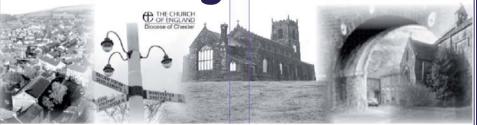
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James Writes



What if we had a sure and certain hope...

Just before Christmas, Pope Francis suggested a change to one line in the

Lord's Prayer.

Of course, the press thought this was sensational, but the story died down after a day or two. He proposed "Let us not fall into temptation" (instead of "Lead us not into..."). It's not a credible translation of the Bible's original (greek) phrase, but we can understand his point can't we? Speaking to Italian TV, the pontiff said we should prefer "do not let me fall into temptation because it is I who fall, it is not God who throws me into temptation and then sees how I fell... A father does not do that, a father helps you to get up immediately."

It's a tricky matter, but at the beginning of a New Year, it does get us thinking about who (or what) leads us into 2018.

With wars and terror, disease and refugee camps as much in evidence around the world as ever, with the uncertainties surrounding Brexit still filling our nightly news, with so little clear and sure, many will be led by fear as another January comes around. That affects how we think about the future just as much as how we behave in the present.

Of course, in this season of New Year's Resolutions, many will be led by the hope

that this year will be the year we get it right. Whatever 'it' might be – health, diet and exercise regime, relationships, prayer-life or bible reading... Again, that affects our immediate behaviour and how we think about the future – only we're all too aware that it's rarely long before that 'future' turns into a sense of guilt and failure as once again our determination fails and the resolutions are broken!

What if we had a sure and certain hope, as another New Year dawns? What if we had someone to follow, someone who has proved he won't fail us?

Using the image of a sheep-fold with a narrow gate, Jesus speaks of himself as the 'Good Shepherd': "the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out."

This shepherd provides safety and security, pasture and protection for all of his sheep — even calling them by name in a voice they recognise and understand. Even more than that, it's a promise of a leader who doesn't fail — a few verses later: "The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

Do we want to enter 2018 filled with hope? Full of confidence that we'll be known, kept and loved by one who has even given his life (though he couldn't stay dead) to 'guarantee' his flock?

Why not read chapter 10 of John's gospel – and be led this year by Jesus himself?

In Obist, James

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WORKING PARTY

Sunday 7th January after church *taking down the decorations*

Prayer Group Tuesday 2nd January, 8pm

at the home of Betty Gadd (0161 368 5131)

Women's Society

Tuesdays, 8.00pm at Mottram Community Centre no meeting in January

Pub Night

Friday 12th January, 8.00pm **Harewood Arms, Broadbottom**All welcome to come and enjoy a relaxed evening in our local bub.

Trefoil Guild

3rd Thursday of every month, 7.30pm at Mottram Community Centre open to anyone over 18yrs who is sympathetic to the aims of Guiding.

18th January ... AGM, followed by 'fun and games'!

Women's Institute

second Monday of every month 7.45pm at Mottram Cricket Club

8th January 'The Journey of Chocolate' with Agnes Fough

2018 CALENDAR

Is there a social or fundraising event you've always thought the church should run? Are you keen to help put an event on?

In early 2018, we'll be organising our social calendar for much of the year, so would love to hear from you if you'd like to join in. Speak to James or Ruth.

our church insurer

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For more details, see poster in church or visit www.ecclesiastical.

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PCC MEETING

Thursday I Ith January the Magdalene Centre, 7.30pm

Christian Aid Rohingya Crisis Appeal

The amount collected in church in November was £216.17 **thank** you

Confirmation Service

with Bishop Graham Dow

Sunday 11th February 10.30am at St. Michael's

Do come and support our candidates

NOTICE BOARD

Your contributions welcome - the deadline for the February issue is Wednesday 17th January

Walking With The Walkers

Monday 1st January 11am Longdendale Valley

Easy walk led by Bob & Sue Joy 0161 368 2706

Saturday 13th January 10am Monyash

Moderate walk led by Christine & John Brandreth 01457 238268

Saturday 27th January 10am Ogden Reservoir

Easy walk with some ascent led by Tony & Chris Kershaw 01457 765350

Meet at Mottram church gates – car share if needed.

New walkers always welcome!

Foodbank

The Trussell Trust Board tell us of the small girl who came with her mother last Christmas to a foodbank. She entered sadly, expecting to receive nothing on Christmas Day. Her transformation, when presented by a volunteer with a new teddy bear larger than herself, was extraordinary. She left with all the pleasure and excitement that we expect children to enjoy at Christmas.

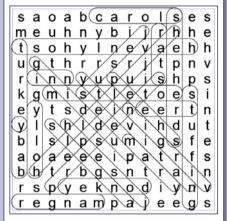
The Trussell Trust would like to say a big **thank you** to all food donors, and wish you and your families a blessed and peaceful time this Christmas.

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Would you like to support the Parish Magazine by sponsoring a page?

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December Puzzles



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A Life Well Lived

A new book by Rev. Dr. Richard L. Hills MBE

— available late February 2018 — REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW!

Despite its sub-title, **The Seven Ages of One Man** is not just a book about how one man started the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester. It is much more...

This is Richard's autobiography - the story of his life, work, passions and relationships, told in seven parts, or ages:

- 1 The child, born in 1936 into upper middle class families whose way of life was shattered by the advent of war.
- 2 The public and prep school boy introduced to engineering, mountaineering and railways at Rose Hill and Charterhouse.
- 3 The young man enlisted for National Service, only to find more opportunities for... engineering, mountaineering and railways!
- **4** The Cambridge undergraduate blossoming in faith, buying a Lancia Lambda, and becoming a mountaineering instructor.
- **5** The fallen climber receiving miraculous healing from gangrene, a convalescence leading to a spell in teaching, restoring the Lancia, and a new interest in the drainage of the fens.
- **6** The published writer and researcher, and a move to Manchester, becoming the founder and first curator of the Manchester Museum of Science and Industry.
- 7 The Reverend Doctor, making a new life in Mottram as priest, as author on many aspects of the history of engineering, becoming an authority on the history of papermaking, and finally at the age of 72 finding love and marriage to his beloved Bernice.

Register your interest by sending your name and contact details to Richard by email at *rev.rlhills@btinternet.com* or by post at *261 Broadbottom Road, Mottram, Hyde, Cheshire, SK14 6HY*.

When the book is ready to print, and the price is known, he will contact you, and let you know.

The Seven Ages of One Man or How one man started the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester Richard L. Hills MBE Ph.D., M.A., D.I.C., Dip.Ed., C.I.Mech.E., F.M.A.

Home and Abroad

Tanzania (UK) Trust

Annual Medical Trip (including the OPENING of the HEALTH CENTRE)

We need Doctors and Nurses from the UK to go with us to

Tanzania, to share the Dodoma experience and to provide education and medical care in preparation for the establishment of the new centre!!!

Our next trip is 8th May - 2nd June 2018

I have great pleasure in inviting you to Tanzania this coming May 2018. We have faith that this will coincide with the opening of the Health Centre in Dodoma. Please pray: that the finance, equipment and red tape will be surmounted so that we will be there for the opening and the first patients coming through the doors.



Please pray about this invitation and see if you feel that this is what God would like you to do. The cost should be around £1,000 again, flights allowing and we will stay at the pastor's house. If you are a nurse or a Doctor you are especially welcome. But if you would like to come along and just "be" and join in with our partner church in Dodoma, with your own skills and encouragements: then you are also welcome.

Please ask me any questions and pray for this adventure with God, blessings, Ruth Chorley – 07854 688373 or ruth.chorley@hotmail.com

Etherow Centre Charitable Trust

This has been another busy year for the Directors of the Etherow Centre Charitable Trust. Here are some highlights from the past year:

We have an updated lease with Tameside Council, for their use of the mezzanine at the east end. They have also met 75% of the cost of replacement boilers.



We have been working with the Heritage Lottery Fund and Action Together to frame a proposal for funding for maintaining the condition of the building.

The mezzanine rooms on the west side are now ready for use. We would like to acknowledge the generosity of David Woolstencroft and Susan Young who have helped financially with the new floor covering.

We are pleased to tell you that Adrian Davies has agreed to be our new Treasurer.

Subscriptions this year are £5. If you have not already paid, please can you pass your payment to one of the committee, including our chair Claire Bibby.

The Mottram Gymnasium

from research carried out by the late Peter Elwood

Canon JRC Miller, vicar of Mottram (1878-1902) recognised the need for a parish room which could be used for lectures, fund raising events, evening classes and physical training by parishioners, particularly young adults and teenagers.

He persuaded Lord Tollemache, the local landowner, through his Agent Mr Cawley, to make available a piece of land on which to site the proposed building. A piece of land taken out of a field called the Kiln Field on the west side of Broadbottom Road (just behind no. 28) was offered for a period of three years to see how things went.

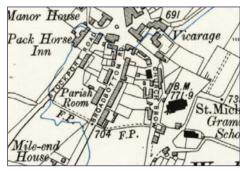
Canon Miller personally purchased a wooden building for £212 and also paid £30 for its erection. The Gymnasium, as it came to be called, was opened in 1901.

In 1902, Canon Miller left Mottram and the Rev. Pemberton took his place. In 1904, the trial period of three years came to an end and Canon Miller indicated that he wished to end his connection with the gymnasium. He proposed that the Vicar and Churchwardens take over the building on payment to him of £50 which he would donate to charity.

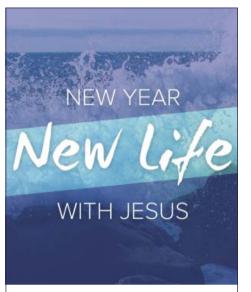
In August 1904, as the trial period neared its end, Rev. Pemberton wrote to Mr. Cawley about the future of the gymnasium. He said how useful the building was to the local community especially in view of the current bad state of the cotton trade on which so many parishioners depended.

Mr. Cawley was sympathetic and a new agreement was made to lease the ground at a small chief rent. Canon Miller laid down conditions under which he would sell the building for £50: entrance only to those of good moral character, building not to be let out for public dances or entertainments of 'a dubious character'. The management of the building was to be in the hands of Trustees including the vicar. The Trustees of Mottram Sunday School took over the job. In his will of 1918. Lord Tollemache gave the land on which the gymnasium was built, to the Trustees.

The gymnasium was well used over the years but by 1928, it was in a dilapidated condition and rather than spend money on repairs, the Trustees were obliged to sell it for demolition for £20. Subsequently, in 1930, the site was sold by the Trustees to Mottram in Longdendale U.D.C. for £80.



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Prayer of the Month

So, a New Year and as we all begin a diet after the excesses of Christmas, I wonder how long my intentions will last. Unlike God's love for us, which continues long after Christmas, year after year.

God is no lightweight but a steady and true joy that all can share if they open their hearts to Him.

I give thanks to our Lord for his many blessings bestowed on me.

I am glad that I worship in a church that feels like a second home to me and I look forward to strengthening my faith in this new year.

I pray that 2018 will be a good one for you filled with good health, friends and family.

Amen

thank you to Pat Wheeler



Parish Prayer Rota

Month by month, we invite you to pray with us for all the residents of the parish, asking for God's blessing or healing touch wherever it is needed. *January 2018*

Bostock Road, Lymefield Terrace, Temperance Street, Old Street, Olive Terrace, St Ann's Street, Well Row, Mill Brow, Market Street, King Street, Gibble Gabble

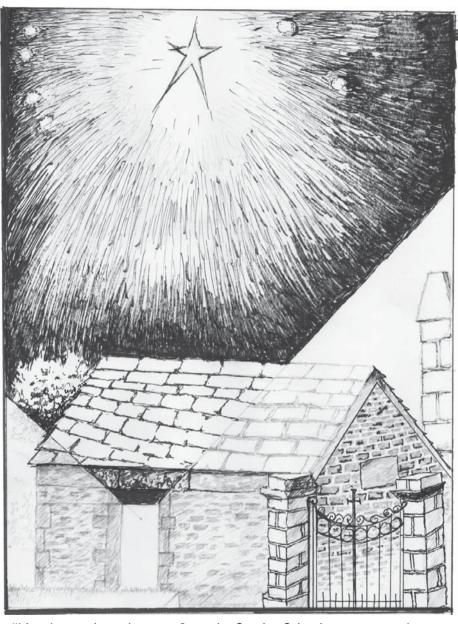
"LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF"



What is Love?

In a survey of 4 to 8 year olds, children revealed a simple but deep grasp of that four-letter word.

- When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.
- Love is when my Mummy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.
- Love is a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they've known each other so well.
- My mummy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.
- ▶ Love is when daddy gives mummy the best piece of chicken.



"No it's not the crib scene from the Sunday School nativity — we've just had the power re-connected to the Hearse House."

(which will save us over £70 a year standing charges!)

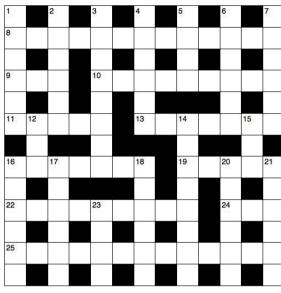
Across

- 8 How the Abyss (NIV) is described in the Authorized Version (Revelation 9:1) (10,3)
- 9 Frozen water (Ezekiel 1:22) (3)
- 10 The Ten Commandments (9)
- II In Roman Catholic theology, neither heaven nor hell (5)
- 13 Des cons (anag.) (7)
- 16 'Though [your sins] are red as—, they shall be like wool'(Isaiah 1:18) (7)
- 19 Keen (Romans 1:15) (5)
- 22 Repugnant, loathsome (Jeremiah 24:9) (9)
- 24 Drink like an animal (Judges 7:5) (3)
- 25 First and last (Revelation 22:13) (5,3,5)

Down

- I Father of Ahi, a Gadite (I Chronicles 5:15) (6)
- 2 Where David found the stone with which he killed Goliath (I Samuel 17:40) (6)
- 3 'Hour by hour fresh lips are making thy— doings heard on high' (8)
- 4 'And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their — at night' (Luke 2:8) (6)
- 5 United Society for Christian Literature (1,1,1,1)
- 6 'If he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would

 or a tax collector' (Matthew 18:17) (1,5)
- 7 Where Paul was taken when things



- became difficult for him in Berea (Acts 17:15) (6)
- 12 Istituto per le Opere di Religione (Vatican Bank) (1,1,1)
- 14 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new ; the old has gone, the new has come!' (2 Corinthians 5:17) (8)
- 15 Used to colour ram skins red for use in the tabernacle (Exodus 25:5) (3)
- 16 Vat car (anag.) (6)
- 17 'Be joyful —, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (6)
- 18 'The parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts special treatment' (1 Corinthians 12:23) (4,2)
- 20 Ancient rowing boat (Isaiah 33:21) (6)
- 21 Say again (2 Corinthians 11:16) (6)
- 23 What Jesus did in the synagogue in Nazareth after he stood up (Luke 4:16) (4)

THE WORD

The River-Bank Preacher

Prebendary Richard Bewes considers John the Baptist...

Just as we face a New Year right now, so the ancient people of God were facing a new era altogether around the year 30 AD, as a man of fire made his presence felt, out by the river Jordan.

Since the departure of Israel's last recognised prophet 400 years earlier, no definitive preached word had been heard in Judea. And then – in came this wild man from the wilderness - all hair and leather! What schooling had he received, apart from heaven itself?

History has indeed served us at times with powerful preachers, albeit possessing minimal academic credentials! One such was the unschooled D.L. Moody of Chicago in the 19th century – whose last-ever letter contained 38 spelling mistakes.

Yet millions responded to his riveting messages, both sides of the Atlantic.

London's Seventh Earl of Shaftesbury - the influential Ashley Cooper - compared him favourably with Britain's supposedly top preacher, Canon Liddon of St Paul's Cathedral. "Moody will do more in an hour," said Shaftesbury, "than Canon Liddon in a century!"

So it had to be with John the Baptist. There in Judea a new class of religious leadership had formed, in the Pharisees and Sadducees – but they were formal, dry and overlaid with tedious platitudes.

Now here was a man who was evidently the Elijah-like messenger foretold in the last sentence of the

Old Testament; a man who would 'turn hearts' and baptise the repentant,

there by the banks of the Jordan. And Jesus Himself arrived – not

that HE needed to repent... but His stepping into the water seemed to be identifying Him with the suffering, sinful humanity He had come to save. Indeed, it was He whom John was promoting.

'A voice crying in the wilderness'
- that's all John ever claimed to be
(Isaiah 40:3), as He prepared the way
for Jesus.

Let's pray for the preachers around us this year – that the authority of their opened Bibles and the centrality of Christ may characterise their ministry – from Week One!

WORSHIP DIARY



Sunday 7 EPIPHANY 1

8.30am Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer

10.30am Open the Book Service at St. Michael's

4.00pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 14 EPIPHANY 2

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion with Prayer Ministry in

the Staveley Chapel during Communion

3.00pm Silver Sunday Service at Balmoral Nursing Home

Sunday 21 EPIPHANY 3

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Praise followed by Prayer Ministry in

the Chancel

Sunday 28 EPIPHANY 4

8.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Holy Communion



Every week in Mottram Church:

Fri 10am-12pm Church open: Chapel available for private prayer
Sun 10am Join us for a short time of prayer just before the service
10.30am Sunday Pre-School in church, Sunday School in school

– but come to church first (except All Together Service)

Every week at St. Barnabas, Hattersley:

Wed 10.30am shared Mid-week Communion



Joining together with Mottram Evangelical Church, once a month on a Sunday afternoon, and alternating between William Ford House and Balmoral Nursing Home, a short, informal service followed by a cup of tea and a natter.

SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS

January 7 Acts 19. 1-7; Mark 1. 4-11

14 Revelation 5. 1-10; John 1. 43-51

21 Revelation 19. 6-10; John 2. 1-11

28 Revelation 12. 1-5a; Mark 1. 21-28



REGISTERS & RECORDS

THANKSGIVINGS

Sunday 17 December 2017 Aaron Joseph Sheldon



FUNERALS

Monday 18th December 2017 John Stanley Godfrey Lawrence



Waterfoot Cottages, Mottram

Thursday 21st December 2017

Lindsey Hallsworth Hyde Road, Gorton

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Would you like to pay for the altar flowers for a special occasion or anniversary? Kath (765690), Judith (762362), Sue (0161 368 2706) or flowers@mottramparish.org.uk

On 6th January we celebrate Epiphany - the visit of the Wise Men to the baby lesus. But who were they? No one knows for sure. Matthew calls them 'Magi', and that was the name of an ancient caste of a priestly kind from Persia.



Birthday memories of **Norman Baines**

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They were the very first gentiles to worship Jesus. What faith they had! They travelled for months over difficult terrain, they never saw any evidence of lesus' kingship, His divinity or His sacrificial death. They worshipped Him through faith in God's promises about Him. Isaiah foresaw this response to Jesus: 'Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.' The Magi's eyes of faith saw clearly and far into the future.

Compare that with the High Priest and religious leaders whom the Wise Men saw in Jerusalem when they first arrived. These head priests knew all about the prophecies of their own coming Messiah, but NOT ONE Jewish religious leader travelled to look for Him in Bethlehem. And it is only six miles down the road!

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