

OUTLOOK



The King gave his heartfelt thanks to the police and emergency services for all they are doing to restore peace in those areas that have been affected by violent disorder.

In a call for unity, he hoped that, shared values of mutual respect and understanding will continue to strengthen and unite the nation.

The King had been greatly encouraged by the many examples of community spirit that had countered the aggression and criminality from a few with the compassion and resilience of the many.

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The deadline for the October issue is September 15th please.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

1 Sun 14th Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Holy Communion (Mellor Centre)
4 Wed 7 Sat	10.00 am 7.30pm	Holy Communion (Mellor Centre) Roger Briscoe Organ Recital
8 Sun 15th Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer (Mellor Centre)
9 Mon 10 Tues 11 Wed 14 Sat	10.45-12 noon 7.30-9pm 10.00 am 2.00 pm	Coffee & Chat (Mellor Centre) Exploring Faith Course (Mellor Centre) Holy Communion (Mellor Centre) Wedding, Jonathan Hunt and Lucy Brown
15 Sun 16th Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer (Mellor Centre)
17 Tues 18 Wed 21 Sat	7.30-9pm 10.00 am 7.30 pm	Exploring Faith (Mellor Centre) Holy Communion (Parish Centre) Simon Mercer Organ Recital
22 Sun 17th Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Choral Evensong
24 Tues 25 Wed 27 Fri to Sun 29th 28 Sat	7.30-9pm 10.00 am 9.45 am 7,30 pm	Exploring Faith (Mellor Centre) Holy Communion (Parish Centre) Edale weekend Wellspring Walk, Holy Spirit Church Quiz Night (The Mellor Centre)
29 Sun 18th Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Choral Evensong, St. George's, New Mills (Festival of Choirs) PCC meeting (Mellor Centre)
30 Mon	7.45pm	

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 in term time on Thursday each week 10.00 am to 11.30 am

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

New website for Mellor Church

If you have not seen it yet, please do take a look at our new church website: <https://mellorchurch.org/>

There are lots of tabs to explore, and you can follow links to our livestreamed services and to our Facebook page. I want to say a particular thank you to Sylvia Knight for all her work transferring material from the old website, editing, updating and making everything more attractive with some beautiful photographs. The new format is also designed to work much better on mobile phones - which is how many people access the internet now.

Choir trip to Truro

The livestream link via the website also gives you two of the services from Truro cathedral, with accompaniment from our church choir and team of organists. We had a very happy week there. Tom Howling rehearsed and led the choir brilliantly. Thanks to Kate Scott, the accommodation and catering was just right for us. The acoustics in the cathedral were perfect for singing and the organists were very enthusiastic about the fine Willis organ. Tom worked us hard - we had several hours of singing most days; rehearsing and leading worship day after day like that really enhanced the togetherness of the choir both musically and socially.

The sun shone all week. We had trips to two beaches, the Eden Project, a parkrun, outdoor games each night, and a bedtime story. Friday evening was Cabaret night - an impressive programme of song, dance, piano playing, harmonica, and a little bit of magic.

An extraordinary amount of planning and preparation went into making the week such a success. Thank you so much Tom, Kate, John, Nathan, Eleanor, Oscar, Matthew, Mary (for making sure everyone had robes that fitted), and all the parents and other members of the congregation who came to support us and ensure all the young people were carefully supervised.

Edale weekend

We have another residential event coming up at the end of September - our annual weekend in Edale for young people:

Friday 27th - Sunday 29th September at the Peak Centre. The theme this year will be diversity. There will be a climbing wall, swimming, walks, games, the 'nightline', fantastic food, and lots of fun. Joining the leadership team for Edale last autumn was one of the highlights of my year.

Dates for your diaries:

- Harvest Festival Sunday 6th October.
- ExtraOrdinary Time Service (St Francis and creation):
13th October 10 am.
- Messy Church Harvest: 13th October 3 pm.

God bless you,

Andrew



The Choir
at Truro
Cathedral



Mellor Church Women's Evening Fellowship



After our summer break in August we now look forward to welcoming members and friends once again to our regular activities.

Our next meeting is on September 11th at 7.30 pm in the Mellor Centre when Peter Turner will give a talk entitled,

"Through the Eyes of a Magician".

What does this mean? Your guess is as good as mine but he's bound to give us a very different perspective on the world of magic!

Thank you, Lesley



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Tribute to Richard Harrison

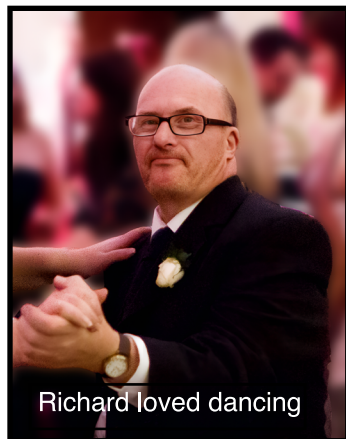
John Fletcher

Richard achieved more throughout his life than anyone believed possible. At birth, his life expectancy was about 20. We are here today to celebrate his life after he died just five weeks short of his 70th birthday.

Richard was born to Vi and Horace in Cardiff, a younger brother to Lesley.

Their birthplace was a matter of importance to him. He would always tell you “Me, sister, born in Cardiff.” The family were living in Cornwall when Richard reached school age. Nowadays we take it for granted that children with Down’s Syndrome are educated in mainstream or special schools. Not so back in Richard’s time. Nevertheless at age 5 Richard went to the local infant school. But when his peers moved on to junior school in Truro Richard was bussed to a training centre at Redruth. Provision for adults with Down’s Syndrome was poor in Cornwall so when Richard was 17 his parents moved to Leek where there was a suitable adult training centre. Here he learnt to make furniture including toddler chairs for his nephews and niece, and stools that we still use. He was thrilled to take up horse-riding, complete with safety riding hat, and he made good friends. This was also the period when the vicar prepared Richard for confirmation. We were all astonished and delighted that this was possible and Richard was indeed confirmed.

I had to move to the Manchester area for work just after Vi had a heart attack. The extended family moved together to Marple Bridge. Life then really took off for Richard. He was assigned his own social worker who arranged for him to go on a Skills for Life course at Stockport College. This led to a proper job, of which he was immensely proud, as a catering assistant in the refectory. At the same time he became an active member of the congregation here, as a server and as a crucifer. Richard did not sever his ties with



Richard loved dancing

Leek; he and his girlfriend Christine spoke every week, keeping strict account of whose turn it was to ring up.

Richard continued to live with us after Vi died. When eventually he had to move into residential care at Norwood on Arkwright Road he was thrilled that he could see “his” church from his bedroom window. Richard still came to church regularly until his condition deteriorated further. We will always be grateful for the dedicated care workers at Norwood and Lowick Green who gave Richard many years of companionship and stood by him as dementia took hold.

Richard was proprietorial about his family as well as “his” church. He always referred to David, our eldest, as “my first child” and himself as “Uncle Richard”. We suspected that he thought our main reason for starting a family was to make him an uncle! Later still he was proud to be “Great Uncle Richard” when our children’s children were born.

For most of his life Richard was a happy child and man. He used to say, “Me big man,” and proved it by proposing marriage to nearly every woman he met. He took great pleasure in going on holiday - with friends from the training centre, with Vi and ourselves at home and abroad, and later with respite carers. He supported Man United, where the highlight was when Stephen & David took him to a match at Old Trafford; he enjoyed snooker and table-tennis; and he was devoted to The Sound of Music which he would watch whenever he could.

Richard’s achievements throughout his life are due to the unswerving support of both his parents, who never wavered in their determination that he should experience the best that life could offer.

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“You can’t wash the car today...it’s Sunday”

I had been to church. The car was a mess. I was taking 2 special passengers the following day so I washed the car. It looked goodbut then I lost the car keys. The above words of my mother and my Non-Conformist upbringing came rapidly to mind. **It’s Sunday...’** After a great deal of futile searching I returned to The Olympics to relax.....It was the 100m race coming up and as usual they were filling in with numerous statistics and pieces of history. There was the reference made to *Chariots of Fire* and Eric Lidell’s refusal to run in the heats of the 100m as they were going to be held on a **Sunday!** Accuracy may not have been the focus of David Putman’s film but it turned out to be brilliant Just in time I found my keys on a pile of tools in the garage.



On the following Sunday 11th August 2024 the BBC Sunday Service came from Edinburgh and was based on Eric Lidell - *The Flying Scotsman*. The title had been chosen for Lidell’s biography written by Sally Magnusson, the presenter’s sister. Lidell was born in China and came home to be educated in Edinburgh. He had a deep Christian faith but he was not overtly pious or religious. In Paris 1924 he refused to enter the heats for the 100m because **they were on a Sunday** and he changed to the 400m which brought him the gold he had aimed for.

Fame left him completely unchanged and a year later he enrolled in the Scottish Congregational College in Edinburgh, took a degree in teaching and a qualification in Theology and left Scotland to become a missionary in China.

It was not a time of peace. Japan was fighting China and he sent his family to Canada for safety in 1941. By 1943 Japan and Britain were at war and Liddell was put in an internment camp where he organised the games, sports and education for all the children who loved him dearly. One of the favourite stories from Magnusson’s book was about a game of hockey the teenagers wanted to play. It happened to be a **Sunday** so Liddell would not let them play. The teenagers went ahead - boys against girls and there was chaos as there was no referee. The next week Lidell realized the importance of this match to the children in the dire circumstances of the camp. This time he **allowed them to play** and **he was the referee**. He would not run for a gold medal on a Sunday for himself but he organised the games for the children as they desperately needed love, fun and distraction. His favourite reading was *1 Corinthians* 13 with the importance of *Love*. Jesus had ‘changed’ the laws on the Sabbath curing many broken people; Lidell sacrificed his conscience to help broken people although he couldn’t mend his own broken health and he died of a brain tumour just weeks before the camp was liberated listening to his favourite hymn “*Be still my soul.*” My car was admired for its cleanliness but I have to admit I was still left with a guilty conscience. Ed MML

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GOOD

When somebody says they have had a good holiday, or a good meal or read a good book, the word 'good' instantly conveys the message that the experience has been enjoyable and left the speaker happy.

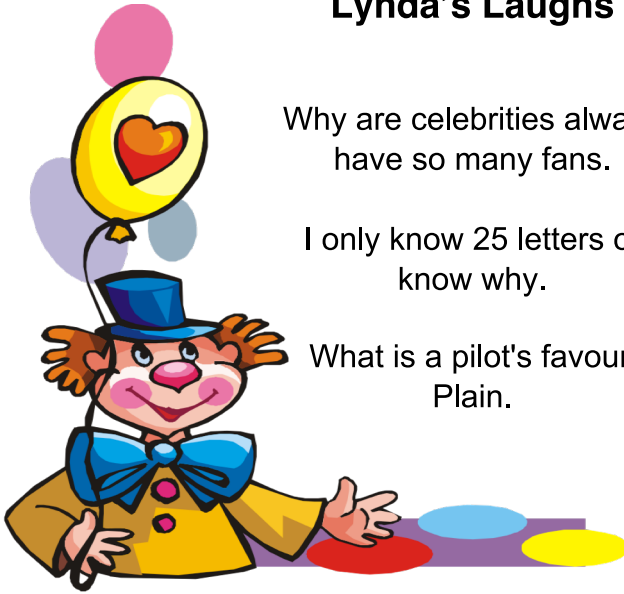
When we say that a person is good we are embarking on a much more complicated definition. How does one come to the conclusion that a person is good? This question has occupied philosophers for centuries and is grounded in the assertion that a good person possesses the four ancient virtues of wisdom, courage, justice and temperance and whose actions are governed by those virtues. Thus a virtuous person will act with integrity, moderation, generosity and in good faith. It is important that children are brought up to abide by the four virtues for their own good and for the good of society as a whole. A life led according to those precepts may not be enjoyable or be happy, but will lead to a sense of personal satisfaction that one's conduct has been truthful, honest and for the benefit of others and that one's deeds have been approved of by one's peers. It may sound surprising that a good life need not be enjoyable. However, consider the example of Mother Teresa who led an exemplary life which was not noticeably enjoyable, and did not appear to give her happiness; rather a deep satisfaction that she was doing all she could to help others.

One may ask why one should bother to be virtuous. After all, a number of bad people seem to enjoy life and be happy earning pots of money so that they can lead luxurious lives seemingly without a care of their effect upon others. However, they are always at risk of being arrested, tried and convicted of a criminal offence, so that their enjoyment may be tempered by the thought that their happiness may be short-lived.

Fortunately there are more good people than bad in the world so that most of us can enjoy our lives. However, a number of bad people are in charge of significant parts of the world whose inhabitants have no means of influencing their leaders and no means of electing a new government. It is the duty of good people to challenge those rulers and try to bring about regime change to improve the lot of the unhappy inhabitants of countries ruled by despots.

The Walrus

Lynda's Laughs



Why are celebrities always cold? Because they have so many fans.

I only know 25 letters of the alphabet. I don't know why.

What is a pilot's favourite flavour of crisps? Plain.

RNIB used stamp collection.

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At Mellor St. Thomas' we are now sending our used postage stamps to RNIB at their Glasgow Stamp Recycling Centre and they are very grateful for all that we collect for them. They have been collecting used stamps since the start of 2022 and so far the scheme has been very successful in raising funds from otherwise discarded stamps.

In 2023, thanks to their very generous supporters and the amazing work of their volunteers, they raised over £30,000 from stamps. Something that most people would just throw away! They send us pre-paid boxes or pre-paid large envelopes for us to send our collection to them. They would like to take this opportunity to thank us very much for our support.

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Ann Preston

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Fragmentation

A quilt by Kathy Unwin

The Design references Inuit drawings and stone cut prints. The fragmented images reflect a world stressed by environmental change and by developing economic and social circumstances.

Kathy is a member of Mellor Textile Arts Group who meet at the Mellor Centre once a month.

At Festival of Quilts this year Kathy won the Art Category with this quilt. Patchwork and Quilting covers a very wide range. As well as the Art category there were competitions for Traditional, Contemporary, Modern, Miniature, Pictorial and Sustainable quilts.

Quilt Creations is a category for

pieces that are 3D. There were also categories for Novices, Groups and Young Quilters, and a category for people who wanted to show their quilts without the stress of a competition. The Festival of Quilts at the NEC is the largest quilt exhibition in Europe.

Kathy's winning quilt will now go on show around the country.

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Judy Cooper

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Captain Ken

Ken Owen

I once had a younger brother, Rodney, who served his apprenticeship in Manchester Liners where he crossed the Atlantic 54 times. He then sailed several voyages up the Amazon, with Lamport and Holt Line, before joining P&O's Moss Hutchinson Line. Very sadly, when sailing as 3rd Officer on the passenger ship 'Assiout', he caught meningitis while calling at Beirut in Lebanon where he died at the young age of 23 and is buried there at All Saints Church.

I remember once visiting Rod's ship in Salford and asking about the awful smell that was all around in the Manchester Ship Canal. The port was so heavily polluted in those days that it is quite amazing that it's so much cleaner now and there are fish swimming again there. But at that time in Houston, Texas, it was even worse, and I recollect being actually sick transiting the canal due to the dreadful smell. At the time all ships needed to dry dock regularly so that the barnacles, that grew on the ship's hull, could be removed. The only ships I had heard of that didn't need to dry dock belonged to an American Company that ran between Manchester and Houston. The filthy water killed them off! I am very pleased to note that Houston is now clean again.

When the Container Revolution took place in the nineteen sixties, the whole world's dock-workers were extremely against it as it was about to reduce their number. Strangely, although we seafarers realised it would affect us the same way, I was surprised how cooperative we seemed to be. As Chief Officer of 'Ajax' in the late sixties I was responsible for loading the first two newly built 20 foot shipping containers waiting for us in Singapore. They were sitting on the quay with lots of other crated cargo. But what a shock I suffered when the crane loaded them on to the ship. The loading gangs had never seen such large empty boxes, so had made convenient use of them. One had been made into a ship's office, complete with table and telephone, and the other; a bedroom with ten dock-workers fast asleep and the door tightly shut! Once, when we had previously discharged at Holt's Wharf in Hong Kong (now the New World Centre) the container had to be carried on ten bamboo poles by about 20 dock workers. We little knew then that the Container Revolution was about to change world trade for good.



Ajax



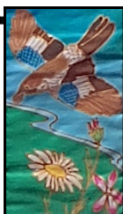
Mellor Birds - on holiday

Maggie Williams

I went to Truro with the Church choir as a “groupie”. I just sat in the congregation for Evensong each evening and people sitting near me told me how wonderful our choir is! They are always amazed we come from such a small Church. The choir practise each day and deservedly have a “dumb day” - Thursday. They went to Holywell Beach where there are big waves. In the afternoon some of us walked around West Pentire headland and saw nesting fulmars and choughs flying around. Before you see the choughs you can hear “Key ow”. When you look up they look like crows with sort of long fingers on their wing tips. They have red legs and beaks. They like to fly up and down and tumble. Great to watch. I don’t expect they will ever be found in Mellor.



Thank you David and Liz



Before we went away there was a service in Mellor where David Shercliff was thanked for his time serving as a Reader for St. Thomas, Mellor. He is now spending time with grandchildren, giving lectures and lobbying about his work which measures the amount of carbon used in earth work projects. He also enjoys teaching sailing at Etherow Park with Mike Easton. During the service it became apparent we had a bird in the Church. It was a jay. The jay had been embroidered on the clergy stole of his wife,

Liz. Liz told me while she was training for ordination a bird came regularly outside her classroom window and it was a jay. So when she was ordained she asked Yvonne Bell to make her a stole and to include a jay. In Autumn the jays like to bury acorns. Revd. Canon Liz Shercliff has a new job at the Luther King Centre in Manchester as Chaplaincy Programme Manager. Here one can study for a diploma, degree or masters, whether you are a Baptist, Unitarian, United Reformed, Methodist, Quaker, Pentecostal, Anglican, Roman Catholic or Orthodox. Liz is a tutor in Biblical Studies and Practical Theology. She has a new book out called *Out of the Shadows*



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Memories of Mellor Toddler Group

Louise Robertson

For the last 3 years my granddaughter, India, and I have enjoyed coming to the group on a Thursday morning during term time.

In that time, we have made friends, made crafts – usually themed. Played with all the brilliant toys, bikes, trampolines, books, homemade playdough and enjoyed a healthy (apart from the odd choccie biscuit!) snack and drink – all for the princely sum of £3 with parking included.

Tidy up time seems to be a hit with the toddlers, and it always makes me laugh when the littlest are proudly hauling the largest toys to the shed to be put away.

The sing song at the end always goes down well. However, the boys sometimes prefer playing aeroplanes up and down the room. Margaret and Helen are brilliant at encouraging everyone to join in.

On a hot sunny day, swathed in suntan cream, there is no better place to be than in the tiny playground (a throwback to when Mellor Primary School was located there) enjoying the views over the newly planted vineyard towards Marple and beyond. Especially when sand is involved!

Don't be fooled though, we have fought our way through snow blizzards too. All because we have thoroughly enjoyed our time at the Toddlers' Group. India starts pre-school in September but luckily for me, our next granddaughter, Ivy, is now old enough to come along.

Thank you Helen, Margaret and all the other volunteers who make Thursday mornings so enjoyable. See you in September.

Louise and India.

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Our annual Edale weekend will take place from Friday 27th to Sunday 29th September 2024 at the Peak Centre, Edale.

It's a weekend of community and old-fashioned fun in the beautiful Peak District countryside, this year featuring climbing wall, pizza making, swimming and disco - and our theme is diversity.

The weekend is open to all children and young people in the Mellor Parish. Those aged 8-18 can stay over, and those who are younger can join us during the day with a parent or guardian. The residential cost is £75 per child. (Day visits for younger children are £20.)

If you'd like your child to attend, please scan this QR code and fill out the booking form:

We'd love to get more children along this year, so please pass this on to any you think may be interested.

Thanks!

The Edale 2024 team: Glyn and Jane Britton, Kate Scott, Edward and Kathryn Maxwell, Jen Lowe, and Rev'd Andrew Tawn.



SCAN ME



A Confession

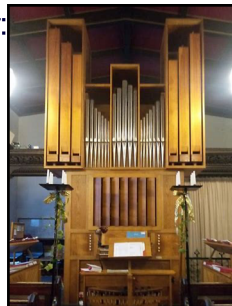
In all the Fete thank yous in August's Outlook, one important person was omitted - the MC, Angie Stanton. She agreed to take over the role from the much-missed Ian Hamilton - a hard act to follow - but undertook it with enthusiasm and great panache, seemingly unfazed by the rather random pattern of events of the afternoon. She even followed Ian's dress code - smart jacket and straw boater! Thank you Angie. We hope you enjoyed your role so much that you'll agree to reprise it next year.

From the Fete Committee.

Ed: The final profit from the Fete was £10,656.85.

There are two organ recitals at St. Thomas' in September:
Saturday 7 September at 7.30pm - Roger Briscoe
(St. George's Stockport).

Saturday 21 September at 7.30pm - Simon Mercer
(whom we welcome back after his wonderful recital last year). Both are free with a collection for church funds.



After the wonderful organ
recital in July by
"The Home Team"
John LeGrove, Eleanor Rosser
& Nathan Monk.

Churches Together Annual Wellspring Walk.

This will take place on Saturday September 28th, starting as usual at the Holy Spirit Church in Marple at 9.45am. The Walk raises funds for the Wellspring through sponsorship - in the region of £2,000 - but instead of being a sponsor this year why not be a participant? The route of nearly 10 miles covers all 11 churches in our area, proceeding up to the Ridge Methodist church, passing Marple URC and Methodist churches and All Saints. From the Ridge it goes down to St. Paul's in Strines, up to St. Thomas' (where there will be coffee and biscuits on offer) and down to Marple Bridge URC and St Mary's Catholic Church. The final leg is over to St. Paul's Church in Compstall and back to Holy Spirit via St. Martin's. The number of walkers has been down recently, even though it was moved from January (often in inclement weather) to September (hopefully more clement!), although the amount raised continues to be significant. Come and walk! You don't have to do the full 10 miles - a section will do (as long as you tell your sponsors!). Otherwise, please do offer sponsorship. And **if you can spare any time to help with refreshments at the Mellor Centre on the day, between 11am and 1pm let me know.**

Helen Kennedy.

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The choir in 2024 so far... After a jam-packed 8 months of concerts, cathedrals and, of course, cake, the choir took a month-long break over the summer to recover and rest our voices ready for the even busier few months ahead. Some of the more significant events so far this year include: the confirmation service in January attended by Bishop Sam Corley, a series of Easter services in March and, most recently, a visit to Truro Cathedral.

Our trip to Truro was a fun and sunny week full of singing in the Cathedral but also beach trips, games and parties in the beautiful city of Truro in Cornwall. Massive thanks to Tom Howling, John LeGrove and Kate Scott as this wonderful trip would never have been possible without them. In July the choir held an outdoor evensong where we were blessed with a



gorgeous, sunny evening. The service was held in honour of the RNLI to celebrate their 200 year anniversary and we were lucky enough to hear a sermon by our organist, John LeGrove, who shared his experiences and stories as a former member of the RNLI.

Furthermore, during the service seven of our choristers were presented with Bronze Voice for Life awards from the Royal School of Church Music and one with a Gold award! Huge congratulations to George, Oscar, Ellie, Ella, Katya, Olivia, Kate and Eleanor for her Gold. Other ribbons that were presented this year included four light blue ribbons to Edward, Aoife, Alice and Grace, and one dark blue ribbon to Molly.



Yet to come for the rest of the year is the choir's annual weekend away in Fort Belan, North Wales in November, where they will be



preparing for the upcoming advent carol service, nine lessons and carols service and a number of other Christmas events, and we couldn't be more excited.

Ed: Choral evensong dates for September are: 22nd Sept. at Mellor and then 29th Sept. 6.30pm Festival of Choirs at St. George's, New Mills

Choir News Ben Collyer, from September, is Assistant Director of Music at St. Michael's, Cornhill, in the centre of London. On Tuesdays there is Evensong sung with a professional choir (see website for more details). Ben is now Acting Assistant Director of Music at St. Alban's Cathedral for two terms. He has been awarded a Fellowship with Sinfonia Smith Square, for the 2024/2025 academic year. It is the first time an organist has won this. He will be supported as a young musician beginning in his profession.



Corn cakes

Jill Baker

Made in the frying pan. The batter can be made in advance. Making it with fresh sweetcorn gives the best results but frozen is fine. Serve with smoked salmon flakes and some crème fraîche with a scattering of dill or some crisp bacon. This recipe is inspired by Diana Henry.

The recipe serves 6. I often have it and use frozen corn but do try it with fresh ears at this time of year.

3 ears of sweetcorn to give 275g sweetcorn kernels

50g fine cornmeal or polenta

50g plain flour

3 large eggs

Salt and pepper

40g melted butter for the batter

More butter and a little oil for frying

Stand an ear of sweetcorn on its end in a roasting tin. Using a sharp knife cut down removing the ears from top to bottom. Turn the ear, cutting off strips all the way round. Repeat for other two ears.

Put all the ingredients either in a food processor or a bowl and use a stick blender. Chop rather than blitz to a puree and your batter is made.

Heat a film of oil and then add a bit of butter. Add a couple of tablespoons of batter to make 1 1/2 inch (4cm) wide cakes. You should be able to put several in a pan. Once they have set underneath flip over with a palette knife and cook the other side until golden. Reduce the heat to cook through. Keep warm in the oven until ready to serve. Serve with your accompaniments of choice. Enjoy.



Ed MW. I really enjoyed eating these, and they were easy to make.



AS SEEN FROM COW CORNER

Mellor travelled to Lindow, Wilmslow, but were not hopeful of getting a satisfactory result as Lindow

boasted four senior sides to Mellor's one. On calling correctly on the toss of the coin, the Mellor captain asked the home side to take first knock. To most people's surprise, the Mellor bowling was tidy, and soon had the home batsmen in trouble at 55 for the loss of five wickets, from which there was no recovery, resulting in the innings closing on 102 in twenty seven overs. In reply the Mellor opening batsmen were keen to get on with the run chase and had reached seven runs, when the heavens opened and washed out any prospect of a resumption, thus rendering the game abandoned.

Offerton were the visitors to Longhurst Lane on the next weekend and put the home side in to bat. Anyone visiting the ground to watch was disappointed as the batting was mediocre and never seemed to get going, resulting in an all out total of 113. There were signs that Mellor might cause an unlikely upset as two wickets fell cheaply. To put even more pressure on the batsmen and to hide them in the field, some of the less agile fielders were stationed in the slips, providing an array of happy girths. The new batsman had other ideas and embarked on a whirlwind frenzy of hitting, and in a brief innings of 42 had hit five 6s. His innings was ended when, swinging once too often he overbalanced and fell on his wickets, but the damage had been done, and the visitors came out victors by seven wickets.

Ashley, near Altrincham, provided the next venue for the Mellor team. The Ashley captain won the toss and, as expected, inserted the visitors, on what looked like a very good batting track. The Mellor batsmen, for once, did not disappoint and achieved their highest innings total of the season of 153 for the loss of eight wickets in the forty overs, although over half the runs came from just two players. The home side also proved that it was a good batting strip and lost just four wickets in reaching the target in just over thirty overs.

A team from close to Warrington, Appleton, visited Longhurst Lane

next and, as usual, were invited²⁷ to bat first on a slow wicket. The

batsmen found runs difficult to come by and in forcing the pace, lost wickets. There was no recovery and in thirty four overs they were all out for 114. Five of the Mellor bowlers shared the wickets. This appeared a small target to chase but because of the slowness of the pitch, runs did not come easily, which was not helped by the opening batsmen giving catching practice. However the middle order settled matters down and the target was reached in the twenty third over.

Silly Point

Fairtrade Fortnight 2024 – Be the Change

Fairtrade Fortnight used to be held in February, but has been changed this year to September 9th - 24th because the Fairtrade Foundation is celebrating the 30th anniversary of FT goods being on sale in Britain. The Foundation is the UK member of the international FT movement which works across the world, in 70 countries, over 1900 producer organisations and some 2 million farmers. The system ensures that producers are paid a minimum price for their goods, which cannot be undercut and, in addition, pays a premium which is used for projects to support communities. To gain FT status, farmers must join to form a co-operative, and the premium is paid to that so that their elected representatives can decide what is really needed in that place – a school, housing improvements, water supply, health care and so on. Fairtrade now increasingly works towards more sustainable agriculture, as producers meet greater challenges. Stable income and food security enable producers to try growing new crops, or to grow existing crops in different ways where climate change or disease makes traditional practice less effective. Buying Fairtrade goods is not quite so simple now that the Traidcraft organisation, which sold a wide range of FT goods, is no longer operating, but there are new possibilities. The Lemonaid & ChariTea Foundation (<https://drinkinghelps.co.uk/>) sells an interesting range of cold drinks and flavoured teas; Clipper teas are on sale in some supermarkets or online (<https://shop.clipper-teas.com/>); and Divine Chocolate sells a wonderful range, again in supermarkets or online (<https://www.divinechocolate.com>). The Ethical Superstore (<https://www.ethicalsuperstore.com>) sells a vast range of foods, cleaning materials, gifts, homewares etc., many of which are FT. For items such as bags, jewellery, gifts and homewares, try The Fair Trade Store (<https://thefairtradestore.co.uk>) or One World Shop (<https://www.oneworldshop.co.uk>) – both these are lovely sites to browse around. For clothing try Thought Clothing (<https://www.wearethought.com>) – a great range of socks! And it's still easy to buy FT tea, coffee, cocoa and bananas in some supermarkets – just look for the logo when you shop.



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Prayer for the Month

Though the dawn break cheerless on this isle today,
My spirit walks upon a path of light.
For I know my greatness.
Thou hast built me a throne within thy heart.
I dwell safely within the circle of thy care.
I cannot for a moment fall out of thine everlasting arms.
I am on my way to glory.

(from Hebridean Altars by Alistair MacLean)

From the Register

Christenings

We welcomed into God's family

June 9th	Everly May Kelly
June 30th	Olivia Erin Barton
July 14th	Lola Sydney Everson

Weddings

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to:-

July 6th	Michael Harper & Cecily Holt
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Funerals

We remember before God and commend to his love and mercy

July 17th	Cora Pollitt at Stockport Crematorium
August 2nd	Richard Harrison

September :- for the little ones - their first experience of school
for the older ones - the time for back to school
for all of us - an admonition from the Spanish
cellist, Pablo Casals, from his book -



Joys and Sorrows

“Each second we live in a new and unique moment of the universe, a moment that never was before, and never will be again. And what do we teach our children in school? We teach them that two and two make four and that Paris is the capital of France.

When will we also teach them what they are? We should say to each of them - do you know what you are? You are a **marvel**, you are **unique**. In all the world there is no other child exactly like you. In the millions of years that have passed there has never been another child like you.

And look at your body - what a wonder it is! Your legs, your arms, your cunning fingers, the way you move! You may become a Shakespeare, a Michelangelo, or a Beethoven. You have the capacity for anything. Yes you are a **marvel**.

AND WHEN YOU GROW UP CAN YOU THEN HARM ANOTHER ONE WHO IS, LIKE YOU, A **MARVEL**?

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Sept 8th	A Mason	J Elliott & R Elliott	R Holt
Sept 15th	J Butterworth	M Lowe & J Mason	J Shiel
Sept 22nd	P Cunningham	A Muller and A Sanders	A Shah
Sept 29th	A Mason	S McAllister & C Starling	R Holt
Oct 6th	P Cooke	S Knight & C Langford	J Shiel

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Flower Rota

Sept 1st	Jill Baker	Oct 6th	Harvest Flowers
Sept 8th	Maggie Williams	Oct 13th	Harvest Flowers
Sept 15th	Wedding	Oct 20th	Lesley Futchter
Sept 22nd	Allwyn Owen	Oct 27th	Karen Greenough
Sept 29th	Beryl Hilton		

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Holy Dusters

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Sept 15th	J Burrows & E Wilson
Sept 22nd	M & R Leng
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