

OUTLOOK



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JUNE 2025

1 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
7th Sunday of Easter	10.00 am 6.30 pm	Parish Communion Holy Communion (Mellor Centre)
3 Tues	7.30 pm	Exploring The Lord's Prayer (Mellor Centre)
4 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Mellor Centre)
7 Sat	7.30 pm	Concert Ben Collyer and Lucy Gibbs
8 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
Pentecost	10.00 am	Parish Communion
Whit Sunday	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer (Mellor Centre)
9 Mon	10.45-12 noon	Coffee & Chat (Mellor Centre)
10 Tues	7.30 pm	Exploring The Lord's Prayer (Mellor Centre)
11 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Mellor Centre)
13 Fri	7.30 pm	Quiz and Curry (Mellor Centre)
14 Sat	7.30 pm	Wine Tasting. (Mellor Centre)
15 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
Trinity Sunday	10.00 am 6.30 pm	Parish Communion. Rose Queen Sunday Evening Prayer (Mellor Centre)
17 Tues	7.30 pm	Exploring The Lord's Prayer (Mellor Centre)
18 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Mellor Centre)
20 Fri	1.00 pm	Wedding Matthew Bass & Elizabeth Moyes
21 Sat	4.30 pm	Wedding Jack Johnson & Amy Watson
22 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
1st Sunday after Trinity	10.00 am 6.30 pm	Parish Communion Choral Evensong
24 Tues	7.30 pm	Exploring The Lord's Prayer (Mellor Centre)
25 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Mellor Centre)
28 Sat	12.00 noon 1.00 pm 7.00 pm	Church Fête Crowning Rose Queen and opening Well dressing Band on Hill -Hustle
29 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday after Trinity	10.00 am 6.30 pm	Parish Communion Evening Prayer (Mellor Centre)
30 Mon	7.45 pm	PCC

Coffee and Chat with the Vicar is held on the 2nd Monday of the month
 Prayer Group meets every Monday from 10.30am to 11.00am (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 10.0am to 11.30am
 Knit and Natter meets on Thursday each week 10.30am to 12noon (The Mellor Centre)
 The Choir practises each week on Friday at 6.30pm



View from the Hill

Mellor Open Gardens on 11th May was a busy and successful day, thanks to the hard work of the planning committee over many weeks, and glorious weather on the day. We counted over 900 people in the Vicarage garden that day - it was a great community event.

I found myself reflecting, "Why do we have gardens? What are they for?" Historians suggest that humankind probably began gardening around 10,000 years BC. There were gardens in all the ancient civilizations, in all parts of the world. The Hebrew word 'gan' in the Bible (the Garden of Eden, Genesis 2.8) and our English word, 'garden' both mean a place that is enclosed. The English words 'yard' and 'garth' come from the same root.

Until relatively recently, only the rich and the elite would have had ornamental gardens - most would have used their garden to produce food. But whether we grow flowers or vegetables, the purpose of the garden is the same. The garden marks a boundary between cultivation and wilderness.

Within, there is shelter, order, and beauty (at least, in theory!). Outside there is wildness. In that sense, the creation of gardens mirrors God's creation of the world. In the beginning there was chaos. The earth was formless and covered in darkness. And God separated the light from the darkness. And he separated the land from the waters. The whole Genesis account is about God creating boundaries, setting limits to the primeval chaos, and establishing order.

According to Genesis 2.15, God placed Adam in the garden of Eden, 'to till it and keep it'. God made Adam to share in his ongoing work of creation within that garden, just as he makes us co-workers with him whenever we work in our gardens. We can design and plant and water, but we cannot make the plants grow. Much of what happens in a garden is out of our hands. In gardening we are working with nature - as Christians we would say we are working with God.

Of course there is a beauty in nature in its wildness. But throughout human history, we have also found a special satisfaction and pleasure in the beauty of a garden - that enclosed space which we have helped order.

We know Jesus used to retreat to a garden. When he went to the garden of Gethsemane, we are told that he went there 'as was his custom' (Luke 22.39). His ministry, like our work, was draining. He needed to go to a quiet place to restore his soul and replenish his energy.

And the miracle of the resurrection took place in a garden on Easter day. Mary met the risen Christ and mistakenly thought he was the gardener. And yet, at a deeper level she was also right - for Christ is the master gardener. All the world is his garden. And we are called to be his co-workers in the garden, sowing seeds of good and nurturing them to life.

The resurrection reveals to us God's pattern for the world. Where goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than death. As gardeners we see all that we have planted decaying each autumn. And in winter it seems the garden is dead. But then come the snowdrops, and the primroses which are so beautiful in our churchyard here. And the full glory of spring and new life everywhere. When we garden, we are immersed in God's miraculous cycle of death and rebirth. We share in a small but beautiful way in God's work of death and resurrection.

The poem may be twee, and of course vicars want people to feel closest to God in church, but nevertheless there is an enduring truth in these familiar lines by Dorothy Frances Gurney:

The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth,—
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth.

God bless you,

Andrew

Marking the 80th Anniversary of the end of World War II

During World War II, millions of special wartime editions of The Bible and John's Gospel were distributed to British troops. Many featured a special message by King George VI encouraging soldiers to turn to God in times of hardship. They offered comfort and hope for soldiers, many of whom carried them into battle. Hope together in partnership with Biblica, has produced a commemorative edition of John's Gospel, with real-life stories to remember those who sacrificed their lives in war, to celebrate and be thankful for the end of World War II, and to pray for Peace for all those around the world whose lives are destroyed by conflict today.

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“In Memory of Peter Harle Choirmaster and organist at St Thomas’ Church September 1984 to March 2005

In September 1984 the church was fortunate to appoint Peter who led the choir to many achievements until his retirement on Easter Sunday, 27th March 2005. With assistance from some members of the choir he encouraged the development of the treble’s vocal skills, their musical understanding and knowledge of repertoire leading to the examinations and awards of the Royal School of Church Music.

He initially introduced the choir to singing evensong on Saturdays at other churches as well as at Sheffield and Derby Cathedrals as part of Choir Edale weekends.

He later introduced the choir to singing at Cathedrals during half term or August holidays. The choir sang at Manchester, Coventry, Wells, St. Asaph, St. David’s, Lincoln, Durham & Hereford Cathedrals as well as Cartmel and Worksop Priors. The choir was often accompanied by Reg Holmes and Andrew Dean. From time-to-time Matthew Owens, a member of the choir played the organ before he subsequently left to further his education and career which subsequently has included appointment as organist and Master of the choristers, Wells Cathedral and later Director of Music Belfast Cathedral.

Peter also arranged concert tours to France on a bi-annual basis from 1992 for the trebles and young adults, accompanied by a youth orchestra drawn from the R.N.C.M. Junior School and John Wilson Fellow of the R.N.C.M. These tours included the Loire Valley, Normandy and twice to Burgundy. They were very successful and were hugely enjoyed by the choristers and musicians.

In January 2003 Peter wrote a two-page article in Outlook ‘Music-mystery or magic’. In it he said that in his teens a friend and he used to go to Choral Evensong in Durham Cathedral - which had a profound effect on him. We have all benefitted from his experience.

Dr Tom Howling, Director of Music has written that “The continued existence of Mellor Church Choir and many of the current characteristics of the choir are in large- part due to Peter’s hard work over his period as choirmaster at St Thomas’ Mellor.”

Michael Benford-Miller Chorister

Peter’s funeral was on Wednesday May 14th near Grimsby. Judy was quite overwhelmed that Mellor folk had gone. Julian Forbes (from Bristol) organised a chorus to sing one of Peter’s compositions called “Consecration” to words by Frances Ridley Havergal. The Chorus included Peter Darnley (from Southampton), Angus Wilson (from London), Neil Hamilton (from High Lane) and Laura Darnley. It was very special.

MW.

The Wandering Chorister -

2. Leicester Cathedral

I had an easy train journey on a sunny winter's day, via Sheffield, Derby and the East Midlands.



Leicester, an ancient settlement with a long Christian tradition, had a large Augustinian Abbey, plus communities of Greyfriars and Blackfriars within the city. The ruins lie in a large park north of the city centre. There's an ancient parish church, St Mary de Castro, that's worth a visit. It was rebuilt in the 11th century, replacing a Saxon building.

The Cathedral, dedicated in 1927, is mostly medieval, with a Georgian spire. The site is said to be the centre of Roman Leicester and is next to a magnificent Medieval Guild Hall. It's dominant interior feature is the new tomb of King Richard III, near the high altar.

The area around is being redeveloped, with a Visitor Centre and gardens. The diocese has developed a commercial complex which includes a conference centre, office space and choir school.

I enjoyed singing there. It's not the most resonant space, but once we began you felt completely at home, as we added another day's worship in a tradition that goes back centuries.

Leicester has plenty to occupy choir supporters. Its diverse culture offers an amazing range of places to eat and drink in the maze of streets by the Cathedral. I recommend you arrive early for the 'all you can eat'- Indian breakfast in the cafe by Leicester Market. The cuisine is Traditional South Indian, vegetarian, and traditional, as made by Indian grandmas the world over. For young children there's the park mentioned earlier, and a good swimming pool.

I sang with The Prebendal Singers — an ATB (Alto, Tenor, Bass) choir, formed by Parish Choristers after a 'restructuring' at the Royal School of Church Music. A friendly bunch, entry by audition.

Ian Dayes

MELLOR WINE TASTING

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The **Friends of The Mellor Centre** will be hosting our first **Wine Tasting** event in years when we welcome **Jane Clare**, wine writer and educator to the Centre on 14th June. Jane is well known across wine-tasting circles in the north-west, as a very engaging and knowledgeable speaker, and has been invited by William Heijbroek and Anthony Langford who are hosting the event.

Clare will invite us to taste 6 different wines, discuss and learn about them, offer our opinions on each, and take part in a fun wine-related quiz. All the wines will be reasonably priced, and easily available – perhaps with one special exception.

Of course there will be the obligatory Mellor raffle, with wine-related prizes.

Entrance will be by ticket only at £15pp, with numbers restricted to either 36 or 48 attendees. There will be water available, for refreshment, and nibbles served.

Tickets are available from the Mellor Centre Office, or from Angie on 07850155329, or via Eventbrite when you search Mellor Wine Tasting.

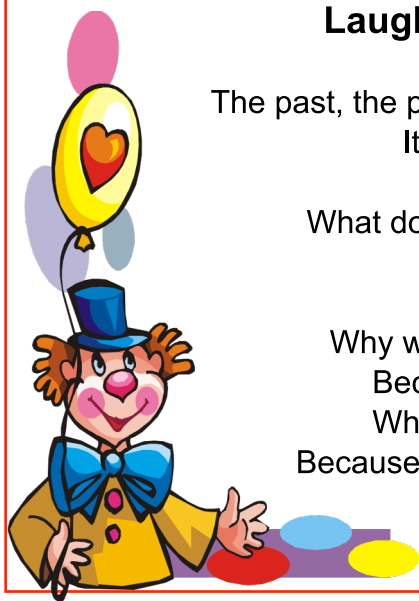
The event is being sponsored by The Clear Wine Company.

Laughs with Lynda

The past, the present and the future walked into a bar.
It was tense.

What does a house wear?
A dress.

Why was 6 afraid of 7?
Because 7 ate 9.
Why did 7 eat 9?
Because you should eat 3 squared meals a day.



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Mellor Birds

Maggie Williams

On the morning of Mellor Open Gardens at 7am, as I was putting up the War Memorial Garden notices on the gates, I heard (my first ever, in Mellor).....

Cuckoo. What a way to start the day!

Glenis, over on Townscliffe, heard it too. Daphne told me she hears Cuckoos on Pole Lane by the Wimberry Wood (Broadhurst Plantation).

I heard a cuckoo in Mellor Church before the Service on May 4th when John leGrove played Louis Claude Daquin's '**Coucou.**' It is beautiful to listen to. A lot of very fast notes in a couple of minutes. You can hear it played on the St Thomas' Church website.

Another bird was heard in the Church on the same day when Eleanor played Rameau's '**La Poule**'.

The first **swallow** in Mellor I heard of was from Tim at the Vineyard, who saw them on April 21st.

Yesterday, May 15th, I saw four **swifts** screaming overhead the War Memorial Park. This is a week later than last year. The local

RSPB High Peak Group

celebrated their 50th anniversary with a dinner at the Pack Horse (New Mills) on May 7th. When

Pat and I came out of the pub, about 9.30pm, and went to the top car park, we saw, swooping, low, up and down the field, on the other side of the wall a **Barn Owl**.

One of the most surprising things at Mellor Open Gardens was at the bottom of a garden which was wooded, on Longhurst Lane. Daryl had put up an owl box and Moira said last week a pair of mandarin ducks came to nest in it!!

I've been told, on Monday 12th, there was a flock of **golden plovers** on Ludworth Moor and plenty of ground nesting **lapwing**. A **whinchat** was seen at Ludworth Moor Quarry.





A MELLOR FARM 1

Joan Combey

Blanche (my Grandmother) set sail for America with her parents and three sisters in the late 1800s. They lived in West Yorkshire and must have thought life would be better in America. George (my Grandfather) also sailed to America with his family at about the same time. Both families settled in Philadelphia where Blanche and George met and got married. George was working on the railways but suffered an accident. Home obviously beckoned and they sailed back to England leaving all their families behind.

Where to go was influenced by the fact that one of George's brothers was living in Mellor. They managed to rent Bull Hill on Cobden Edge, probably owned by the Arkwright family (having inherited it from Samuel Oldknow who owed them money when he died. Life must have been hard on the small farms scattered over Cobden, but they spoke kindly of their neighbours.

When a farm became available down in the village they must have decided that it would be better for the family to be in civilisation as they now had two sons. With the help of a donkey cart they moved to their new farm with 47 acres again owned by the Arkwrights. This was probably about 1906.

All went well until George suffered a heart attack and died as he had been worrying about foot and mouth which was in the country. Left with two teenage sons must have been a worry for Blanche. As luck would have it, the Arkwrights decided to sell the estate and she went to the sale of the farm. She had managed to get the promise of a loan from friends in Stockport so was able to bid.

An amazing tale has been told in the family. As the sale progressed a voice was heard to say, "Hold back the widow is bidding" I'm not sure if this would happen today, but it worked and she was able to purchase the farm. Who was going to continue to run the farm? The elder son (my Father) was not interested in farming as he wanted to be an engineer. My Uncle, the youngest son took over with his mother and remained there until he retired.

We lived next to the farm and spent many happy hours there. We tried to help as much as we could. Collecting eggs, putting cardboard tops on the milk bottles and delivering milk at the weekends. A horse and cart were used to deliver milk. There was a choice of bottled milk or milk ladled out of a churn strapped to the cart. The cows were milked twice a day. At the same time hay, straw and turnips were to be grown for use in the long winter months.

MELLOR OPEN GARDENS 2025 Mary Hoult

THANK YOU to all those who contributed to a wonderful Mellor Open Gardens day. Mellor looked its best in glorious sunshine and displayed its famous hospitality and true community spirit to the thousand plus happy visitors who thronged our village. Thank you to our three main sponsors, Edward Mellor, C & C Insurance and Stockport Council, to the MOG committee, the catering team, the cake bakers, the car parkers, the advertisers, those who donated raffle prizes and above all to Mellor School and to the owners of the 19 lovely gardens who made this event possible and to everyone else who made this such a wonderful and successful day. The Mellor Centre and Cancer Research UK will each be benefitting by about £10,000 – fantastic!

Well Dressing

Help Needed

No experience necessary

From Sunday June 22nd to Friday June 27th

10am to 4pm

Drop in anytime at Mellor Centre

Come and have fun

(and get puddled)

refreshments provided.

Mellor Church Women's Evening Fellowship

Having much enjoyed welcoming many members and friends to our Fête Shower last month we now look forward to two opportunities to meet again this month.

The first is on June 11th when you are invited to join us for a talk at the Mellor Centre at 7 30 pm by Eric Newton with the intriguing title, "The Life and Times of a Busker".

The second is on June 28th at the Fête when the Fellowship will be out in strength in our Produce Tent with a tempting array of home made goodies catering for a range of tastes. Don't delay, many popular items sell out very quickly!

Lesley Fitcher

PCC MEETING on 28th April 2025

Our meeting today began by concentrating on how we welcome people into our church - what do we do well and what could we do better. We were joined by Julia Mann, as a visitor, as she is part of our Communications team. We had a general discussion at first, looking at our presence in the community in general. Then we split into groups, looking more specifically at the welcome we offer in the churchyard, in the church porch, in the church building, and finally within our worship. Lots of ideas were voiced, as to how we may be able to do things better, and Andrew took these away to draw up a list of actions for the future.

We considered preparations for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), which will take place on 18th May, including what vacancies we will have on the PCC, and who might fill them.

Richard Elliott, Treasurer, presented the annual accounts and Annual Trustees report, which have to be sent to the Charities Commission, and these documents were formally approved by the PCC.

We considered the need to find a new church architect, to act as a consultant on the structure of our church building. This is since our previous church architect, Colin Fox, retired from the role after many years of service, for which our church is very grateful.

Finally there was a discussion about the proposals for altering the seating at the back of the church. This is due to the fact that the choir membership has now expanded to around 50, so the existing choir seating is inadequate. The proposal involves removing three rows of pews on each side at the back of the church, and providing an area of flexible seating, which could be used for the choir or for other purposes. David Horsfall had been working on this, with Andrew our Vicar and Tom our Director of Music. David helpfully brought some proposed plans for how the flexible seating area might be done, and photographs of possible seating to be used. This was favourably received by the PCC members but it was agreed that the outline plans should also be brought to the APCM for discussion by the congregation.

Julie Elliott



Happiness



What is happiness? A brand new, top-of-the-range, latest model sports car? A diamond ring? Or an ultra-posh expensive latest fashion dress? Sorry, it is none of these. Happiness is a state of mind. It is wanting what you've got, and not having what you want.

So take a look around you, and begin to make a list. A much-cherished photograph taken on holiday which brings to mind many happy memories, a lovingly nurtured plant repaying your care with a glorious display of colourful flowers. Then look outside and broaden your vision. We live in a lovely village surrounded by beautiful countryside, have water on tap, food on the table, and no-one is dropping bombs on us.

Then for many a steady faith in a loving God.

Kareen Dayes



Rose Queen Quiz and Curry Night.

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AS SEEN FROM COW CORNER

The dates of the cricket fixtures for the new season have arrived, with the first match away at Compstall. That now leaves the club members with the unenviable task of persuading enough players to form an eleven. Any lack of previous cricketing ability is not a drawback.

The previous seasons' scorebooks are scoured intently for any name from the past who might be brought back into the fold, along with lists of phone numbers from old records.

On the day of the first fixture, eleven willing players have been found and surprisingly are keen to play.

Compstall, the home side, won the toss and put Mellor in to bat. The Mellor batsmen had not had any appreciable close season practice, so the chances of a challenging total was going to be remote; and so it proved. Just one batsmen reached double figures, with extras being the next highest contributor, resulting in a paltry final total of 65 all out in eighteen overs. The home side knocked off the total in seventeen overs for the loss of five wickets.

The second match of the season was at home against Cheadle Hulme. The Mellor captain won the toss and invited the home team to bat first. The bowlers had not yet got into their stride for the season, and the batsmen took advantage of the loose bowling with a third wicket stand of over 80. The Mellor bowlers did eventually make inroads and took seven wickets, but not before Cheadle Hulme had amassed 172 in the allotted overs of 40. In reply, Mellor never recovered from a disastrous start, when three wickets were lost before the total had reached double figures. A measure of respectability was achieved, but the team were all out in 26 overs, four short of a hundred.

The next scheduled game was away at Disley, but the home side could not raise a team and consequently conceded, but this was no reason for there to be rejoicing for Mellor.

A home game followed against Glazebury. The Mellor captain won the toss and elected to bat first. Despite confidence being shown in batting first, little progress was shown as just two batsmen reached double figures, and the team were all out in 24 overs for 109. An opening stand of 80 put paid to any hope of a Mellor victory, as Glazebury made the total with the loss of two wickets.

Mellor are fielding four junior sides at varying age groups but have not, to date, had much success. As the true cricketing weather arrives there should be improvements all round.

Silly Point



FÊTE

ROLL UP! ROLL UP! Mellor Fete is here!



Join us on **Saturday 28th June** for this great community event!

Schedule for the the week leading up to the Fete.

THURSDAY 26th 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 7pm.

FRIDAY evening 27th June 5pm. Hope to have Beer tent operating making setting up of gazebos, stalls and Mellor Centre much more enjoyable. Come help, come socialise, come and have fun! (There will be music too).

SATURDAY-THE FÊTE

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

12 noon Lunches and refreshments available in The Mellor Centre with Art Exh.

13.00 Rose Queen Thea crowned on field and Opens Fete

13.15 Rose Queen Thea launches first parachuting teddy.

FIELD EVENTS START

FREE ENTRY

14.00 DOG SHOW bring your dog.

Punch and Judy, parachuting teddies.

Stalls on the field include: Beer tent. Burgers. Home Produce, Plants, Bouncy Castle, Tombola, Bric a Brac, Books....

Games- golf, football, side shows including "The Human Fruit Machine!"

15.30 RACES and TUG OF WAR

16.00 Raffle prize draw.

SATURDAY EVENING. 7pm BAND ON THE HILL "HUSTLE"

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Teddies



The Church Fête on June 28th 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.



TOY TOMBOLA at the Church Fête June 28th



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I wrote this in the
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LOVE

(*Andrew Tawn*)

- a paraphrase of 1 Corinthians 13 (from February Evensong)

If I said, a thousand times, 'I love you' but it was not backed up by the way I behave towards you, every moment, then my words would be just noise - nothing more. They would neither come from the heart nor reach the heart.

And if I listen to everything you say, but without really caring what you mean, or without trying to listen beyond the words to your feelings, and hopes and fears, then you would know instinctively that something was missing, you would miss that sense that you were placing the things that matter to you in good hands.

And unless I love you with my whole body, and all my passion, and all my mind, and all soul, then you would sense, deep down, that my love was not complete.

Love is patient – not hasty

Love is not quick to take offence

Love does not deceive or manipulate or pressurize

Love invites but does not impose or insist on its own way.

Love is wide, not narrow.

Love is unending, not fading away with time.

Love is deep, not superficial or distracted by new passions.

Love teaches us how to transcend our self,

and gives us the strength to support and carry the one we love.

Love asks what will bring good to those we love

and does what it can to provide it,

even when that means giving up what we would choose for ourselves.

A love like this can bear anything, gives everything, endures through all things.

Love is never exhausted, never runs out, never comes to an end. Infatuation passes.

Feelings wax and wane. Time may bring joys and troubles, we may have times when we are richer or poorer, we may go through periods of sickness and health, for better and for worse, but love is broader, and higher, and longer and deeper than all these things.

There are many things that really matter in life: integrity, honesty, kindness, goodness, truth, justice, forgiveness, peace, hope, joy, but the greatest of them all, is **LOVE**

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Raspberry and white chocolate cookies

Jill Baker

The recipe for these biscuits was written using pink rhubarb which I substituted with raspberries [frozen]. I will give details for using rhubarb at the bottom of the recipe. Do remember they need chilling time at least two hours or overnight.

- 80g white chocolate
- 80g stem ginger or crystallised (optional goes well with the rhubarb but I enjoy it with raspberries)
- 130g butter softened
- 130g light brown sugar
- 70g caster sugar
- 1 medium egg
- 240g plain flour
- ¼ tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 120g raspberries frozen or fresh

OR

- 120g rhubarb
- 30g sugar

Roughly chop the white chocolate and stem ginger (if using) into small pieces.

Cream together both sugars and butter until fluffy – 4 minutes or so. Add the egg then sift in flour and raising agents. Fold in the chocolate, ginger and raspberries gently.

Line two baking trays with parchment put balls of dough of about 70 g in weight and 5 cm wide on trays and chill for a minimum of two hours. Makes 10 to 12 cookies.

Preheat oven to 180°C GM4 bake for 15 to 17 minutes, the edges should be golden but the centres still soft.

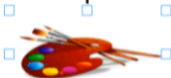
Cool and enjoy.

If you use rhubarb cut the stalks into 1.5 cm chunks, mix with the caster sugar in a bowl and let stand for 30 mins. (this is early forced rhubarb you may need more sugar for garden rhubarb.)

NB If you have pools of juice leaking from the biscuits after chilling mop with kitchen towel before putting in the oven.

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Letter to Editors

“Selby Abbey”

from *Anthony Langford*

I read with great pleasure Ian's article on Selby Abbey in the May Outlook. It brought back many happy memories of the time I was director of music there in the late 1970s and early 80s. Selby is generally regarded as one of the three beautiful sisters of the East Riding; York Minster is the mother church, while Selby, Beverley Minster and Howden Minster are her daughters. (Some would add Bridlington Priory as a fourth.) The Hill organ is one of the finest romantic instruments in the country. In the 1960s the renowned organist Fernando Germani visited the church, and asked if he might make a recording on the organ. Amongst the pieces he played was Widor's famous Toccata from the 5th symphony, and this became the definitive performance, broadcast regularly on the BBC.

During my time there, I was privileged to meet Basil Hume, the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, and undoubtedly the most saintly man I can remember. He had been, until a couple of years earlier, Abbot of Ampleforth. He was there for an ecumenical service with the bishop of Selby (Morris Maddocks, another wonderful preacher!) aimed at drawing the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches closer together.

In the late 60s Selby celebrated the 900th anniversary of its foundation. To mark the occasion the Queen visited the Abbey for the royal Maundy service. In the period leading up to this event something very amusing occurred. One day an elderly itinerant gentleman knocked on the door of the vicarage and asked if he could have a cup of tea. The vicar, Richard Read, recognised the man from previous visits and invited him in, settling him in his study with a drink and a sandwich, then promptly forgot him. Returning a couple of hours later he found the man still there and he stood up to go. 'By the way, the man said, While you were out the phone rang and you weren't here so I answered

it. Some joker on the other end said it was Buckingham Palace, so I told them to get lost and put the phone down!' My memories of the Abbey were

completed twenty years ago when I accompanied my younger daughter down the aisle to the music of Widor. A lovely occasion and a lovely place.

from *Heather Bray*

I was delighted to read, "The Wandering Chorister" in the May Outlook. Selby Abbey was my parish church until I moved to Marple. It is a beautiful building with many interesting features.

There is a Washington window depicting The Stars and Stripes,

a Jesse window, which is considered the second finest in the world – second only to one in York Minster, and many beautiful carvings. You will need to ask for help to locate the carving hidden within a carving. Don't miss the lepers' squint.

On a personal level, my brother was a chorister there and, like the

Mellor Choir, they enjoyed summer residences in beautiful churches - St David's Cathedral in Pembrokeshire was a very memorable week. In 1969, the Abbey and town celebrated 900 years since the Abbey's founding.

The Maundy service with the Queen and Prince Philip was held there. I was lucky enough to have a seat behind the choir stalls and directly opposite Her Majesty. Later on, I was married there.

Thank you, Ian, for your lovely article.

Thank you both for your interesting responses to Ian's article. Editors

Prayer for the Month

Come Holy Spirit

Look at us, your church, hiding behind closed doors,

Afraid of change,

Anxious that even our embers will be quenched.

The world's winds have taken our breath away:

We're lost for words to tell our faith.

Come, Holy Spirit, kindle a spark in every soul,

Cauterise our wounds, loosen our tongues,

Warm our hearts, and- with our help –

Make a cheerful bonfire of the stuff we don't need.

Change us, and then, in us,

Light fires of love that will transform the world.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

(from Fifty Great Prayers from the Iona Community.

Selected by Neil Paynter)

From the Registers

Funerals

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

Pat Pink on 30th April.

Weddings

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to:

Carl Bowyer and Nicola Salt on 17th May.

Thought for the Month

The phrase 'Carpe Diem' is well known: seize the day

I have long appreciated this longer and more challenging version



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Yoga / Hindu : Shakta
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Listen to the Exhortation of the Dawn by Kalidasa

Listen to the Exhortation of the Dawn!

Look to this Day!

For it is Life, the very Life of Life.

In its brief course lie all the
Verities and Realities of your Existence.

The Bliss of Growth,

The Glory of Action,

The Splendor of Beauty;

For Yesterday is but a Dream,

And To-morrow is only a Vision;

But To-day well lived makes

Every Yesterday a Dream of Happiness,

And every Tomorrow a Vision of Hope.

Look well therefore to this Day!

Such is the Salutation of the Dawn!

English version by W. S. Merwin &

J. Moussaieff Masson Original Language Sanskrit Love Poems

Jenny Johnson

Faith

This quote is from The Times on 18/4/25:

“ Faith is not just something you have, it’s something you do.”

Barack Obama From his address to the Global Summit on
AIDS and and the Church in 2006

Stewards Rota

	8:30 am	10:00 am
June 01	A Mason	R and J Elliott
June 08	J Butterworth	P and L Forbes
June 15	P Cunningham	M. Lowe and M Williams
June 22	A Mason	K Hargreaves and C Langford
June 29	J Butterworth	S McAllister and C Starling
July 06	P Cunningham	A Muller and P Long

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Flower Rota

June 1	Alison Allcard	6 July	Jenny Butterworth
June 8	Joyce Moss Pentecost	13 July	Julie Elliott
June 15	Karen Greenough	20 July	Wedding Flowers
June 22	Wedding flowers	27 July	Ann Preston
June 29	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)

Thanks, Jill

Holy Dusters

June 1	M & R Leng
June 8	P Cunningham & I.Morris
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