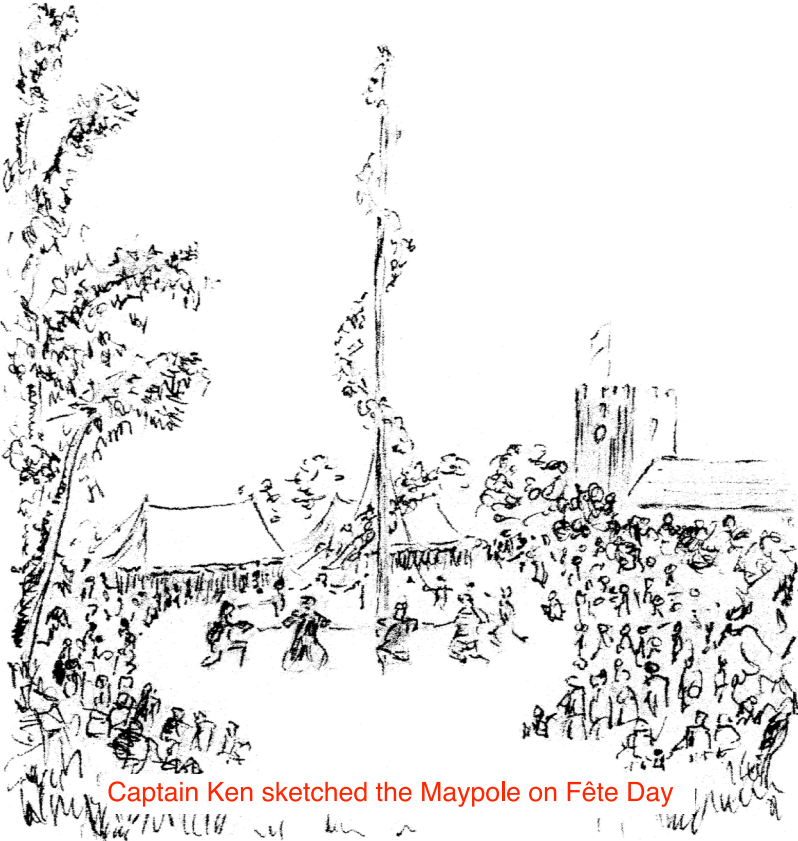


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Captain Ken sketched the Maypole on Fête Day

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The deadline for the July issue is June 15th please.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JUNE 2024

2 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
1st Sunday	10.00 am	Parish Communion
after Trinity	6.30 pm	Holy Communion (Mellor Centre)

5 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Mellor Centre)
8 Sat	3.30 pm	Wedding Blessing – Hazel Shuttleworth and Stephen Butler

9 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday	10.00 am	Parish Communion
after Trinity	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer (Mellor Centre)

10 Mon	10.45-12 noon	Coffee & Chat (Mellor Centre)
12 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Mellor Centre)

16 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
3rd Sunday	10.00 am	Rose Queen Sunday, Parish Communion
after Trinity	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong

19 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Mellor Centre)
22 Sat	2.00 pm	Wedding – Daniel Orr and Leanne Royle

23 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
4th Sunday	10.00 am	Parish Communion
after Trinity	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer (Mellor Centre)

26 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Mellor Centre)
29 Sat	1.00 pm	Church Fête

30 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
5th Sunday	10.00 am	Parish Communion
after Trinity	12.30 pm	Christening Olivia Erin Barton
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer (Mellor 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 (The Mellor Centre)

Women's Evening Fellowship meets on the second Wednesday 7:30pm (The Mellor Centre)

Toddlers' Group meets on Thursday each week 10.00 am to 11.30 am (The Mellor Centre)

Knit and Natter meets on Thursday each week 10.30 am to 12 noon (The Mellor Centre)

The Choir practises each week on Friday at 6.30 pm



Vicar's Viewpoint June 2024 Parochial Church Council (PCC)

By the time you read this we will have held our Annual Parochial Church meeting. At this meeting we hold elections for the appointment of Churchwardens and PCC members. I want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all who serve on the PCC, not just for attending the PCC meetings but also for all the extra work that goes on all the time in the background: accounting for church finances, looking after the church fabric and equipment, dealing with safeguarding issues, responding to church correspondence, updating the electoral roll etc. Sometimes people will refer to me as 'boss' in a jocular way. I prefer to see my role as a servant-leader; helping to resource and facilitate the PCC which holds the ultimate responsibility for making the decisions about the future of our church as we seek to discern and do God's will.

New Door

As many of you will have seen already, we have a new door leading from the porch into the church. The glass panels in the door make everything seem lighter. Visitors can see from the porch into the church to check they are not disturbing a service when they come in. When the outer door is open, we get a great view from inside looking out across the valley. The door is not quite finished - we need to make sure it closes smoothly and there will be some etchings on the glass. This is a gift to the church in memory of Chris Mann and in due course we will include a prayer of dedication on a Sunday morning.

Mellor March

We had perfect weather for the Mellor March, and a good group set off from church at midday. Thank you so much to everyone who has been so generous in sponsoring me to a total of over £400, all of which goes to cancer charities.

Rose Queen Sunday

Sunday 16th June is Rose Queen Sunday when I will be interviewing Molly in the 10am service about the past year -

reflecting on her time as Rose Queen, the events she has organised and the charity she is supporting. Many thanks to Molly and her family for all their hard work.

Church Fête - Saturday 29th June

I have heard so much about the church fete and what a special day this is. Of course, it is a valuable fund-raiser for the church, but it is also a wonderful community occasion hosted by the church. It is only possible because of the contributions of many different people and the careful coordination of the fete committee. We arrived just a few days after last year's fête - what a way to mark the end our first year here!

As I write we are just approaching Pentecost. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to lead us forward:

**God of power,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
may the gifts of your Spirit equip us
to serve and worship you
now and always. Amen.**

God bless you,

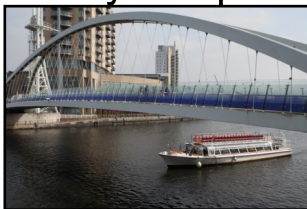
Andrew

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Robert Andrew Stunnell

was born in 1942 in Sutton in Surrey in a family that frowned upon politics and politicians. He was educated at Surbiton County grammar school.

He came to study architecture at the University of Manchester where he spent the summer of 1963 with the Freedom from Hunger society helping to build a 16 mile road to an olive canning factory in an impoverished mountain region of Greece. He started a job in Manchester and became a trade union representative.

He married in 1967 and had 5 children, two of which were adopted. As a lay preacher in the Baptist church, and later, a member of the Methodist church, he was outraged when the Labour Party would deny British passports the Kenyan Asians.

He began work in Runcorn new town living in Chester and became a councillor there. He was invited to put himself forward for Parliament in 1992 but he fell short by 929 votes. Five years later, he

had a majority of 11,814 votes for Hazel Grove and Us but at first found Parliament very disappointing feeling that it was no different from a public school. In his first question he was told by the table officer that he should've use instead of the word 'whether' he should have used the word 'if'.

He had longed championed solar power and became the Lib Dem. energy spokesman He also became chief whip. He helped broker the coalition deal with David Cameron and Nick Clegg.

When, in 2015, the country reverted to the Conservatives he left politics and was made a life peer .

His good advice to future M.Ps was:

"If people say, ' It can't happen or it mustn't happen or it has never happened always be ready to challenge it.'"

Among his many attributes, including wisdom, kindness and humour, one word stands out: integrity

Lord Stunnell Kt. OBE, Lib Dem MP died suddenly on April 29th aged 81.



The Pastoral Care Group



Those readers with long and retentive memories may recall that this group was first set up during the Pandemic. At that time we

could neither come to church regularly nor meet face-to-face and we tried to do what we could to maintain contact and provide long-distance support.

Happily the situation has now much improved and our informal and friendship support networks are once again the first source of help when needed. The Pastoral Care Group is still functioning however as a means of staying in touch with those people who are unable to come to church either in the short or long term.

We are happy to visit, take Home Communion to the housebound, make phone calls, send emails and cards and pass on prayer requests to be included by the Prayer Group or in the Intercessions in church. We will also try to arrange lifts to services if needed.

Please contact me - my phone number is in Outlook at the bottom of the inside front cover - if you think we can be of help in any way.

Lesley Fletcher

Pastoral Care Group Co-ordinator.

Poetry books by Alison Dowdswell.

In the May Outlook Edition we printed the poem

“All in a day’s work”.

All proceeds from the sale of Alison’s Poetry books go to church funds.

Copies of Second Thoughts; Third Time...; and Venture Fourth are available in the postcard section at the back of church for £2 each.

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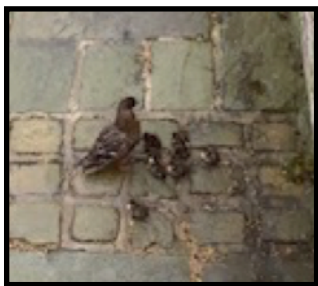


Mellor Birds

Maggie Williams

Karen G sent photos of a female **mallard duck** outside her front door, sat on a hay rack attached to the house wall.

Karen says "She started 'sitting' on 19th April. The most eggs I counted was seven but after that she left them completely covered when she left the nest. The father stayed around for the first few days



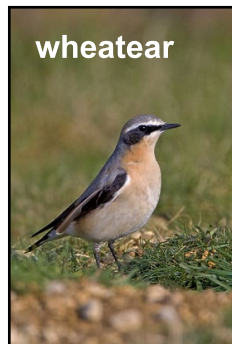
of laying but we haven't seen him since. "14th May - Great excitement all round. I was fortunate that I was in our bedroom - at the front - when I heard a lot of quacking and cheeping. Ducks hatched and left today. Four quite quickly then four more after mother coaxed them. I videoed them leaving under the gate, across the side/back lawn down to

paddock. No sign of them in the long grass so I think she must have taken them to the stream. I hope all the ducklings survived. It seems a very long walk to the stream which is quite fast flowing at the moment."

Well done Karen! She can relax after 25 days of looking after the maternity unit.

The Roman Lakes have Open Days on the last Sunday of the month 10 - 3pm. We went to see the Stockport Ukulele Players there. Also we saw **mute swans** nesting on an island in the lake. Swans take 35 to 42 days to incubate their eggs. So I went to have a look on May 14th and there were six **cygnets** following their parents around.

Helen and Edwin told me they had seen a **wheatear** on Bogguard Road. They are the same size as a Robin but have a very upright stance. They have a black mask and wing, a grey back, buff chin and a white rump seen when they fly off.



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AS SEEN FROM COW CORNER

At last the temperature has risen by a few notches in readiness for the new cricket season, but it does not make playing any more friendly in view of the cold north wind, rendering it decidedly arctic. Nevertheless the season must commence sometime and it is behoven on all the groundsmen to work well into the evenings to try to succeed in presenting playable strips for the first fixture. In the event there was not one ground in the area which was deemed ever likely to be ready for the late April fixture and consequently all the fixtures were postponed to be played after the last match in September.

Matters got more intolerable for players and spectators alike, as the next two of Mellor's fixtures were rendered unplayable as a result of the very wet weather experienced in the last few months.

Cricket was eventually deemed playable, but under duress due to the persistent north wind.

The spectators who braved the conditions, and in order to keep warm, decided to walk briskly round the boundary edge. Invariably the spectators walk clockwise, and one does wonder just why that is. To keep them company on their perambulations, a children's party was in full swing in the pavilion, mainly small girls in pink and sequins.

Mellor, at home, were invited to bat first by Ashley, the visitors. The Mellor opening pair reluctantly trudged out to face the opposition bowling in very unseasonable conditions and it was just twenty yards of walking, by the spectators, before one of the batsmen was hurrying gratefully back to the warmth of the pavilion.

A bouncy castle, sited outside the boundary, had sprung into action, much to the delight of many squealing children. The noise seemed to be amplified by the thrum of the blower being used to maintain inflation of the castle. Whether it was the squeals or the thrum which distracted the batsmen, who knows, but before another fifty yards had been covered by the walkers, another two batsmen were back in the pavilion.

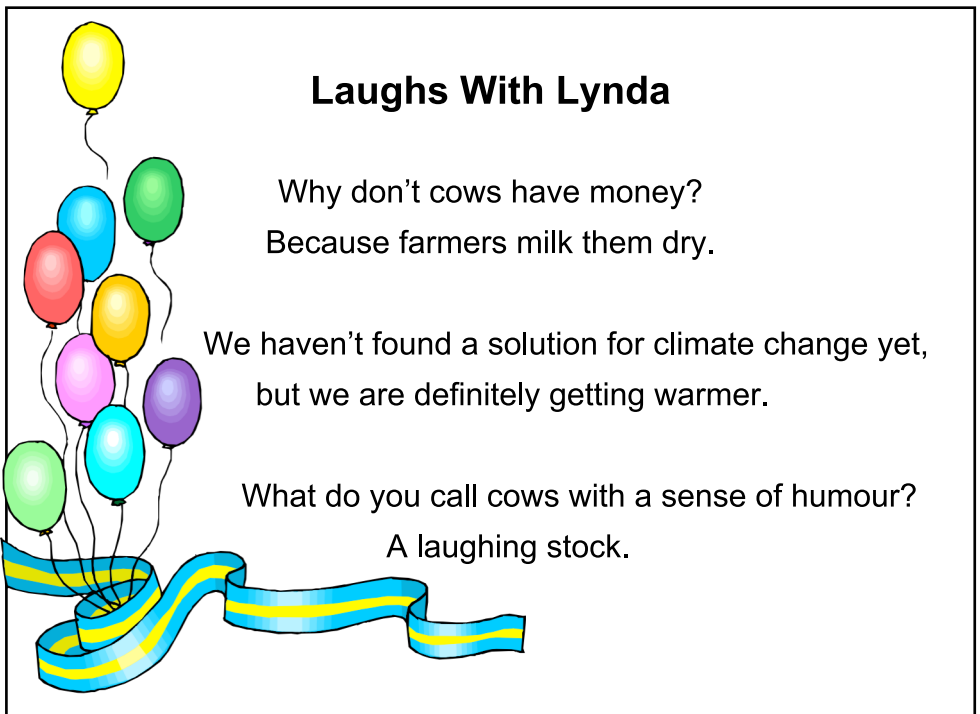
There was then a modest recovery shown by the scoreboard, as a few risky singles were taken, but still wickets fell and half the side were out with just a hundred yards walked.

The pavilion hove into view for those walking the boundary, but, just as they arrived, the Mellor innings was brought to an inglorious end on a dismal 49 all out.

After a suitable break and a warming cup of tea, the Ashley openers took to the field. The spectators decided that it wouldn't take too long for the target to be reached, and they would therefore remain in the comfort of the pavilion to watch the final humiliation.

This duly arrived within eighteen overs, but not before a questionable run out went in favour of the home side and a first ball duck accounted for batsman number three, which brought an unnecessary over celebration from the home side.

Silly Point

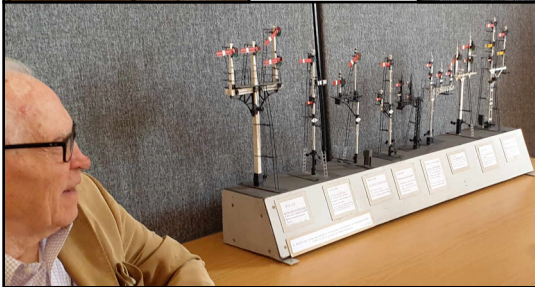




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Cottleston Pie

An old style recipe form the Pooh Cook book. No honey involved.

6oz shortcurst pastry either frozen or freshly made using 6oz plain flour and 3oz butter or a mixture of lard and butter.

For the filling

4 lean rashers of bacon

4 large eggs



Divide the pastry in two and use one half to line a 7/8 inch shallow pie plate.

Trim any rind from the bacon and arrange on their sides to form four spaces in which to break the eggs. Break an egg into each space and season with salt and pepper.

Roll out the remaining half of the pastry into a circle to cover the top of the pie. Before placing it on the pie cut a few slits in the centre. Cover the pie with lid, seal the edges and trim. Brush the top with milk and bake in the centre of a pre heated oven 200C/GM6 for 15 minutes. Then lower to 170C, GM4 for a further 15 minutes. Allow to cool.

Cottleston Pie AA Milne

Cottleston Cottleston
Cottleston Pie,
A fly can't bird, but a
bird can fly.
Ask me a riddle and I
reply
Cottleston Cottleston
Cottleston Pie.

Cottleston Cottleston
Cottleston Pie,
Why does a chicken? I
don't know why.
Ask me a riddle and I
reply
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Cottleston Cottleston
Cottleston Pie,
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Schedule for the week leading up to the fete.

THURSDAY 27th June 6.30pm Many hands make light work! We need a big team to help put up the huge Women's Fellowship tent, so PLEASE SAY "YES!" when we ask you to come and help at 6:30pm.

FRIDAY evening 28th June 7pm. Hope to have Beer tent operating making setting up of gazebos, stalls and Parish Centre much more enjoyable. Come help, come socialise, come and have fun! (There will be music too).

SATURDAY-THE FETE!

From 9am setting up- lots of man and woman power needed.

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13.15 Rose Queen Mimi launches first parachuting teddy

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The Church Fete on June 29th is in need of **Teddies** for the **tombola**. If you have any to spare please leave at the Mellor Centre, (or in porch of 122 Longhurst Lane). It would be much appreciated.



BOTTLE and New Gifts TOMBOLA.

For Church Fete 29th JUNE

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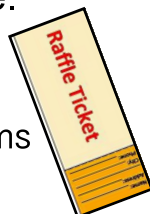
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Gazebos

Also volunteers for selling raffle tickets and help in kitchen please contact Maggie Williams

427 2406. or mpw266@gmail.com





Mellor Church Women's Evening Fellowship



Looking back to May I must thank everyone who supported our **Fête Shower**. It was a most enjoyable evening and preliminary calculations suggest that we made over £800 to go to Church Funds.

This month we look forward to inviting people to join us for two events.

On June 12th at 7.30pm in the Mellor Centre

Elizabeth Bishop is giving a talk on
"A Day in my Garden Diary of Flowers"

and on June 29th we very much hope that many of you will be eager customers at the **Fellowship Produce Tent at the Church Fête**.

Our jams, jellies, cakes and biscuits are always popular and often sell out quite quickly, as do other goods. Do make us an early stop on your tour of stalls.





Captain Ken

Ken Owen

Throughout the world British citizens are often referred to as Limeys, a title that I always consider as complementary. British ships were required by law to supply concentrated lime juice, which we had discovered prevented the skin disease Scurvy. A horrible skin disease caused by lack of vitamin C. And although that is thought to be, a long time ago, it was as recent as the nineteen fifties. When some of our company's Midshipmen were helping to crew the vast German registered sailing barques 'Pamir' and 'Passat' they actually suffered from the disease, as those ships were not required to provide lime juice.

Not only did British ships have to carry lime juice, they were also required to have a copy of The Ship Captain's Medical Guide, which



was published by The Department of Trade and Industry, and must always be consulted when any patient is treated.

In the nineteen eighties when we began to employ female officers, I was Captain of a medium sized container ship 'Strathconon' engaged on the North Atlantic service. On the night before we

were due to arrive in Boston our first female Second Officer told me she was pregnant and would need to be relieved to fly home. I was quite sorry as she was an excellent officer. However, when on the evening before Boston I telephoned our immediate port requirements to our American Agent, I said 'Could you supply four thousand dollars, take one crew member to the Doctor, and one to the Dentist and one to the Gynaecologist'. He replied 'Captain, could you repeat the last request please'.

When I asked our management to arrange for a relief officer to be appointed, they said as it's Christmas time there's no chance of arranging a relief. Please keep her until the ship arrives in U.K. But my guiding light; the Ship Captain's Medical Guide advised otherwise, and that advice had to be followed. I'm glad to say all went well. She gave birth to the baby she had always wanted, and I managed to find a relief who was looking for the job.

I must admit that on a previous occasion, when I was master of 'Bengal Enterprise', I had a crew member who had gone quite mad and was attacking some of his comrades for no apparent reason. I took the advice of an experienced former Captain who I spoke to by mobile phone. Rather than following the Guide's advice, I convinced my crazy crew member that his leg was severely injured and managed to put him to bed with his leg bandaged in a splint and taking regular aspirins.

It worked well until we reached Colombo when he broke out of his cabin and went running up the road amongst the city traffic, followed by some of the crew. But at least I had the help of a Doctor by then.



From the Registers

Funerals



We remember before God and
commend to his love and mercy

Wednesday 27th March – Memorial Service
Lewis Edwards

Tuesday 30th April – Service at Crematorium only
Hazel Bakewell

We offer our love and sympathy to all who mourn.

The Bladdernut bush/tree in Mellor.

Oldknow's garden by where his home stood opposite his Mellor Mill has a bladdernut tree flowering there at the moment. About four years ago Hilary HT told the volunteer gardeners at the Mellor War Memorial Garden about the shrub/tree. No one had heard of a bladder nut tree. Oldknow liked unusual plants so we assume he planted it.

In the autumn the tree fruited. Two dark brown nuts like small conkers were wrapped in an inflated green papery capsule hanging from the tree. RHS says it's sometimes called the Lantern tree. So we collected some nuts and gave about ten out to various gardeners hoping someone could get one to grow and we could plant it in the Mellor War Memorial garden.

Four years on and only one person has managed to get a nut to germinate and grow. Green fingered **Margaret Simpson**. Margaret originally had two nuts which she put in the fridge for a while before planting and only one grew. In four years it has only grown about six inches/15 cm. It looks a very healthy plant.

We were wondering if any readers know about this plant and can give us advice.

Volunteers are in the garden on Thursday about 2pm and once a month on a Saturday 10 to 12.

Next work party 8th June.



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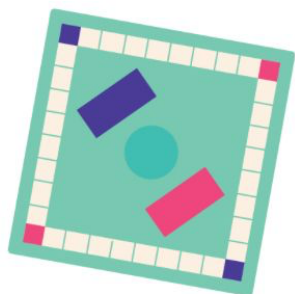
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Dave Meanwell.

Outlook report on the PCC meeting for April 2024

This month's PCC meeting was our last before the Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM), which is due to take place on 19th May. This is the church's annual general meeting, when we elect Church Wardens, and new PCC members, if there are vacancies, and consider the church's accounts. So, there was some discussion around planning for that meeting.

We had a visitor to the meeting, Peter Williams, who came to explain the changes he wants to make, to update the sound system in church. He kindly offered to do this work himself and the money is being donated from a legacy. This work should improve the quality of sound for those in church, and for those listening online, and Peter was thanked for his work.

Andrew led an initial discussion about going back to using the shared chalice at Holy Communion services. The PCC seemed generally in favour of this, but Andrew suggested that he will raise it at the APCM and seek the views of members of the congregation.

We heard that there had been another successful 'Messy Church' session, which was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. We discussed how often we may hold these in the future, given the commitment needed by those leading the sessions. There was a feeling that we should aim to manage six per year.

In terms of finance, our Treasurer, Richard Elliott, had circulated the Trustees annual report and accounts. St Thomas' is a registered charity and as such has to abide by rules on financial management, set by the Charity Commission, and keep accounts which are audited every year. The PCC accordingly adopted these accounts.

We were very pleased to hear that the new church door has now been delivered and would hopefully be fitted before the weekend's services.

There was a discussion about the burial of ashes in the churchyard, and the fact that we have nearly run out of space for this. As things stand, there is one more area which can be used. The PCC agreed to the Vicar's suggestion that in future we should ask families to use smaller memorial stones, of 12in x12in instead of the existing 18in x 18in , so as to maximise the use of the available space.

Sylvia Knight, PCC member, has been working on commissioning a new website for the church. We heard this was now almost completed, and just needed to be tested. before being launched. Finally, we heard that one of our two Safeguarding Officers, Kathryn Maxwell, will be retiring from the role after seven years. The PCC expressed their sincere appreciation for Kathryn and her work in this role, and for her colleague Emma Wilson, who will be continuing in the role. Julie Elliott.

More Please

Judith Shiel

As a follow-up to the article on food in the May Outlook, here are a few more thoughts on food security. **Fare Share** (<https://fareshare.org.uk>) is a project which collects surplus food which might otherwise go to waste and redistributes it to charities which turn it into meals. Not only does this provide food for people struggling with costs, but it helps the environment by using food which would have gone into landfill, increasing CO2 emissions. Over 4 million tonnes of food is wasted in Britain each year, even though it is perfectly good to eat. This happens at all stages of the food industry, from farmers to manufacturers to retailers to the hospitality industry. Food is donated to **Fare Share** by major supermarkets. Charities, refuges, community and youth centres can use **Fare Share** food to run cafés and drop-ins, meaning that people not only eat, but socialise as well. Food safety legislation and good practice is firmly adhered to, so it's not passing on food which is past its best, or possibly even dangerous. Altogether, a win-win project. According to a survey 4 million children start the school day hungry, which affects their ability to concentrate on learning. **Magic Breakfast** (<https://www.magicbreakfast.com>) supports schools in England and Scotland (but not Wales or Northern Ireland at the moment) and works with local authorities to ensure that children start the day fed. Breakfasts are funded through donations from individuals and corporate partners. Currently 200,000 children every day are helped. The charity also campaigns and acts as an advocacy group working with politicians and decision makers. Children are offered cereal, porridge, toast, bagels or crumpets, and eating together gives them a chance to socialise as well. Of course it's not just in Britain that children go hungry. The campaign **Mary's Meals** (<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk>) was founded in 2002 by Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow when he visited Malawi and met a mother dying from AIDS. He asked her son what his dream was and was told '**I want to have enough to eat and to go to school**'. Now over 2,000,000 children in 18 countries receive a meal every day – it costs under £20 to feed a child for a year. The **Fair Trade** movement also works to ensure people get enough to eat. Producers of food in this system are guaranteed a minimum price for their goods, and receive a premium as well to invest their communities. The **Fair Trade Foundation** also works to help develop sustainable growing systems, so that communities will continue to be well fed in the future.

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May Bank Holiday this year also fell on one of the minor 'Rogation Days' which are followed by church folk who have a vested interest in farming. It means 'To Ask' (in Latin: rogare) and often involves going on a prayer walk right round the Parish and blessing the boundaries, hence 'Beating the Bounds'.

So no coincidence that as I write, I'm nursing reasonably stiff calves having successfully completed Mellor March on Sunday before May Bank Hol. We headed off soon after the Morning service had finished, and made it back past the Royal Oak about 6ish, 11 miles covered, still in gorgeous sunshine. It was a lovely change after such a wet April and everyone's gratitude made for a wonderful festival atmosphere. Well done to everyone who helped organise it.

June will be full of more celebrations of our natural environment;
Sunday 2nd with a service at 10am all things Creationwise,
'Churches Count on Nature' 8-16th June, (see noticeboard or website for details);
Sunday 9th PicnicWatch.

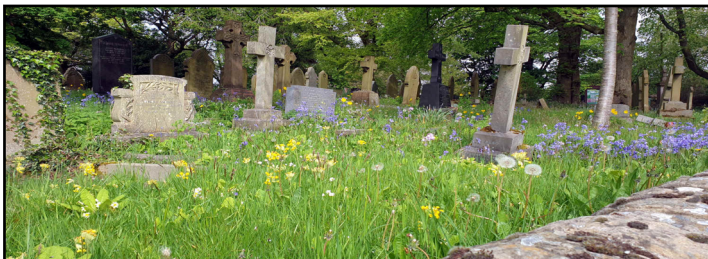
Sat 29th our absolute favourite Rose Queen Fete to which everyone is welcome.
PS

The Churchyard has been full of wild flowers this month. Is there a reason for this? For years a member of the congregation, who has cowslips growing in her lawn, did some gorilla gardening and scattered cowslips seeds in the churchyard, but nothing ever happened.

The Eco group asked the strimmers if they could have a lighter touch when strimming and leave the grass slightly longer. As a result we have had carpets of primroses, and now the cowslips have appeared for a second year. Hurray!

Other wild flowers out are:- May flowers, Pink purslane, Welsh poppies, Bluebells, White bells, Pink bells, Forget me nots, Red campion, Daisy, Germander speedwell, Buttercups, Mouse ear, Dandelion, Vetch, Cow Parsley.....

Leaving the grass to grow a bit longer will make the strimmers job not an easy one. So many thanks to all the strimmers for keeping the Church yard looking so good.



Thought for the Month

Jenny Johnson

*We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.*

*I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.*

*I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.*

We sang these verses from
Hymn 604 recently after I'd
just decided on my 'thought
for the month'.

Bells rang that morning!

**"People may not remember what
you do, or what you may say:
but they will remember how you
made them feel."**

So, keep a watch upon my lips,
O, Lord.

Prayer of the Month

God of the tides,
Whose faithful rhythm
Underlies our daily lives,
Help us to keep on,
With courage and caring,
Both when we are full and
fulfilled
And in times of ebb and
emptiness –
Neap and spring tides in our
lives –
Within the ocean of your love.

*(from 50 Great prayers from
the Iona Community Ed by
Neil Paynter)*

Church Rotas

Stewards Rota

Date	8.30am	10.00am	6.30pm
June 2nd	P Cooke	M Lowe & J Mason	J Shiel
June 9th	A Mason	P Long & A Muller	R Holt
June 16th	J Butterworth	S McAllister & C Starling	A Sha
June 23rd	P Cunningham	S Knight & C Langford	J Shiel
June 30th	A Mason	L Forbes & P Forbes	R Holt
July 7th	P Cooke	C Hamilton & K Hargreaves	J Shiel

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Flower Rota

June 2nd	Anne Preston	July 7th	Wedding flowers
June 9th	Blessing flowers	July 14th	Jill Baker
June 16th	Clare Jackson	July 21st	Helen Tawn
June 23rd	Wedding flowers	July 28th	Alison Dowdeswell
June 30th	Fete 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). The church key is also available from the Parish Office (484 5079) Monday to Thursday mornings only.

Holy Dusters

June 2nd	L & J Futchter
June 9th	M & R Leng
June 16th	J Cooper & A Muller
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