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The deadline for the June issue is May15th please.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY 2024

1 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Mellor Centre)
5 Sun 6th Sunday of Easter	9.30am onwards 8.30 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Mellor March. (Register Royal Oak) Holy Communion Parish Communion Holy Communion (Mellor Centre)
8 Wed 9Thurs Ascension day	10.00 am 7.30pm	Holy Communion (Mellor Centre) Holy Communion (said)
11 Sat	10.00am until 3.00pm	Model Railway Day (Mellor Centre)
12 Sun 7th Sunday of Easter	8.30 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer (Mellor Centre)
12th to 18th		Christian Aid Week
13 Mon	10.45-12 noon	Coffee & Chat (Mellor Centre)
15 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Mellor Centre)
19 Sun Pentecost Whit Sunday	8.30 am 10.00 am 11.45am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion APCM followed by bring and share lunch (Mellor Centre) Choral Evensong (to mark Centenary of Stanford's death).
22 Wed	10.00 am 2.00pm	Holy Communion (Mellor Centre) 'Words or Music' (Mellor Centre)
26 Sun Trinity Sunday	8.30 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer (Mellor Centre)
29 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (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

This joyful Eastertide

Easter Day was indeed full of joy at Mellor church. We were blessed with perfect weather for the dawn service at 6.30 am and a beautiful sunrise just as the service was ending. It was exciting to see a full church and several new faces at the 10 am service. The flowers in church were stunning and we reintroduced a gospel procession for the first time since before the pandemic. This is something we plan to do at major festivals; and, if the desire is there and enough people to form a team of servers, we may return to doing this every Sunday.

I love the idea of *Eastertide* - the resurrection is too wonderful to be confined to one Sunday's celebration and needs a whole season of several weeks. In particular our Easter celebrations continued with a happy afternoon at Messy Church on 14th April. This year there will be a said service of Holy Communion in church on the evening of Thursday 9th May at 7.30 pm to mark the festival of Ascension Day

Pentecost

and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 19th May

Eastertide comes to a close at Pentecost (19th May). After the 10 am service that day we will be holding our APCM. I do hope that as many as possible of the congregation will stay for this important meeting when we reflect on the past year and look to the future. This, in turn, will be followed with a bring and share lunch. Please make a note and book this in your diaries.

The celebrations that same day will continue with an Evensong to mark the centenary of the death of Charles Villiers Stanford. It will be a long and busy day!

Mellor March - Sunday 5th May

This year will be the 30th anniversary of the Mellor March. Over the last 30 years the Mellor March has raised £246,000 for cancer charities. I will be attempting the boundary walk (11.33 miles) and will be setting off after church - around 12 noon - if anyone

would like to join me. There is also a sponsorship form at the entrance desk in church for anyone who would like to sponsor me.

If joining me on the boundary route seems a bit too far, there are other options: 'short' 1.9 miles; 'medium' 5.4 miles; and 'long' 10 miles. Take a look at the Mellor March website for all the routes and other information: <https://mellor-march.org.uk/>

This joyful Eastertide,
away with care and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
hath sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, that once was slain,
ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain;
but now is Christ arisen!
George Ratcliffe Woodward 1848-1934)

God bless you this Eastertide and always,
Andrew

Women's Evening Fellowship May meeting

As usual we will be holding a Fête Shower this month to raise money for the church.

Helen Tawn has kindly offered to host this at the Vicarage from 6:30 pm on May 8th with traditional refreshments of Prosecco, Buck's Fizz, Shortbread and Strawberries & Cream. Stalls will feature books, plants, cards and bric-a-brac. The ever-popular raffles re-appear. One of Vivien Ayres' celebrated cakes will have a raffle all to itself.

Tickets priced £5 will be on sale after church or pay on the door.

Please come and support this event, everyone is welcome.

Christian Aid Week 2024 – 12-18 May

Seven days, so many ways to make a difference.

Every Christian Aid (CA) Week, people across Britain and Ireland raise funds, act and pray for their global neighbours in a celebration of hope for a fairer world.

This year's appeal is focussing on the CA's work in **Burundi**, one of the most densely populated and poorest countries in Africa. Heavily reliant on agriculture, it's also one of the least prepared to combat the effects of climate change, including droughts, floods and landslides. The global cost of living crisis has intensified the challenges: more than 70 per cent of the population live in poverty and more than half of children are chronically malnourished.

CA has been working in Burundi since 1995 when it first offered humanitarian assistance to people surviving the civil conflict. Now, alongside local partners, CA helps establish community-led groups, which means people can save and borrow money, make small businesses possible, offer reliable and diverse incomes so families can eat regularly, get medicine when they need it, and build safer homes.

Thirty-five-year-old **Aline Nibogora** is the chairperson of one such group which supports some 25 families in a remote village, in **Makamba Province**. Aline escaped an abusive marriage only to find herself on the streets begging for a place to stay.



Her life changed when she went to a three-day, CA-funded community workshop. With a small start-up loan, Aline began trading avocados and peanuts locally. She's now a grocery wholesaler and living on her own plot of land where she's building a home for her family. In the next five years she hopes to expand, so one day she can buy a mill. This will provide a source of income

one day she can buy a mill. This will provide a source of income without the need to transport heavy goods over long distances.

"I don't want my children to have a painful life like mine, remembering it makes me weep. I could never have dreamed I would one day have a brick house and be a successful businesswoman, able to feed and clothe my children. This is a plan and I will do it; I am a woman who is an achiever."

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK- MAY 12th - 18th .

Churches Together are arranging a similar system for collecting donations to last year's. House-to-house collections have been discontinued but envelopes will be delivered by volunteers to as many houses as possible, encouraging people to put a donation in the envelope and return it to a local collection point, or asking them to donate on-line. Envelopes will also be available in churches. Last year £4,500 was raised in this way, so it is hoped that 2024 will bring an equally generous response.

Helen Kennedy



From The Chester Diocesan Newsletter

CROOK Jane Margaret:

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Palestinians, again

Judith Shiel

In the article on Palestinian Christians in April Outlook, I mentioned two charities which work specifically for this group. There are also two medical charities which work for all Palestinians. One is Medical Aid for Palestinians (<https://www.map.org.uk>) and the other is Médecins sans Frontières (<https://www.msf.org>), which works in desperate situations all over the world. Both well worth supporting.

Save The Date

Mellor Church Fete and Well Dressing

Saturday 29th June

We are delighted our Rose Queen for 2024-2025 is to
be Mimi MacAdams.

Please save the date. We will be needing lots of
volunteers as usual. Free entry.

Bring a teddy to be parachuted, a dog to join in
Wacky-Woofy Dog Show. Also Punch and Judy,
Maypole and Human Fruit Machine. All you
need for great family entertainment.

Lunches and afternoon teas start at 12. Mellor's new
Rose Queen Mimi to be crowned at 1pm when
BEER TENT will be open. Burgers,
plants, jams, cakes and books will be on sale.

Bric a Brac, toy tombola, bottle tombola, football
golf and more. Races and Tug of War about 3.30pm.
As usual in the evening at 7pm there is Band on the Hill.

This year we have the band "HUSTLE", great to
dance and listen to, with Epic Pizza.

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Rose Queen News.

Hi, I'm Mimi McAdams, I'm really excited to have been selected as this year's Rose Queen at Mellor. I am really looking forward to hosting many charity events and to get more involved with the Church and my chosen Charity.

I have picked to support 'Dementia Care in Stockport', especially the Weekend Day Centre for Dementia Care. This is a Charity close to my heart. It supports people with Dementia and their families by providing weekend day care services.

I enjoy a lot of hobbies and fill my time with them. My favourite activities are my acting and dancing. I also enjoy various sports too, such as hockey, badminton, climbing and skiing.

I will be joined by my attendants: Lottie McAdams, Tallulah McAdams, Amelia Gauld, Lily Morley, Amelia Gibson and Elsie Gibson.

I really look forward to the year ahead, thank you.

Maids of Honour

Jill Baker

Last year I put a recipe in for Richmond Maids of Honour. There were a number of recipes and I chose the one nearest to the original which is served at a café by Kew Gardens. However Maggie remembered her grandmother making them with jam in the bottom. Here is a recipe for the tarts made with curd cheese (I use ricotta). A Yorkshire curd tart will help you use up the remaining cheese. This is based on a Paul Hollywood recipe.

Either make my pastry given for the Lemon Tart in March or use 250g puff pastry.

6 teaspoons raspberry jam
35g / 1½oz softened butter
50g / 2oz caster sugar
50g / 2oz curd cheese (ricotta)
2 large eggs
30g / 1oz ground almonds
1 tsp orange flower water (optional).
Grated zest of an orange



Roll out the pastry cut 12 circles and line a bun tray. Set the oven to 180C / GM 4.

Put about ½ a teaspoon raspberry jam into each pastry case - one of the few occasions when you do not want to be too generous or it will bubble over.

Beat the butter, sugar, and curd cheese together until smooth.

Add the eggs one at a time and then the ground almonds, zest and orange flower water. Spoon into the pastry cases.

Bake for 20 minutes until the pastry is golden and the filling just set.

Leave to cool for 5 minutes. Then dust with icing sugar before serving.

AS SEEN FROM COW CORNER



Knocking noises have been heard in the locality and it has to be assumed that it is the greater spotted woodpecker drumming on a hollow tree in order to attract a mate. This may not always be the case, as a similar sound can be heard in the depths of back gardens, to where members of the local cricket team have been banished, to knock in new bats by hitting them with a cricket ball in an old sock, in readiness for the new season. After many hours of knocking in, and profuse apologies to neighbours, it was then usual, in the past, to apply a liberal coating of linseed oil to the blade, but this treatment is not now necessary on modern bats. If a bat becomes unusable, you buy another. Gone are the days of using a bat for a number of seasons, and also the test player who endorsed it has long since been forgotten.

Once the coveting period is over, the newly purchased bat can be tried out in the indoor nets, where other players are bound to want to inspect it and waft it around, for it is an item of delight. The unfortunate owner will then be in possession of a bat covered in red cricket ball marks and cracks on the edges and surface, even before it is used in anger in a match.

After a few weeks of indoor nets, practice sessions can take place outdoors, in the harsh reality of wind and drizzle, which will, probably, be more in keeping with the conditions to be encountered in the first match. However, this will all depend on the enthusiasm of the players who will, no doubt, find it more appealing to mull over the prospects for the forthcoming season from the comfort of the pub.

Silly Point

Excuse the personal touch! This is Jack, our 14 year old grandson, holding birthday present from us - his new cricket bat well “knocked in” before the season starts. Ed MML





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Mellor 10k Trail Run

After months of planning, Sunday 17th March saw the running of the inaugural Mellor 10k Trail Race in aid of Mellor Lacrosse Club! The sell-out event attracted runners from across the region as well as many local runners who spent the winter months training for their new local run. At 11am Longhurst Lane was briefly closed to traffic for the mass-start of over 200 runners!

The challenging route took the runners through the Strines Valley and then up the seemingly endless climb past the Fox Inn, New Mills Golf Club and over Mellor Moor. From Mellor Cross the route then made its way down to Mellor golf course and back to the Sports Club via Tarden Farm and Knowle Woods.

The winner, in a time of 43:40 was Joe Godwood, and the fastest lady was Alice Wright (46:58), both of Sale Harriers.

The runners enjoyed a great atmosphere back at the Sports Club with woodfired pizza, fish & chips and, of course, plenty of Guinness!

We'd like to say a big 'thank you' to all who took part, including an army of over 50 volunteers & marshals! We'd also like to thank the local landowners for their co-operation and also the event sponsors, THP Law.

If you fancy having a go at next year's Mellor 10k, and maybe even beating the course record, the date will be Sunday 16th March 2025.



← Photo is of Race winner, Joe Godwood, approaching Mellor Cross.

Tom Hadfield On
behalf of Mellor 10k
Trail Race

Alice Wright



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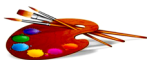
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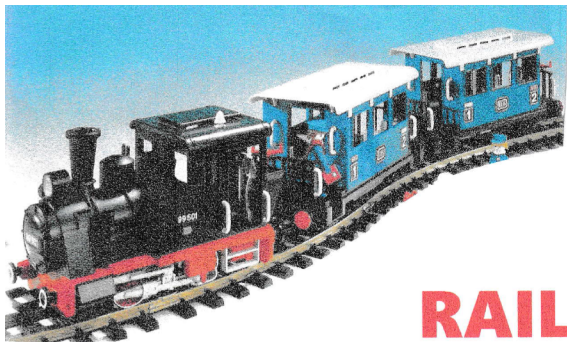
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Mellor Birds

Maggie Williams

Helen T was telling me on Monday morning at the Mellor Centre that she is following the Facebook group "SOSSSH." (Save our swifts, swallows, sand martins and house martins.) and another one she mentioned entitled, "A view from my window."

I have not heard of swallows in Mellor yet but Sian Y. is watching house martins under the eaves of a house on Longhurst Lane near the Memorial Park.

Last year we put up a swift box on our house in April which was immediately used by house sparrows. So this year my husband Peter has put gaffer tape over the box hole together with a piece of string hanging down from it. The plan is, that when we hear the swifts screaming overhead, we will know they are back, which is usually May 5th ish, and we will pull the string to pull the tape off the hole and play the swift call recording and wait!?

It would be interesting to know if anyone has had swifts nesting in a swift box yet.

Alison D went with her Mum Audrey to see the Easter Flowers in the Church and saw two parakeets.

Helen T was also telling me she was at Waterside (which is next to Mellor) by the River Goyt near Haigh Bar and saw three butterflies. An Orange Tip, Peacock and Brimstone.

The talk at the local RSPB High Peak group in April was about "Wader Quest" a charity supporting shore birds conservation.

At knit and natter on Thursdays at The Mellor Centre I have been knitting a penguin. I managed to finish Percy the Penguin last week, just in time for my grandchildren to take him to see the African Penguins at Boulders Beach near Cape Town. They sound like donkeys.





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Laughs with Lynda

1. My friend breaks eggs in a large bakery. When I asked if he enjoys his job, he tells me, it's not bad, but it is not what it's cracked up to be



2. I've had the worst day ever. I've paid a joiner to build me a double bed and he's done a bunk. It's just one thing on top of another

3. Why do cows have full hooves instead of feet? Because they lactose



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Captain Ken

Ken Owen

It is with great pleasure that I recall that in the mid fifties, many of the local pubs held singing nights usually led by a very competent pianist.

The occasion I specially remember, was when I had just got into Liverpool, delighted to discover that several friends had done just the same, all of us having arrived in ships. And so it turned out, some half dozen of us, from different parts of Liverpool, all gathered together here in Mellor's 'Devonshire Arms' for a great and happy night's singing. Quite

remarkable when the alternative music in Liverpool was the great Mersey-city Trad Band, and the emerging Beatles' clubs, while they were away playing in Hamburg. Little Mellor seems to be a long way from the sea, but it is actually close enough, on a very clear day, to see both of the Liverpool Cathedrals, from the top of the Church tower.



The Devonshire Arms' pianist was employed at Bredbury Steel works and, amazingly, had been a Chief Engineer in Egypt on a Nile steamer. His charming nineteen-twenties-dressed wife sat alongside him repeating 'We LIVED in Egypt'. The atmosphere was very cheerful but when Derek, my friend, politely notified the old Chief he was drinking from Derek's glass, the old Chief said 'Are you suggesting I'm pinching your beer? Goodness Ken, We've got some slack coal on board tonight!'

The old Chief did enjoy reminding we young ones how great the Cairo Shepherds Hotel had been and was horrified when we reminded him that it had recently been burned down. Then the Chief said; 'what about the next best place in the world to drink - the Chittagong Club'? We joked that that had also been burned down, not dreaming that some thirty years later when I was Captain of 'The Bengal Enterprise' I would be invited there for Dinner. It was a time when things were very tight in Bangladesh and the staff were very smart and eager to please, but rather short on supplies. What would you like to drink Sir? I'd like a beer please'. 'Sorry Sir no beer'. Then could I have a whiskey'? 'Sorry Sir no whiskey'. 'Well what have you got? 'We have got some gin'. 'Then I'll have a gin and tonic please'. 'Sorry Sir no tonic.'

But of all ships, The Bengal Enterprise was full of surprises.

An Agent's clerk came in and advised me that some crew trouble had broken out on board during my absence, and a man had been taken to hospital. It turned out that a rather gangster-ish engine room hand had threatened the Chinese cook in his galley, brandishing a knife. The poor little cook defended himself by tipping a cauldron of soup he was making over the gangster's head. I was advised by a friendly lawyer that when writing a report in the log book of such an incident it is essential to specify what type of soup it was so I clearly remember it was asparagus soup.

I was lucky in that after the gangster's hospital treatment I was able to fly him home rather than back to the ship.

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On behalf of the Children's Society (yet again!)?? *Jenny Johnson*

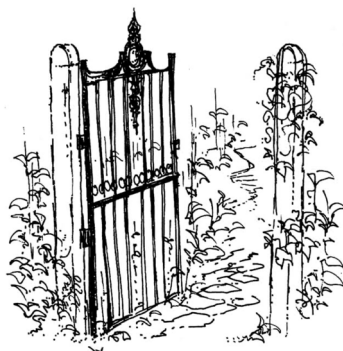


When after some discussion with Helen Kennedy I wrote that article in the March edition of Outlook encouraging anyone who still uses their house collecting box to consider a self opening and counting moment. Never did I imagine such a great response a total of £520. I was astonished at this generosity. I had hoped to give our collective donations to Joanne Nicholson from the Children Society when she came to speak to the WEF on April 10 but sadly she was unwell and cancelled her visit. Instead I have now sent a gift direct to the Children's Society office in London

I have been able to thank many people face-to-face but to EVERYONE involved I just now must say a very big thank you indeed for such generosity from you all

Mellor Open Gardens 2025

Yes, embryonic plans are under way for the return of our much-loved **Mellor Open Gardens** in May next year! As well as providing an entertaining day out in this lovely neighbourhood, **MOG** will again be raising money for Cancer Research UK and for our own Mellor Centre



So please start thinking about possible ways of supporting – we will need offers of sponsorship and many helpers, both in advance and on the day – but most importantly, we need gardens! Please consider whether your own (or indeed, a neighbour's) garden might be suitable in 2025 and contact Mary on mhmellor@aol.com or 0161 427 7255 with any suggestions or queries.

Food for Thought

Judith Shiel

I was struck by two statements in a letter from a Lancashire cleric to the newspaper I read – one, that there are now more food banks in Britain (2500) than branches of MacDonalds (1436), and, two, that after leaving his donation to the local food bank, a man drove away, looked in his rear-view mirror, and saw a man with his bags of donated food sit down on the kerb and weep.

How did we get here? Did we in Marple ever think that there would be a food bank in our town? It's in the Connect building in Queen Street, and is open on Saturday mornings. This is an independent food bank run by a church (All Saints), but most food banks are run by the Trussell Trust which was founded in 2000 by Carol and Paddy Henderson who were approached by a mother unable to feed her children. Paddy Henderson initially ran a food bank in Salisbury from his garden shed – now the Trust supports over 1,200 food centres across the UK, run by thousands of volunteers.

Another anecdote from a volunteer writing in the same newspaper. She had given out some bags of food to a man who looked around the church in which the food bank was situated, and he said, "I was one of the builders on this church. I never got a chance to see it finished, and I didn't think I'd be coming back under these circumstances".

Most people don't see themselves in such a situation, and most don't get there deliberately. Some clients of food banks are in employment, but not earning enough to keep up with the rise in costs. Some have been employed but have had to stop work for reasons of health or redundancy. Some people are unable to work because of caring responsibilities which they might not have foreseen. The Trussell Trust is also a campaigning body – its vision is for a UK without the need for food banks. Meanwhile let's support by donating, and keeping up to date with the website (<https://www.trusselltrust.org>).

That's in the UK – there are huge issues in many countries and in the food supply chains between countries. Many items we consider basic are produced by farmers in Third World countries who may not be paid adequately for their products because they cannot stand up to the multi-national organisations which run the food supply industry.

This year is the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Fair Trade Foundation, which works with farmers, co-operatives and businesses to make trade fairer. It sets standards for producers in the supply chain, and these include not only fair pay but fair treatment of workers, and, increasingly, help to establish sustainable methods of agriculture and to cope with the difficulties brought about by climate change.

Sadly the Traidcraft company which had been the easiest way to buy FT products went into liquidation but it's still possible to buy FT certified goods – you just need to look around. All FT certified goods will have the FT logo on the packaging, and there are other on-line companies which sell FT goods. One is We Are Fair Trade (<https://www.wearefairtrade.com>) and another is the Ethical Superstore which stocks some FT goods (<https://www.ethicalsuperstore.com>).



ECO Church
Church of England Environment Bulletin

I have also included another link to one of the ecology newsletters the Church of England issue regularly: you may be interested to know what is going on across the country, please do follow the link and sign up as there are lots of great ideas within.

<https://view.email.churchofengland.org/?>

And here's the A Rocha EcoChurch link for this Easter. (Copy and paste into your browser if it doesn't link straight there)

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[e=dce3c6a3b0](https://mailchi.mp/arocha/eco-church-connect-spring-2024?e=dce3c6a3b0) All blessings and fruitfulness to you

Clare and Sylvia



The Editors had a request to reprint Alison Dowdeswell's poem "All in a day's work", taken from her book "**Second Thoughts**".

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK *Alison Dowdeswell*

On the whole I'm quite pleased with my situation
The pay is more than my last boss offered
And there are good promotion prospects.
I was a little unsure about relocating to the country
But I can commute now as the Powers-at-be
Have built a special rail spur to our site.
The hours can be long as the production levels vary,
But I've introduced several efficiency measures
So that we can meet our higher output targets.
My office space is a little cramped but there are
Excellent amenities including our staff restaurant.
I did have to make one complaint though –
The windows are only cleaned once a day –
This just isn't good enough as
The dust from the furnaces coats them black so quickly.
I've also had to impose strict disciplinary codes
One of the operatives was caught stealing last week
Only a piece of bread; but an example had to be made:
I gave orders for him to be dispatched immediately.
I suppose my main concern is that we are becoming
too efficient.
In a few months we'll meet the national goal of 6
million units processed.
What happens then we'll depend on higher authorities.
Perhaps we could keep production going by
Diversifying to tackle a new target group,
We've already proved our flexibility
By developing ways to recycle waste products:
Precious metals are melted down. Hair is made into wigs;
Photographs are pulped for paper; skin has been turned
into lampshades.
Yes, I can proudly state that I am part
Of a very efficient industry. For at the end of the day
That's what matters. isn't it?

"This poem is attempting to tell the story of someone from their own comments. It's a dramatic monologue and it's aimed at giving you the reader "clues" about what their job is. Hopefully you will get an insight into their personality and attitudes. (For poetry lovers you may see the influence of Robert Browning's masterpiece: "My Last Duchess".) I hope that this poem challenges each of us to examine our own actions in life. How do we face the problem of evil in our own lives? If this poem makes one reader pause to face that question then I would be satisfied."

**Which date in May made
May 2nd 1611**

**The publication of the Authorised
bible - "King James' Bible"**

Desert Island Discs has run for 75 years and still offers *Shakespeare* and *The Bible* to its guests to take to the famous desert Island.

The Bible with its 39 **Old Testament** books and its 27 **New Testament** books is now known to have at least 450 versions and has been translated into 70 languages and parts of it into 3,000 languages. 5 billion copies have been sold

Do we take it for granted? The original languages were Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek and later Latin and English.

Translators used their skills in different ways either working from the original texts or from previous translations. **Tyndale** was known to have translated most of the Bible from the original texts into English and used the printing press to make his work more widely accessible. Sadly he was burnt at the stake! **Coverdale**

developed the printing of his translations further leading up to the *Great Bible* which **Henry VIII** ordered to go into every church in the land. Constant alterations were made but in 1611 **King James** approved the work of 40 scholars to publish **The Authorised Version** known as the **KJB**, which became used by Protestants throughout the World. **Do we take it for granted?**

Jesus preached universal brotherhood from the cross which is our symbol for eternity. Love, through these books has prevailed for 2000 years. Ed. MML

**the world a better place?
May 4th/ 7th/ 8th 1945
VE Day - 8th May**

Germany surrendered 3 times to end the second World War nearly 70 years



ago which "created a new world." It has been estimated that 50 million

people died in World War Two. A 'wind of change' meant that by the end of the 1960s almost all the old colonies of the British Empire had gained their independence.

America and Russia were the new 'superpowers', and immediately started on a Cold War. The dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki created a world which was terrified by the threat of atomic war. Germany was divided, and remained so until 1990. The League of Nations was disbanded. Instead, a new United Nations was declared.

In Britain, the government promised the people who had fought against Hitler a Welfare State, which would care for its people from the cradle to the grave. **The feeling was that 'right' had triumphed over 'evil'.**

Hitler's aim was to dominate Europe and perhaps resurrect The Third Reich having killed millions in his path.

Many can only remember those they lost, on whichever side, when they visit their war graves. The Nazis took a symbol of spirituality and turned it into one that has now been banned.

'A Warm Smile is the Universal Language of Kindness'

*Dr. William Arthur Ward
(17.12.21 to 30.03.94)*



How true!

The Author was an American motivational writer and speaker, who described himself as 'A Christian Optimist'. Following service in the US Army, he became a college administrator, moving on later to become a medical educator and pastor. He had regular entries in a number of major publications, and published several books of inspirational quotes.



There have been several poems written on the subject of a smile. My dear friend, Marjorie, often used to recite her favourite one to me

*A smile is such a funny thing
It wrinkles up your face
And when it's gone, you'll never find
Its secret hiding place
But far more wonderful it is
To see what smiles can do
You smile at one, she smiles at you
And so one smile makes two
(Anon)*



So let us all give everyone we meet each day a warm smile, and make our own small corner of this universe we live in a kind and happy place to be



Kareen Dayes



Thought for the Month

Jenny Johnson

Spring is now truly upon us once again and we have rejoiced at the greening of our gardens, at the bursting forth of fresh leaves on the trees with all their various shades of green. Mellor Churchyard has been covered with so many primroses a real joy to see.

For centuries, poets and writers have been inspired by the joy of flowers, and their power to influence us and to bestow blessings.....Moslih Saadi, a 13th century Persian poet wrote:-

“If of thy mortal goods that art bereft

And from thy slender store, two loaves alone to thee are left

Sell one and with the dole

Buy hyacinth to feed thy soul!”

Certainly in my house a bowl of fresh flowers is as vital to me as bread and milk. “Flowers are sunshine food and medicine to the mind,” writes Luther Burbank. Mark Nepo aptly says, “The flower doesn't dream of the bee. It blossoms and the bee comes.”

Quotations on the subject of flowers are endless but I love this one from Samuel Taylor Coleridge so thought provoking.....

“What if you slept and what if in your sleep you dreamed

And what if in your dream you went to heaven

And there plucked a strange and beautiful flower

And what if when you awoke

You had that flower in your hand ?

Ah what then?”



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Prayer of the Month

Christ, you are before us,
This is what gives us the courage to
go on.

It is you who directs,
It is you who beckons.
So we dedicate ourselves to you
And we bless you now.

*by George MacLeod in
Lent and Easter Readings
from Iona)*



From the Registers

Funeral



We remember before God and commend to his
love and mercy

Thursday 21st March – Edith Mycock

We offer our love and sympathy to all who mourn.

Church Rotas

Stewards Rota

Date	8.30am	10.00am	6.30pm
May 5th	P Cooke	L Forbes P Forbes	R Holt
May 12th	A Mason	K Hargreaves C Hamilton	J Shiel
May 19th	J Butterworth	J Elliott & R Elliot	A Shah
May 26th	P Cunningham	D Jelleyman A Sanders	R Holt
June 2nd	P Cooke	M Lowe & J Mason	J Shiel

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

Flower Rota

May 5th	Karen Greenough	June 2nd	Anne Preston
May 12th	Julia Mann	June 9th	Blessing
May 19th	Joyce Moss, Pentecost	June 16th	Claire Jackson
May 26th	Janet Jones	June 23rd	Wedding
		June 30th	Fête 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

Brasses

May 5th	H Kennedy & M Lowe	S Norbury & S Edmundson
May 12th	J & R Elliott	
May 19th	M Williams & S McAllister	
May 26th	P Cunningham & I Morris	
June 2nd	L & J Futchter	

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