just checked to see if there was a number 5.



MOOREND WI.

At our meeting in June we were visited by David Seddon - a former head teacher of a 40 place residential special school in Derbyshire. He regaled us with light hearted tales of the severely disturbed students in his care. Early on in his career, David started looking at how and why children fail. Many had terrible early childhoods and he was determined to give them some form of stability and a chance at life. He had several successes, with one pupil eventually becoming a social worker and another becoming a pottery teacher.

The Kinder Handbell Ringers entertained us in July with music ranging from pop, folk, to classical and film themes.



The group formed over 40 years ago, have gradually built up their extremely valuable collection of handbells. A very successful evening with a delightful selection of music.

August was our annual **Strawberries and Scones** social evening.

In September we will hear about the **Geology of the Peak District** and in October we will hear the story of the **Dambusters**. All are welcome to give us a try - meetings are at the Parish Centre on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. Our monthly coffee mornings and luncheon outings continue to be well attended.



Please contact a committee member for details.

Pauline Hutchins 01663 745105



It is difficult to choose a **Memorable Date in September**. Peace was promised on September 30th 1938, but promises were broken, for in 1939 at 5:30am on the 1st of September Hitler's armies invaded Poland and World War II began in Europe the day after; The Anglican Church was fully established in the reign of Elizabeth 1st who was born on the 7th in 1153; Queen Eliabeth II died on the 8th in 2022- both were guardians of the C.of E; nobody will forget 9/11 2021 when the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history occurred; The Mayflower ship left England on the 16th in 1620 and finally on the 19th in 1893 New Zealand gave women the vote. The date chosen is **September 5, 1997** when Mother Theresa died in Calcutta at the age of 87, after a life of good works spent aiding the sick and poor in India through her Missionaries of Charity Order and especially her care for children. This prayer below is usually accredited to Mother Teresa though it was probably written by Keith Kent. It was found written on the wall of Mother Theresa's Home for Children in Calcutta. I heard it first at Janet Wilson's funeral - a dearly loved member of the Church who devoted her life to her family, her work as a teacher, to the young people in the Choir and to many Church activities. She has been sorely missed by John, his family and us all.



People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies.

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you.

Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.

Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten.

Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway.

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Many thanks again for your continuing support of Outlook.

Jackie Shah (January 2023)

Prayer of the month

God of the spirit of kindness,
In the glory of earth and sea and stars,
In the kaleidoscope of colour and shade and shapeliness,
In the patterns of humour and tenderness of touch,
We celebrate your generosity.

Forgive us when we forget the gift in our every breath
The care that sustains our every moment,
The grace that can transform our every day.

A prayer from 'The Pattern of our Days' edited by Kathy Galloway

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH *Jenny Johnson*

EVERY PROBLEM HAS A SOLUTION.

IF THERE IS NO SOLUTION,

THEN IT IS NOT A PROBLEM,

BUT A FACT OF LIFE

IF IT IS A FACT OF LIFE

THEN YOU CAN DO NOTHING ABOUT IT

LEARN TO ACCEPT IT

AND DEAL WITH IT AS BEST YOU CAN

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From the Registers



Baptism

We welcomed into God's family

Maeve Isabel d'Esterre Vallejo Carey on 23rd July

Weddings

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to:

Christian Stoddart & Nicole Mellor on 22nd July

Matthew Asher & Faye Waterhouse on 5th August

Funerals

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

David Hatton on 21st July

Margaret Thackray on 11th August



Mellor Church Women's Evening Fellowship

After an unusual but nevertheless much-enjoyed Summer Outing to **Irlam Station** in July, Fellowship took a break in August.

Meetings resume this month with a talk on

"The History of Stockport Garrick Theatre"

which is England's oldest Little Theatre - with a plaque to prove it!
We anticipate this being a popular subject, of interest to many local people. Visitors are always welcome. Do come and join us on September 13th at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre to find out more.

Church Rotas

Stewards Rota

Date	8.30am	10.00am	6.30pm
3 Sept	P Cooke	M Lowe & M Williams	J Shiel
10 Sept.	A Mason	J Elliott & R Elliott	R Holt
17 Sept.	J Butterworth	D Jelleyman & A Sanders	J Shiel
24 Sept.	P Cunningham	P Long & A Muller	R Holt
1 Oct	P Cooke	S McAllister & C Starling	J Shiel

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

Flower Rota

3rd Sept	Wedding Flowers	1st Oct	Harvest flowers
10th Sept	Julia Mann	8th Oct	Harvest flowers
17th Sept	Angela Muller	15th Oct	Jill Baker
24th Sept	Alwyn Owen	22nd Oct	Wedding flowers
		29th Oct	Flowers for All Souls

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

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10 Sept	H Kennedy & M Lowe
17 Sept	M & R Leng
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