Mottram Parish Magazine



#### Sunday 11th February 2018

Our confirmation candidates, with Bishop Graham Dow



and not forgetting....

Jacky Smith's cake!

#### We aim to be

~ a growing fellowship of believers ~ warm in welcome ~ reverent in worship ~ gracious in witness ~ and joyfully serving God and our community ~



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Mottram Parish



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#### **OUR MAIN SUNDAY WORSHIP IS AT 10.30am**

St. Michael & All Angels, Warhill, via Church Brow, Mottram, SK14 6JL For full details of all our services, see page 11

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## **Andrew Writes**



#### Ponderings from Partington Parish

Greetings from St. Mary's Church here in Partington where it's hard to believe I've been in post as Priest-

in-Charge for over 10 months now and high time, I thought, to let folk know how I'm getting along.

Time has simply flown by, perhaps because as soon as one Sunday service is done I'm already working on the next two. As James said when I first started out at Mottram "the trouble with Sundays is there's nearly one a week"! Being the sole minister here and leading and preaching every week I am certainly missing the team at Mottram, however I am hugely supported by the congregation in all sorts of ways.

Here, all of our church members come from the parish and are committed to our tight knit community which they know well; caring with a passion for social justice, a heart for the gospel and deeply rooted in prayer.

Partington and Carrington is a somewhat isolated community both demographically and geographically, and has in the past suffered, often unjustly, from a poor reputation. Many families and individuals are really struggling for a whole variety of reasons, yet the community and the church are slowly re-writing the story and I have witnessed open hearts, surprising honesty, sacrificial generosity and a hospitality that goes the extra mile.

I'm somewhat rattling around the 130 year old rambling vicarage that was built

when Partington was a small village of a couple of hundred people, nestled along a few streets round a village green. The parish grew as a Manchester overspill estate between the 60s and 80s to 8,500 people today, and there are plans for building around 1000 new homes.

I have settled well into the parish and vicarage, helped by purchasing some furniture including a comfy sofa from the money gifted to me from Mottram Parish Church when I left in March. In my spare time I continue to hike in the surrounding countryside, travel in Eastern Europe and indoor skydive in nearby Trafford!

My focus thus far has included growing the ministry to families and children; including revitalising baptism ministry, all-age worship and leading a team of 10 volunteers who run "Open the Book" assemblies at a local primary school. It has also been a challenging year for our church's pastoral work and we have seen the use of the Foodbank increase significantly.

Overall my ministry has been one of reconciliation and bridge building, between the church and community and within families and damaged relationships. In so many ways God is showing me "I am the right person, in the right place, at the right time" and the parish and all its opportunities and challenges fit well with my passions and prayers, and I am of course building upon all I learned through my invaluable time as curate with you.

I continue to keep St. Michael's in my prayers and very much appreciate your prayers too.

God bless, Andrew

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#### **GARDENING PARTY**

Monday 5th March, 10am-12.30pm in the Memorial Garden

### Monthly Prayer Group Tuesday 6th March, 8pm

at the home of
Betty Gadd (0161 368 5131)
Quiet, informal prayers for
the church, ourselves, friends,
neighbours and the world.

### Weekly Prayer Meeting Mondays, 7pm-7.45pm

at the vicarage
Focusing on Church and Ministry

#### Women's Institute

second Monday of every month 7.45pm at Mottram Cricket Club

12th March: 'Gardens Well Worth a Visit' with Judy Popley

### SEW, KNIT & NATTER

Alternate Tuesday afternoons, 1.30–3.30pm at Mottram Community Centre, Church Brow March 6th and 20th

#### Friends of Mottram Parish Church

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#### **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.

15th March ... Easter Flowers demonstration

#### PCC MEETING

Thursday 8th March the Magdalene Centre, 7.30pm

## WOMEN'S SOCIETY

Tuesdays, 8.00pm at Mottram
Community Centre
6th March – AGM and Bring and
Buy Sale
20th – Post-Christmas Meal

and much much more

7.30pm at Peruga

see pages 4 and 5

#### **NOTICE BOARD**

Your contributions welcome - the deadline for the April issue is Wednesday 14th March

## **Walking With The Walkers**

Saturday 10th March 10.30am Ogden Reservoir

Easy Plus: 3.5 miles with some ascent, led by Tony & Chris Kershaw 01457 765350

Saturday 31st March 10.30am (note - NOT 24th) Carrbrook

Moderate: 4 miles with ascent led by Bob & Sue Joy 0161 368 2706

Meet at Mottram church gates – car share if needed.

New walkers always welcome!

## THE SALE OF THE CENTURY!

Mottram Cricket Club Saturday 24th March 10am - 1pm

Household Goods, Bric a Brac, Books, DVDs, CDs & Much More

#### Refreshments

Why not come along, have a browse & maybe a cup of tea/coffee WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU!



Please bring saleable goods to church. If you can help on the day let Margaret Taylor know or put your name on the sheet at the back of church.

## HOLY WEEK at St. Michael's

**Evening Prayer** 

each day in church at 7.30pm

from Palm Sunday 25th March to Wednesday 28th March

**Maundy Thursday** 

Holy Communion at 7.30pm

**Good Friday** 

Worship at 10.30am





Sunday 20th May

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### **BIBLE MATTERS**

## The oldest Bible comes back to the UK

The world's oldest surviving complete Latin Bible returns to the UK this autumn. It left these shores for Rome 1302 years ago, when monks in the northeast of England sent it as a gift to Pope Gregory II.

The Codex Amiatinus was one of only three produced at the twin monasteries of Wearmouth and Jarrow. (One has since got lost, and the other survives in fragments.) It was kept safe for centuries at the Abbey of the Saviour in Monte Amiata, in Tuscany. Then in the 18th century it was sent to the Biblioteca Medicea Laurenziana, in Florence.

The Laurenziana has now agreed to send it back, to be exhibited alongside the Lindisfarne Gospels and the St Cuthbert Gospel, the earliest intact European book.

The Bible is 12 inches thick, and weighs 35kg. It contains both Old and New Testaments, and was written on 1030 leaves made from the skins of at least 515 sheep. It has been called one of the greatest treasures of Anglo-Saxon times.

'Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms' is at the British Library in

London, from 19th October 2018 – 19th February 2019.



## Our Bible Book Clubs meet monthly:



For dates, contact the host:

Monday afternoons from 2pm at the home of Peter and Jean Hey with Allen Standeven: 01457 857331

Monday evenings from 8pm at the home of Tony and Chris Kershaw: 01457 765350

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Thursday evenings from 8pm at the home of Allen Standeven: 01457 857331

Friday afternoons from 1pm at the home of Alice Litaba: 07790 765985



Getting to know the Bible, one book at a time... During month two, we're reading Philippians.

## What's On in March

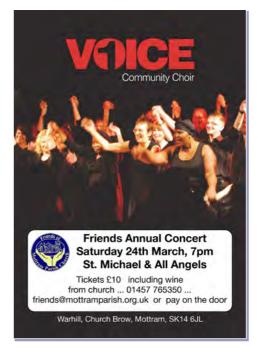
# Friends of Mottram Parish Church

Annual General Meeting Thursday 15th March, 7.30pm Mottram Cricket Club

Potato Pie on arrival – a relaxed sociable start before we get down to business!



If you can, please let us know if you're coming – speak to Christine or Ian.





#### ADLENT – REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR FOR LENT

During spring, many foodbanks struggle with low food stocks, yet the need for emergency food to support people in crisis remains.

You can help stocks last well into the summer by taking part in Adlent, a great way to help over the period of Lent. Simply use the Calendar below and collect or donate one item on each of the 40 days of Lent.



Baptist Church, Melandra Please bring your items to church, use the donation boxes in local I pm or Fridays 2 – supermarkets, or drop them off at Hattersley 2 Crescent, Hyde, SK14 3RB, Tuesdays

## Let's Pray

## **Regular Prayers**

#### **Every Monday**

At the vicarage, 7 – 7.45 pm Focusing on Church and Ministry

#### Ist Tuesday of the month

At the home of Betty Gadd, 8 – 9pm Quiet, informal prayers for the church, ourselves, friends, neighbours and the world. Please let Betty know you are coming.

#### **Churches Together Prayer Meetings**

We are joining with other churches in Mottram, Longdendale and Glossop to pray on Wednesday mornings in Lent, 7.30am to 8.15am followed by breakfast. The March meetings will be on:

**7th** at Tintwistle URC and All Saints Catholic church.

**14th** at St. Mary's Hollingworth and Central Methodist Glossop.

**21st** at Hollingworth Methodist and Holy Trinity Dinting

28th at St. Andrews Hadfield.

For more information contact Allen Standeven (details inside cover)

# Confirmations, I Ith February. Please keep the candidates in your prayers.

Olivia Bradburn
William Davis
Sam Eaton
Graham and
Janet McClaren
Dejan Melovic
Stella Muir

Jacky Smith Jasmine Starkey Tracey Walker Chelsea Wright



#### **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.

#### March 2018

Hyde Road, Hyde Way, Ford Way, Atherton Ave, Atherton Grove, Ford Grove, John Kennedy Road, John Kennedy Gardens, Manley Grove, Kennedy Square

"LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF"



## Prayer of the Month for St. Patrick's Day, 17th March

The Breastplate of St Patrick

A prayer against the temptations of the world

I rise today with the power of God to guide me,

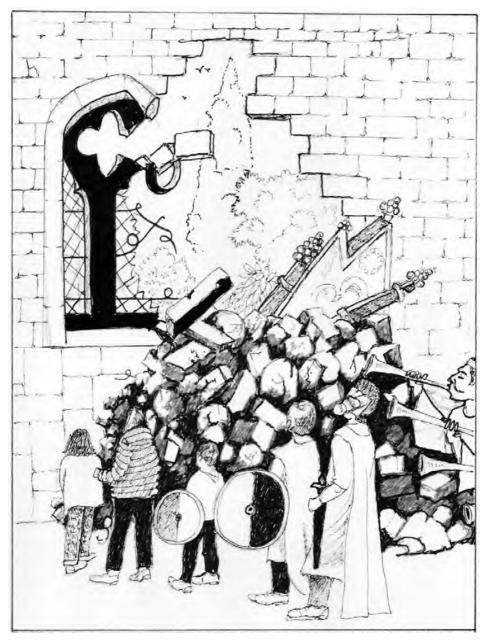
The might of God to uphold me,
The wisdom of God to teach me,
The eye of God to watch over me,
The ear of God to hear me,
The word of God to give me speech,
The hand of God to protect me,
The path of God to lie before me,
The shield of God to shelter me,
The host of God to defend me.

Against the snares of the devil and the temptations of the world, Against every man who meditates injury to me,

Whether far or near.

**A**men

## **CARTOON CORNER**



No children or architectural features were harmed, during the story of 'Joshua and the battle of Jericho' in our Open the Book service in February!

## "Laugh? I nearly did!"

#### Grave certainties

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man with no family or friends.

The service was to be at a cemetery some distance away. As I was not familiar with the area, I got lost, and finally arrived an hour late. The funeral director and hearse were long gone. There were only the diggers left and they were eating lunch. I went to the side of the grave and looked down. The lid was partially covered with soil. The diggers stared at me over their sandwiches, and I sensed their reproach that I had deserted this dead man in his final hour of need. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The diggers looked quite startled at this, and put down their lunches. But they stood quietly enough while I

played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. And as I played 'Amazing Grace,' the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together.

When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full. As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, 'I never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years.'

So, apparently I'm still lost....

#### Hymns we sing?

The Laodicean church is described in the Bible in the book of The Revelation as being lukewarm. If the Laodiceans were to have a hymnal, suitable for their conviction, here's a list of some of the hymns it may contain:

- Just as I Am, with Lots of Excuses
- Make Suggestions to Me, My God and King
- My Hope Is Built on Nothing Much
- Not My Life Let Me Be
- O Come, All Ye Wishy Washy
- O Come Let Us Ignore Him.
- Oh, for a Couple of Tongues to Sing
- Part of the Way with Jesus
- Pillow of Ages, Fluffed for Me



At some point between verses 3 and 6, I'll signal for you to do an Emergency Stop...

### THE WORD

#### The Legacy of Mothers in the Bible

based on a meditation by Norma Murrain of Silverfish Jewellery...

'Who can find a virtuous woman, her worth is far above rubies.' Prov.31:10

With Mothering Sunday fast approaching, we are reminded of the joy and responsibility of being mothers. The legacy that mothers leave is written on the hearts of their children, and so passed down the generations. There are many mothers mentioned in the Bible; here are just four.

Genesis tells us that **Eve** was created by God (Yahweh) by taking a rib from Adam. Eve was the Mother of all creation, the very first wife and mother mentioned in the Bible. She was inquisitive, with a hunger for knowledge, but tragically succumbed to the serpent's temptation to eat the forbidden fruit, and to even share it with Adam. As the mother of Cain. who killed his brother Abel. Eve was the first woman to ever experience the loss of a child. The lesson from Eve is that 'the wages of sin' really is death' and that disobeying God's laws only leads to sorrow and loss.

Hannah was the mother of the great prophet Samuel (1 Samuel:1). Hannah had been infertile, so at the temple she prayed in desperation, that if God gave her a son, she would give him up to become a priest. Hannah was blessed with Samuel, and when he was around three years old, she gave him to Eli, to be raised as a priest and went on to have five more children. Hannah reminds us of the importance of persistence in

prayer, and of how richly God can answer our prayers.

The book of **Ruth** tells of how a Moabite woman chose to turn to the God of the Israelites. Ruth told Naomi, her Israelite mother-in-law: "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. .." She went on to marry Boaz and her son Obed became the father of Jesse, who was the father of David... an ancestor of Jesus. Ruth reminds us that our backgrounds need not affect our own choices in life, and that fidelity and faithfulness will be blessed.

Mary was a virgin who conceived her Son by the Holy Spirit. The miraculous birth took place when she was betrothed to Joseph, and had accompanied him to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born. Mary's life stands for purity, faithfulness and wisdom. She reminds us of the importance of obedience and willing surrender to God's will, however inconvenient it may sometimes be for us. Mary had her priorities right: 'I am the Lord's servant' (Luke 1:38) and 'let it be to me according to your Word' (Luke 1:34).

This month, let's give thanks for all the good mothers everywhere, whose faith, love, kindness and prayers for their children are leaving behind a legacy of goodness and grace.

### **WORSHIP DIARY**

Sunday 4 LENT 3

8.30am Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer **10.30am** Open the Book Service **at St. Michael's** 

4.00pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 11 MOTHERING SUNDAY / LENT 4

8.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Praise

followed by Prayer Ministry

in the Chancel

3.00pm Silver Sunday Service at Balmoral Nursing Home

Sunday 18 LENT 5

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion with Prayer Ministry in

the Staveley Chapel during Communion

Sunday 25 PALM SUNDAY

8.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Holy Communion 7.30pm Evening Prayer

(also Mon. Tues and Weds)

Thurs 29 MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30pm Holy Communion

Friday 30 GOOD FRIDAY

10.30am to be confirmed

#### **Every week in Mottram Church:**

Most Fridays 10.30–11.30am Church open: Chapel available for private prayer Sundays 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

## SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS

March 4 1 Corinthians 1. 18-25; John 2. 13-22

11 Ephesians 2. 1-10; John 3. 14-21

18 Hebrews 5. 5-10; John 12. 20-33

25 Psalm 118. 1-2, 19-24; John 12. 12-16



March March



### **REGISTERS & RECORDS**

#### **BAPTISMS**

Sunday 28 January 2018

## Olivia Jayne Phillips

Sunday 11 February 2018

Aaron Joseph Sheldon

Sunday 18 February 2018

Alessia Vincelli



Thursday 25 January 2018

Richard (Rick) Pemberton
Sandy Haven Walk, Hatterslev

Tuesday 30 January 2018

Susan (Sue) Joyce Bailey

West Park, Gee Cross

Wednesday 31 January 2018

Robert Cullen

Marlborough Rd, Gee Cross

Thursday 1 March 2018

Maureen Hewitt

French Street, Stalybridge

Friday 2 March 2018

Loy Adams

Parkhill Nursing Home, Stalybridge

#### BURIAL OF ASHES

Friday 16 February 2018

Brian and Dorothy Brenda Williams

Roe Cross Road, Mottram

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118

#### FLAG FLYING

Friday 9 February 2018 Birthday memories of

Henry Francis Chaisty

Sunday 11 February 2018

For all those being confirmed today at Mottram Parish Church

Sunday 18 February 2018

Birthday memories of Anne Johnson from Sheila and Jane

Saturday 24 February 2018

40th Birthday of Holly Halstead

Thursday 1 March 2018

Y Ddraig Goch flying on St. David's Dav



Wednesday 7 March 2018

In loving memory of Dorothy Radford

Sunday 11 March 2018

Seventh birthday of Bill Radford's grandson, Milo Penn

Wednesday 28 March 2018

In loving memory of my Peter (Redfern)

See also www.mottramparish.org. uk – click on What's On. Would you like the flag flying for a special occasion or anniversary? Contact Tony Kershaw on  $01457\ 765350$  or flag@mottramparish.org.uk

#### FLOWERS

No flowers during Lent.

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



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