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The deadline for the December issue is November 15th please.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2023

5 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
4th Sunday	10.00 am	Parish Communion
before Advent	6.30 pm	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)
8 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)
12 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
3rd Sunday	10.00 am	Parish Communion
before Advent	12.15	Act of Remembrance Mellor War
Remembrance Sunday		Memorial Longhurst Lane
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer (Parish Centre)
	7.00 pm	Choir Remembrance Concert
13 Mon	10.45-12 noon	Coffee & Chat (Parish Centre)
15 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)
17 Fri	to Sun 19th Dec	Fort Belan Rehearsal weekend
18 Sat	10.30- 3.00pm	FAIRTRADE Christmas Fair Guildhall
19 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday	10.00 am	Parish Communion
before Advent	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer (Parish Centre)
22 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)
26 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday next	10.00 am	Parish Communion
before Advent	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Christ the King		
29 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)

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 November 2023

Edale weekend

I have just returned from a wonderful weekend at Edale with over 20 young people and a brilliant team of leaders. It was a real joy to spend time with such a lovely group of children and teenagers, some of whom are in our choir and some not. The young people ranged in age from 6 up to 17 (only those aged 8 could stay overnight), but despite the wide span of ages they all mixed well with each other, the older ones often looking after the younger children in a sensitive and thoughtful way. I can now see why this annual weekend is such an important event in our church calendar, and why the young people want to come back year after year. I have already booked the date my diary for September 2024. I want to say a special thank you to all six members of the leadership team, for their immaculate planning, superb catering, good company and above all for their very evident love and care for the young people.

5 ways to well-being

The theme for the weekend was well-being, and the activities were structured around five widely recognised ways to well-being:

Connecting: we had a fun team building session, making towers with marshmallows and spaghetti, though the whole weekend was about connecting.

Being active: we spent time on the climbing wall, on walks and playing rounders.

Noticing: a village quiz, on foot, which involved looking for answers to clues.

Learning: through new experiences, new songs, new ideas.

Giving: I asked the young people to think of different ways in which we can give, besides giving money. They came up with an impressive and creative list of dozens of great ideas, including: giving time, a listening ear, kindness, support, encouragement, respect, loyalty, opportunities, a helpful warning, space, a smile, and unconditional love.

Paying attention to these five ways may well help us to discover the quality of well-being Jesus referred to when he said that he had come that we might have life in all its fullness (John 10.10).

May God give you

Love and friendliness to help you to connect,

Health and energy to help you be active,

Awareness and sensitivity to help you notice,

Understanding and wisdom to help you learn,

Generosity and thoughtfulness to help you give.

God bless you Andrew

Harvest 2023

Many thanks to all the lovely people who brought plants, tins and packages to the Harvest Service. This year there were more gifts than ever and the recipients were most thankful.

When I delivered the food to the Wellspring, it was late morning and there was a long queue of people, mostly men, waiting for the lunchtime meal to be ready. They looked cold, ill nourished and poorly dressed. Our Harvest donations contributed a little to their needs.

Thank you.



The Wellspring

Lynda Gwyther

Harvest 2023

Thank you also **Libby's** for creating



this wonderful sheaf for our Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

Thank you to Harry Clegg for baking **the bread**, Luca Joseph Smith who created **the mouse** and had his photograph taken above with Rev Andrew who collected it. Thanks also to Julia Mann who made the arrangements for its production and took the photographs.

Whatever the Service I never cease to be amazed how beautiful the flowers look. Thank you for all your hard work and your skill and creativity in arranging the flowers so exquisitely.



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Revd Angie Stanton speaking in the Service
on
Sunday 15th October 2023

It's great to be together on a beautiful morning.

We come to worship God, but we come too with a heaviness in our hearts and minds with all that's happened since we last met. Whilst this is not a platform for anything political to be said it is a place to remind us that we stand with all those people whose lives we have been all too familiar with this week - with the destruction, the desperation, the loss, the pain and the struggle.

We pray for the Jewish people, the Palestinians, Hamas, the State of Israel and it's kind of all beyond our comprehension Yet must do what we can to stand with them and pray for them. We pray for prudence, for wisdom, for restraint, pray for straightforwardness and honesty. We pray for peace, we pray that the voices of those who want to counsel compassion will be heard. We pray that those who are perpetrating violence will be prepared to listen.

So we bring ourselves before God for all that this week has meant to us in so many ways.

Women's Evening Fellowship

November Fundraiser for St Ann's Hospice

Many of us have cause to be grateful to St Ann's for the unstinting care and support they have offered to family and friends at critical times in our lives.

Now they are asking for our help.

They explain that the current building, "has done well for a long time, but it's old and needs constant upkeep now. It gets overly hot in the summer, hard to maintain the warmth in winter, and the old narrow halls make it difficult to move patients or take them out to the gardens."

Therefore they urgently need our support to break ground for the new hospice.

The Fellowship has decided to make St. Ann's Hospice New Building Fund our charity for this year and we have arranged a **Bakes and Bingo Afternoon from 2 - 4 pm on November 15th in The Mellor Centre**. In addition to the cakes and bingo there will also be a Raffle and a Christmas Stall. **Tickets are £7.50.**

Twenty tickets sold would let St Ann's buy 6 pallets of bricks, forty sold would go a good way to hiring an excavator and buying materials for laying the foundations and sixty sold would contribute substantially to hiring a skilled local workforce to build the new hospice.

So come one, come all for an enjoyable afternoon and the chance to help St Ann's as they have helped us.

We urgently need a new purpose-built hospice for the people of Greater Manchester.

With your help we've raised more than £700,000, but we can't stop there.

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Parkin

Jill Baker

Bonfire night or Plot night if you are from West Yorkshire (?) is a time not only for sausages and toffee apples but all things ginger. Parkin is probably one of the most traditional ginger bakes.

225g butter
110g golden syrup
110g black treacle
2 large eggs
125ml milk
225g plain flour
1 tsp bicarb.
1½ tbsp ground ginger
225g muscovado sugar dark
225g medium oatmeal
30x25cm greased or lined tin (or similar dimension)



Heat the oven to 170C Gas mark 3.

Gently heat the butter and treacle in a pan.

Measure the milk and beat in the eggs.

Put the flour, oats, sugar, bicarb and ginger in a large bowl.

Mix in the butter and syrup mix, and then the egg and milk.

Pour into the prepared baking tin and bake for 45 mins until risen and springs back to the touch.

Cool and cut into squares. It improves if made a few days ahead, becoming stickier.

Note. I had only porridge oats so I blitzed it in a food processor.

I used light brown muscovado too as it was in my cupboard!



Ed: This made an excellent Parkin.

Here! Here! it was delicious

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Adventures on the Buses

One afternoon we took a trip on the 385 from the Royal Oak to Shiloh Road. All went well at first until we came to Moor End Road. Tight enough to start with but then very slow progress hindered by cars that could have been parked better and overhanging hedges. Luckily no damage to cars or our vehicle, as a broken wing mirror on the bus would have necessitated it being taken out of service. So we were lucky to get through at all. Hopefully the building queue of traffic behind us wasn't inconvenienced too much.

We escaped at the terminus to walk back leaving the poor driver to re-negotiate the narrows. I wonder what the broken mirror rate is?

On another issue; has anyone had trouble using their pension-age concessionary travel pass after 11pm? Within Greater Manchester TfGM passes allow use from 9.30am up until midnight during the week but it appears some had been miscoded as national ones restrict use to 11pm. If you suffer the embarrassment of rejection late at night (although, now, bus drivers should be aware of the problem) contact TfGM.



M.P.W. & P. W.

Choir Comings and Goings

At the end of September the choir enjoyed a 'pizza rehearsal' giving people, who are interested in joining, to experience a rehearsal with the added attraction of free pizza. This was an enjoyable and successful event which has resulted in four more people joining our choir. If anyone reading this is interested in joining the choir to take advantage of the free musical education and fun then please visit the choir website www.mellorchurchchoir.co.uk. We can't promise pizza at every rehearsal though! Sadly, September also saw the departure of Daisy and Thomas Henderson. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and several years of service with the choir. We wish them luck as they pursue other interests.



Mellor Birds Maggie Williams

I was glad to hear something in the world is doing what it normally does at this time of year, when Kareen told me on Sept 23rd that she had heard the **Pink Foot geese**, in their V formations, high up, going “wink wink” on their way from Martin Mere to Norfolk (usually around 8.45 am ish). In February they will start to go in the opposite direction (usually 3pm to 4pm.)



Kay on Hollins Lane has been hearing a flock of **blue tits** tapping around the edge of her aluminium framed windows every morning and then again later in the day, to get in the crevices for insects. They spend time in the cedar trees next to the house which have a serrated bark good for insects too.



Alison D reported recently a flock of **long tailed tits** going “zi zi zi” in the Church yard and also a **pied wagtail** on the Mellor Centre roof.



William Byrd's Anthem ‘Sing Joyfully’ was sung by the Church choir at the 10am service on October 8th. As the service is recorded you can see this by going to ‘You tube Worship from St. Thomas’. The Anthem is sung 1hour 8minutes into the recording. I

found it very jolly and joyful. Apparently 73 people have viewed this. William Byrd lived from 1540 to 1623 and is one of England's most important early music composers. Last week a photo of a **white pigeon** on top of some white kitchen cupboards appeared on the Longhurst Lane WhatsApp group. At 2.53pm the bird could not be coaxed out and was just chilling on the cupboard. By 3.04pm it had left the kitchen and flown off.



Redwings and fieldfares

have started to arrive. On 16th a **red kite** was seen over Mellor Moor.



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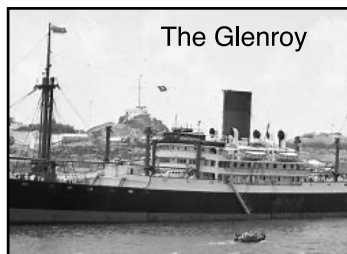
Ken Owen

One particular pleasure received from my quite long sea career has been the variety of really interesting people I have been privileged to befriend.

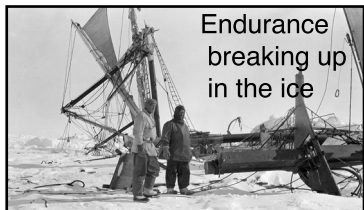
Outstanding amongst these must surely be **Dr. James McIlroy**.

It was in the 1960's, when I was Second Mate of the cargo passenger ship 'Glenroy', and Dr. McIlroy, in his late eighties, was enjoying a retirement voyage with us.

Nobody on board 'Glenroy' knew who this very pleasant elderly passenger was and it was only when enjoying a drink together, and discussing



the Sir Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic expedition, that I realized he was the surgeon of the wrecked 'Endurance' and then stranded with the crew on Elephant Island while Shackleton and two officers sailed an epic small boat passage to South Georgia whaling station to enable a rescue of the remaining crew while McIlroy was having to cut off some of the men's frost bitten toes.



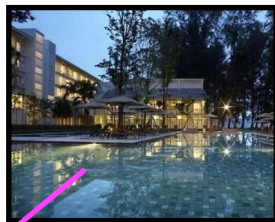
As we frequently enjoyed conversation together, I realized Jim had been to the South Pole twice, the North Pole once, fought and been captured in two World Wars. He was the surgeon on the Orient Line's 'Oronsay' when she was torpedoed off West Africa and spent several days in a life boat before being captured.

When he claimed to have visited every country in the world except Mexico, I did think he was exaggerating, but later learned that he had in fact accompanied Prince Battenberg, as medical advisor, on his World trip.

Together with explorer Frank Wild, he owned a cotton plantation in Nyasaland until they were both persuaded to join Shackleton on his final expedition where very sadly Shackleton

suffered a heart attack in South Georgia and actually died in Mcllroy's arms.

As Dr. Mcllroy was the most travelled person I ever met, I did ask him where was the nicest place in the world. And he said, "Well I've only discovered it on this trip, and it is 'The Lone Pine Hotel' on Penang **Island, Malaysia**".



Many years after he died, the British Admiralty made a new survey of South Georgia and named one of the mountain peaks Mount Mcllroy.

I have never sailed near South Georgia, so was very pleased some years later when I heard that Maggie, our 'Mellor Birds' contributor,



was taking an Antarctic Bird Watching cruise. I asked if she could identify the relevant mountain peak on South Georgia which she kindly did, and this is the picture.

Mount Mcllroy is identified with the arrow

Laughs with Lynda



saw some mussels having a party on the beach the other day.
I think they were shellebrating.

I keep randomly shouting out "Broccoli!" and "Cauliflower."
I think I may have florets.

Two flies are playing football in a saucer.
One says to the other;
"Make an effort, we're playing in the cup tomorrow."



Fair Trade Now *Judith Shiel*

Since Traidcraft unfortunately ceased trading it has become a bit more difficult to buy Fair Trade goods, but it's not impossible. FT tea, coffee, chocolate, bananas and more are available in some supermarkets (look for the logo at the top). For more information about buying Fair Trade, look at the Fair Trade Foundation website (www.fairtrade.org.uk) to

see what is available and find out more about their work. In addition some online companies include some FT goods – the Ethical Superstore

(www.ethicalsuperstore.com) is one such. It sells a vast range of goods covering food and drink, fashion, stuff for home and garden, toiletries, lots of things for children, and you can qualify your search on the website by applying 'Fair Trade' as a filter. At the moment this produces hundreds of items to choose from. The Leprosy Mission is another good source (www.theleprosymissionshop.com) – again you can apply 'Fair Trade' as a filter, and find all sorts of things, from chocolates to a Christmas pudding tea cosy!

Fair Trade Christmas Fair

And for Christmas shopping – the Stockport Fair Trade Christmas Fair will be happening this year. It's on Saturday 18th November, from 10.30 – 3.00 at the Guildhall in Stockport (on the A6 right opposite Stockport College). Very handy for travelling by bus and there is parking round the back of the Guildhall. Lots of lovely Christmas goodies, and all sales will benefit those who produce them.

Letter to the Editors.

'The editors have received the following response to the article by the Walrus in last month's Outlook. We wish to remind readers that the views of individual contributors may not represent the views of the editors or of the church. However we are keen to promote serious debate, and freedom of speech is a subject that merits a thoughtful discussion.'

Revd Andrew Tawn

Dear Editor,

I have enjoyed reading the Outlook for many years and have a long and happy association with your church.

I write in response to The Walrus's article. May I respectfully point out that there is no such thing as total freedom as I learned many years ago in Philosophy lectures and tutorials. One's man's freedom impinges on another man's freedom so in a civilised community we need rules in order to function.

I also want to point out that I count it an honour these days to be counted as woke (or a 'loony lefty' or a snowflake which are other terms used) as it seems to mean that I care about the effects of actions and speech in relation to the world around. I must therefore be one of the 'anonymous, unrepresentative minority' which the Walrus berates.

Yours (not anonymously!)

Chris Lomax

Thank you Chris for your response to the article on 'Free Speech.' As one of the Editors I was delighted to receive your feedback. It made me feel that Outlook had become a 'real magazine' such as the Radio Times which always includes 'Letters to the Editors.' I hope yours will be the first of many. Thank you

Ed MML



Rose Queen Christmas Wreath Making Event Saturday 25th November 3pm



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Alphabets, Numerals and Wheels

When the Romans extended their rule over north-western Europe and the British Isles they encountered cultures where there were no written languages. The Romans used their alphabet wherever they worked and we use that alphabet today. However, the numbering system was clumsy and difficult to use – try dividing MCM by XVII – so the Romans used a form of abacus to perform the calculations needed to run their affairs. It was not until the 12th century that Arabic numerals began to be introduced, so that mathematics could make progress. The Christian church assisted with the spread of the written word with the introduction of the bible and prayer books.

When the European countries began to explore the world they discovered that there were no alphabets, numerals or wheeled vehicles in North and South America, Africa south of the Sahara Desert, Madagascar, Australia, New Zealand, New Guinea and the Pacific islands. There had been a system of symbols in the Mayan culture, but that seems to have been used solely by the priests and its meaning was lost when they were killed. There had also been a writing system in part of Nigeria but that was superseded by the Roman form introduced by colonists.

Thus the written languages which the former colonies use were compiled by explorers, traders and colonial administrators who wished to learn the languages they encountered and to pass on their knowledge to the future, and Christian missionaries who wished to convert people to Christianity and to provide them with bibles and prayer books. With the introduction of written words came books, schools, universities, hospitals, doctors, dentists and opticians, and roads, bridges, railways, docks, harbours and guns.

The lack of wheeled vehicles in puzzling, particularly in north-eastern Africa where tribes had been in contact with the Egyptians, who used chariots etc extensively, for thousands of years. The lack may have been because although Africa teemed with antelopes none of them could be trained to become draught animals. Hannibal had used elephants, presumably African elephants, in his war with Rome but no attempts were made to use elephants in the way they are used in India and south east Asia. The only animals in South America tamed to act as pack animals were llamas, and in North America none of the deer or bison could be trained. It was not until European colonists arrived with horses that wheeled vehicles began to be used. Has anybody trained a kangaroo to do anything useful?

The Walrus

Thank you. This was fascinating! Ed



Notable Dates - November 1942 - November 2023

Sir William Beveridge wrote a report in **November 1942 (during World War 2)** which contained the **5 Giants** (Evils) of the time.

WANT caused by poverty

DISEASE caused by inadequate health care

SQUALOR caused by poor housing

IGNORANCE caused by lack of education

IDLENESS caused by a lack of jobs or the ability to gain employment

“The welfare state, arguably the greatest achievement of European civilisation in this century.”
Marquand, 1997.



To make the necessary changes work they had to be universal, compulsory; comprehensive; non-means tested. These changes to the “Giants” lead to The NHS; The Education Act, National Insurance amongst many other benefits from which we are fortunate



“A Beveridge Moment”

Baroness Louise Casey, ‘the homelessness Tzar’ was given her honour for services to families and vulnerable people in 2016. She wrote reports on the following:-

Homelessness & rough sleeping through her work with Shelter

Her report on the police recognised misogyny; racism; and sexism

Child sexual exploitation e.g. Rotherham

Troubled Families through poverty and abuse

She urged a ‘**BEVERIDGE MOMENT**’ launching **Food Banks** & focussing on **Hungry**

These are just a few of the changes she has made but in a recent interview with Nick Robinson and on Desert Island Discs she felt strongly that we are not helping the Elderly to grow old well enough. Few of the above problems may be

Care for those growing old

found in Mellor or Marple Bridge - certainly not in St. Thomas’ Church. How about the last one - are we taking enough care of our older inhabitants? Please discuss or give your opinion on the debate. MMLed.

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AS SEEN FROM COW CORNER



The final home cricket match arrived and with it the league champions elect, Hawk Green, who appeared keen to improve their points tally by inflicting as big a defeat as possible on a Mellor side still languishing in the relegation zone of the division. On winning the toss, Hawk Green as expected, made first use of the dry batting strip and immediately proceeded to knock the bowling to all the various parts of the ground. In no time at all, 50 runs had been scored, with no wickets falling. The bowling was changed frequently, but with no success, and in view of the disaster of bowling a few weeks before, the captain wisely declined to bowl himself, much to the approval of the rest of the team.

Runs continued to pile up and it was felt that something unusual had to happen in order to part the opening stand, which had now reached over 100. The two batsmen continued to sneak quick singles and to bat in a carefree and casual manner, when the ball was played into the covers. The striker called for a suicidal run but was sent back by the non-striker, with the result that both batsmen were at the same end of the wicket. It was not difficult to execute the run out. A heated exchange, between the batsmen now took place, to decide which one of them was going to sacrifice his wicket. This comical dismissal brought, uncalled for, sniggers from the close fielders as the dismissed batsman had been run out for 99!

The innings continued in the same casual manner so that the bowlers had more success and eventually the Hawk Green innings closed on 237 for the loss of eight wickets. This was no reason for Mellor to be satisfied with this performance as they had been set a daunting target.

After a suitable break to gather breath and regain their composure, it was Mellor's turn to wield the willow. In line with recent weeks, the opposition were given every encouragement, as the opening pair were the least fleet of foot and very unlikely to challenge the total required. In addition, the captain demonstrated the many ways of being out, none of which were taken up immediately as Hawk Green, perhaps arrogantly, refused to accept the offers until necessary. Mellor's innings was mercifully, finally brought to an end on 97, with a junior being top scorer and extras next highest.

The final match of the season, away at Offerton, down by the river Goyt, where the midges grow large and bite voraciously. A win by Mellor was essential for them, but, also were the results for other matches to determine whether their place in the division was maintained.

Offerton invited the visitors to bat first, and as usual the innings lacked any urgency, and concluded in 35 overs, being all out for 135. In reply, Offerton's innings ended in the allotted 40 overs for 126 for 9 wickets, meaning that Mellor did

not get the points desired and would play in the division decreed by the league. Perhaps where the grass may be greener!

Silly Point

*Maggie has told me that this may be the **last article for the season**. That must mean that winter is approaching (except for the World Cup in India). Thank you for your absorbing articles and we look forward to the next season with a bit more success for the senior team and the hope that the youngsters keep up their growing success. Thanks to the Teams, your support S.P. and your articles for 2023 Ed MML*

Mellor War Memorial Gardens. *Maggie Williams*

The gardens have continued to be colourful and tended by volunteers on Thursdays at 2pm and our monthly work party on the second Saturday of the month.

Two long standing gardeners working for SMBC in Greenspace and TLC have retired. Mark and Wayne. They were excellent at keeping the park looking good and supporting the volunteers. We wish them a long and happy retirement. Dave and Grant are our new gardeners based at Brabyns. They have just cut the hedges and strimmed the moss on the paths.



Some new plants have gone in around the War Memorial, with help of money donated by Royal Oak quiz team. We are very keen to have as much **help** as possible at the monthly work party to tidy the garden on **Saturday 11th November between 10 am and noon.**

The Act of Remembrance
Service
is on Sunday 12th November
at 12.15 pm



**BBC Breakfast
Monday 16th
October
Sarah Roberts**



“Would you like to go to the Olympics in 2028 with a lacrosse team from Mellor?” “Probably !”

With the news that Lacrosse is now an Olympic Sport and the fact that Tom Oldham was a founding member of the Mellor Lacrosse Club in 1925 we bring you more of Tom's Memoir.....

Youthful Days in Mellor 1910 to1926. By 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.

There were some strange playground games, one of which was extremely rough celled, rather curiously, 'Trust and Wait'. Two teams of about 6 each were picked, preference being given to the heavy and strong, and one team would form a long 'Back' by crouching one behind the other in a leap frog attitude, the back man holding on to the middle of the man in front and keeping his head well down, and so on. The front man supported himself against a wall, and when all was ready, the other team would in turn run up to the rear of this long back, put their hands on the first back and leap as far as possible along it, landing astride as heavily as they could in an attempt to break it down. Each man would move up to the front to make room for the one following, until the back had collapsed under the weight, or they were all sitting on it like riders on a long horse. They were then allowed to sway from side to side a certain number of times, winning or losing being decided by whether they broke the back down or not. Then the teams changed round, and so it went on, a game as tough as a rugby match.

We never ventured far from our small home territory of upper Mellor which we knew so well, and the country beyond the tops of the surrounding hills was relatively unknown. One evening a small party of us walked over by the Church and down Alehouse Brow to Mill Brow. We had been told that in the garden of an empty house were some apple trees laden with ripe fruit, and it would be quite safe for us to take some of this, but when the place had been located we dare not go any further with the plan as several people were watching from neighbouring houses. *Were they caught having been seen by the nosey neighbours? Find out in the next episodes as well as what other things they got up to ! Ed.*



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VINCE PRINCE & THE TD's

A question which may have been asked by many of us, "How shall we celebrate a 40th birthday?" Shall we have a party and invite all the friends? Shall we arrange for him to jump out of an aeroplane or drive a fast car or fly a glider? Shall we go for a 'slap up' meal? Shall we visit somewhere we've always wanted to go?

In 1986 these were a few ideas that came to Margaret Simpson, her sons and Vinny.

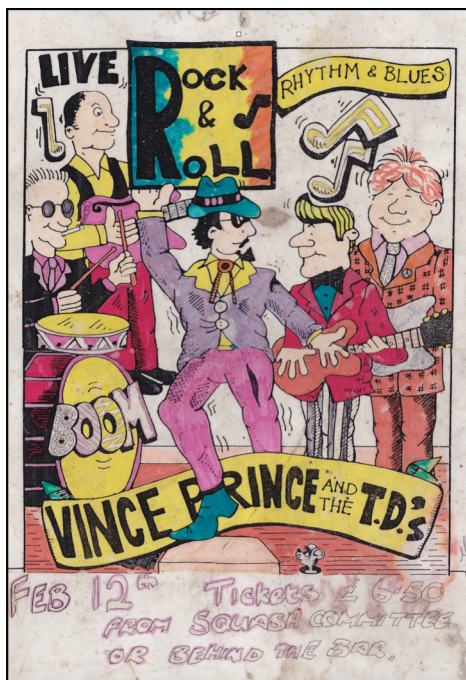
Vinny's response "I'd like to start a band!"

"Well that's different. Who with?"

"Alan Todd; Lynn Samuel; Glyn Jones and Steve Harrison." - What better than 2 Company Directors; 1 Student" and 2 teachers. "What shall we call it?" **"VINCE PRINCE and the TD'S"** (Tone Deafs).

And so it was that the band came into being with that name. Since its beginnings they have played in front of The Prince of Wales; The Duke of Norfolk and a few other local pubs!

The band gathered momentum and quickly found themselves on the Cheshire 'Summer Ball' Circuit. In addition to this they performed at the annual





Coronation Street Christmas Party and Norman Whiteside's (MUFC) testimonial at the Midland Hotel, Manchester.

They gave many charitable performances including the inaugural one for Oxjam Charity which is still running annually. They were always available for a charity.

After 25 years they decided to retire leaving behind lots of happy experiences for many people. They also had a special thank you from the producers of hearing aids whos sales increased markedly.

Perhaps some of you may have attended these concerts ?

Vinny Simpson and Margaret Leng



IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO YOU FEEL WOULD BE A NOTABLE CHARACTER OF MELLOR - PAST OR PRESENT WE SHOULD LOVE TO INCLUDE THEM IN OUTLOOK. The Eds.

From the Registers

Weddings

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to
James Gavin & Amy Moore – 21st October

Funerals

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

John Jones – 27th September

Wilfred Handford – 12th October

John Price whose Memorial service was – 1st September



Concert of Remembrance Mellor Church Choir

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Organ - John LeGrove Soprano - Laura Jarvis Baritone - Ian Collyer

Fauré's Requiem

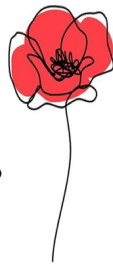
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7pm Sunday 12th November

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No ticket required. Retiring collection in support of Mellor Church Choir.



To face a crisis is one thing; to face it alone is another. There is by now an enormous literature spreading across several disciplines to show how important it is to a person's well being to be surrounded by friends. Merely having people to talk to makes a difference. We speak of 'unburdening' ourselves to others, and the metaphor is exact. There is something about human nature that makes troubles shared easier to bear. We are, as Aristotle and Maimonides said, social animals. What distinguishes *homo sapiens* from other life forms is the extent and complexity of our sociality.

One of the researchers who discovered that regular attendance at a place of worship added years to life expectancy hazarded a guess as to why. People who do so, he said, 'have friends and a sense of importance in the scheme of things'. He is probably right. Faith makes a difference, and the biggest difference it makes is in sustaining the bonds between people. Faith lives in communities. They are the human face of the Divine reality that tells us we are not alone.

From **Jonathan Sacks: 'Celebrating
Life'**

Prayer of the Month.

Be Thou, triune God, in the midst of us as we give thanks for those who have gone from the sight of earthly eyes. They in thy nearer presence, still worship with us in the mystery of the one family in heaven and on earth. If it be thy holy will, tell them how much we love them, and how we miss them, and how we long for the day when we shall meet with them again. Strengthen us to go on in loving service of all thy children. Thus shall we have communion with them, and in thee, with our beloved ones. Thus shall we come to know within ourselves that there is no death, and that only a veil divides, thin as gossamer.

George MacLeod (founder of the Iona Community)

Church Rotas

Stewards Rota

Date	8.30am	10.00am	6.30pm
5 Nov	P Cooke	D Jelleyman & A Sanders	J Shiel
12 Nov.	A Mason	P Long & A Muller	R Holt
19 Nov.	J Butterworth	S McAllister & C Starling	J Shiel
26 Nov.	P Cunningham	C Langford & M Lowe	R Holt
3 Dec	P Cooke	S Knight & M Williams	J Shiel

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

Flower Rota

5 Nov	Maggie Williams	03 Dec.	Advent no flowers
12 Nov.	Cathie Lowe	10 Dec.	Advent no flowers
	Remembrance Sunday	17 Dec.	Christmas flowers
19 Nov.	Lesley Futchter	24 Dec.	Christmas flowers
26 Nov.	Margaret Lowe	31 Dec.	Christmas flowers

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

Holy dusters

5 Nov.	A. Allcard & J Jones
12 Nov	J Burrowss and E Wilson
19 Nov	M. & R. Leng
26. Nov	H. Kennedy and M. Lowe
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